

National entries in the "comments" section of the visa sticker

BENELUX (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg)

- BNL 1 : visa issued following authorisation by the central authorities.
- BNL 2 : visa issued ex officio.
- BNL 3 + name of the border point of entry and/or the date of entry: this code will only be indicated for security reasons in exceptional cases.
- BNL 4 : visa issued in the framework of representation following consultation of the represented State.
- BNL 5 + x days:
the visa holder must report to the police within "x days".
- BNL 8 : visa issued for "medical treatment".
If appropriate, the name of the hospital in question can be added to this code.
- BNL 9 : NO INSURANCE REQUIRED.
- BNL 10 : visa issued for "study purposes".
- BNL 11 : visa issued for family member of EU/EEA/CH citizen or family member of a UK national who is a Withdrawal Agreement beneficiary.
- BNL 12 : visa issued for "professional purposes".
- BNL 13 : visa issued for "business purposes".
- BNL 14 : visa issued with a view to "adoption".
- BNL 15 : C visas issued to aliens posted to an embassy, consulate, representation or international organisation, and to members of their family, spouse, children and domestic staff living in their household and dependent on them.
- BNL 16 : visa issued for "partnership";
- BNL 17 : visa issued for "marriage".
- BNL18: + name of accompanying parent or guardian: for visas issued to minors who travel accompanied.
- BNL19: + name of host: for visas issued to minors who travel unaccompanied.

Specific mention on a visa sticker issued by the Netherlands: the alien's number

Specific codes for Luxembourg when a national long stay (D) visa is issued:

- L01 : employee
- L02 : self-employed
- L03 : no occupation (retired, private means)
- L04 : student (post-secondary education)
- L05 : scientific researcher
- L06 : family member of EU national
- L07 : spouse (third State)
- L08 : future spouse (third State)
- L09 : family reunification - relation in the ascending line (third State)
- L10 : family reunification - relation in the descending line (third State)
- L11 : child for adoption
- L12 : medical treatment
- L13 : humanitarian grounds
- L14 : other
- L15 : Working Holiday Program (Australia citizens between 18-30 years)
- L16 : Working Holiday Program (New Zealand citizens between 18-30 years)
- L17 : Working Holiday Program (nationals from the Republic of Chile between 18-30 years)
- L18 : Working Holiday Program (nationals from Taiwan between 18-30 years)
- L19 : Working Holiday Program (nationals from Canada between 18-30 years)

CZECH REPUBLIC

Common entries applicable to all types of visas:

First line:

Group of letters and numbers (16 characters) designating the Czech consulate dealing with the application, the date on which the visa application was submitted and the sequential numbers of the application received.

Third line:

Applicant's date of birth (DD-MM-YY).

Specific entries in C visas:

Second line:

Designation of purpose of stay:

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| ZDRAVOTNÍ | healthcare |
| OBCHODNÍ | business |
| KULTURNÍ | cultural |
| NÁVŠTĚVA | visiting family or friends |
| POZVÁNÍ | invitation |
| OFICIÁLNÍ | official (political) |
| SPORTOVNÍ | sports |
| TURISTIKA | tourism |
| STUDIUM | study |
| TRANSIT | transit |
| ZAMĚSTNÁNÍ | employment |
| ZÁCVIK | on-site training |
| SEZÓNNÍ | seasonal work |
| ADS | ADS China tourism |
| JINÉ | other |

Specific entries in A and C visas:

Fourth line:

DIPLOMAT diplomatic visa

ZVLÁŠTNÍ service visa

Sixth line:

V1 visa issued pursuant to Article 14(6) and/or Article 19(4) of the Visa Code (Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas)

V2 visa issued pursuant to Article 14(6) and/or Article 19(4) of the Visa Code (Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas)

B visa issued on the basis of special security clearance

Specific entries in D visas:

Second line:

Designation of long-term visa in the form:

D/two-letter code designating type of visa/two-digit code or phrase designating purpose of stay

Two-letter code designating type of visa:

VC multiple-entry visa

VS multiple-entry visa issued on the territory of the Czech Republic

VR single-entry visa for the purpose of collecting residence permit

UD diplomatic single-entry visa for the purpose of applying for long-term residence permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

UZ service single-entry visa for the purpose of applying for long-term residence permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Two-digit code or phrase designating purpose of stay:

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| 00 | healthcare |
| 02 | cultural |
| 04 | invitation |

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| 05 | official (political) |
| 06 | business (entrepreneurship) |
| 07 | sports |
| 10 | tourism |
| 17 | family (applicant is a spouse, partner or registered partner) |
| 18 | family (applicant is a child born on the territory of the Czech Republic) |
| 19 | family (applicant is a child born outside the territory of the Czech Republic) |
| 20 | family (applicant is other family member – e.g. parent, grandparent) |
| 23 | study (according to Directive (EU) 2016/801 of the European Parliament and of the Council) |
| 24 | study (other than under Directive (EU) 2016/801 of the European Parliament and of the Council) |
| 25 | research (according to Directive (EU) 2016/801 of the European Parliament and of the Council) |
| 27 | employment (Employee Card) |
| 28 | employment (Blue Card) |
| 29 | special work visa |
| 36 | business (executive manager – participation in corporate body) |
| 37 | working holiday |
| 38 | on-site training |
| 52 | seasonal work |
| 56 | long-term resident of other EU member state (according to Council Directive 2003/109/EC) |
| 57 | family member of a long-term resident of other EU member state |
| 58 | family member of a researcher |
| 59 | family member of a holder of Blue Card issued by other EU member state |
| 78 | investment |
| 79 | Intra-Corporate Transferee Card – ICT Card |
| 80 | Intra-Corporate Transferee Card of other EU member state – Mobile ICT Card |
| 85 | leave to remain – temporary protection |
| 88 | international protection |
| 91 | leave to remain |
| 99 | other |
| 63 | issued to holder of multiple-entry long-term visa or long-term residence permit for the duration of the application procedure for issuance or extension of long-term residence permit |
| ŘÍZENÍ | issued to family member of EU citizen, who is not EU citizen, for the duration of the application procedure for issuance of temporary residence permit |
| SEASONAL WORK | seasonal work |

Fourth line:

DIPLOMAT diplomatic single-entry visa for the purpose of applying for long-term residence permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

ZVLÁŠTNÍ service single-entry visa for the purpose of applying for long-term residence permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

APPLICATION issued to family member of EU citizen, who is not EU citizen, for the duration of the application procedure for issuance of temporary residence permit

Fifth line:

2004/38/EC issued to family member of EU citizen, who is not EU citizen, for the duration of the application procedure for issuance of temporary residence permit

SEASONAL WORK visa for the purpose of seasonal work

DENMARK

"Gælder for Færøerne" (valid for the Faroe Islands)

or

"Gælder for Grønland" (valid for Greenland)

or

"Gælder for Færøerne og Grønland" (valid for the Faroe Islands and Greenland)

"Ansæt hos [virksomhedens navn] [navn på modtageren af tjenesteydelsen]" (employed by [name of firm] [name of service recipient])

"Garanti stillet" (guarantee provided).

"N-INS: Der kræves ingen forsikring" (no insurance required)

When a D-visa is issued as a re-entry permit: "Tilbagerejsetilladelse" (Re-entry permit).

GERMANY

1. The name of the official responsible for issuing visas.
2. In cases where there are security risks, especially if an alert exists for the arrest of the person, the German border post will indicate, exceptionally, the name of the post and the date of entry.
3. The sticker will exceptionally indicate the nationality of the holder of the visa and the passport, if this is not obvious from the passport.
4. Endorsements for or restrictions¹:
 - *Diplomatisches Visum* (diplomatic visa)
 - *Diplomatischer Kurier* (diplomatic mail/courier)
 - *Dienstliches Visum* (service visa)
 - *Visa de Courtoisie* (courtesy visa)
 - *Visa de Courtoisie/Dienstreise* (courtesy visa for travel on official business)
 - *Gratis-Visum* (visa free of charge)
 - *Gratis-Visum/Dienstreise* (visa free of charge for travel on official business)
 - *Touristisches Visum* (tourist visa)
 - *Besuchsvisum* (visiting visa)
 - *Geschäftsvisum* (business visa)
 - ADS (Approved Destination Status)²
 - *Medizinische Behandlung* (medical treatment)
 - *Begleitung zur medizinischen Behandlung* (escort to medical treatment)
 - *Messebesuch/Messeaussteller* (attendance of trade fair/exhibitor at trade fair)
 - *Autokauf* (buying a car)
 - *Tätigkeiten gem. §...i.V.m. § 30 BeschV zulässig* (activities permitted in accordance with Section... in conjunction with Section 30 of the Employment Regulation [*Beschäftigungsverordnung*]).³
 - *Teilnahme an Sportveranstaltungen* (participation in sporting events)
 - *Erwerbstätigkeit nicht erlaubt* (employment not permitted)
 - *Sonstige Erwerbstätigkeit nicht erlaubt* (other employment not permitted)
 - *Rückmeldung nach Rückkehr* (re-registration on return to the country)
 - *Nachweis der Krankenversicherung nicht erforderlich* (proof of health insurance not required)⁴

¹ For C visas that are issued for employment purposes (including deployments, further training, internships, au-pair placements, volunteer work and working holiday stays), as well as D visas, Germany reserves the right to prescribe further restrictions and conditions as well as specific additional endorsements. A combination of travel purposes or restrictions is possible for C visas.

² See Article 4(3)(c) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the National Tourism Administration of the People's Republic of China on visa and related issues concerning tourist groups from the People's Republic of China (ADS), OJ L 83, p.14 et seq.

³ This restriction is applied in cases where certain activities, defined more precisely by insertion of the specific legal basis in the Employment Regulation, are to be pursued in Germany, which under paragraph 30 of the Employment Regulation are not work as defined in the Residence Act (*Aufenthaltsgesetz*).

⁴ See Article 15(6) of the Visa Code (OJ L 243, 15.09.2009, p.1 et seq.).

- *Nur in Begleitung des Arbeitgebers* (only accompanied by employer)
- *Familienangehöriger eines Unionsbürgers/EWR-Bürgers* (family member of an EU/EEA national)
- *Sprachkurs* (language course)
- *Stipendium* (grant scheme)
- *Schüleraustausch/Schulbesuch* (school exchange or visit)
- *Selbständige Erwerbstätigkeit gemäß ... als ... erlaubt* (self-employment under ...⁵ as ...⁶ permitted)
- *Beschäftigung gemäß ... nur erlaubt als ... beiSelbständige Tätigkeit nicht erlaubt.* (Employment under ...⁷ is only permitted as ...⁸ at ...⁹. Self-employment is not permitted).
- *Beschäftigung nur gemäß § 19c Abs. 1 AufenthG i.V.m. § 29 Abs. 1 BeschV i.V.m. Werkvertragsarbeitnehmerkarte erlaubt* (employment permitted only in accordance with Section 19c(1) of the Residence Act in conjunction with Section 29(1) of the Employment Regulation, in conjunction with a work contract worker card).
- *Visumerteilung nach 'Van der Elst'* (visa issued under the Van der Elst ruling)
- *Erwerbstätigkeit erlaubt* (employment permitted)
- *Mit Bedingungen/Auflagen versehen* (subject to conditions/restrictions)¹⁰
- *Aufenthaltsdauer entspricht Gültigkeit (Zeile 2)* (length of stay to comply with period of validity as indicated in line 2)
- *Aufenthaltsanzeige nach Einreise* (presence to be reported after entry)¹¹
- *ABH* (immigration authority)¹²

⁵ The legal basis in the Residence Act is inserted here.

⁶ The exact designation of the self-employed work permitted is inserted here.

⁷ The type of work which may be done in Germany is specified here, with the insertion of the legal basis in the Residence Act and, if applicable, the Employment Regulation.

⁸ The occupation which the applicant wishes to pursue in Germany is inserted here.

⁹ The exact description of the employer in Germany is inserted here.

¹⁰ Conditions/restrictions are entered in the passport next to the visa sticker.

¹¹ Only at the request of a German internal aliens authority.

¹² If the visa was issued with the consent of a German immigration authority, the name of the authority is entered here.

ESTONIA

The following entries can appear in the "Comments" section:

ADS (Approved Destination Status)¹

DIPLOMAATILINE (diplomatic)

PIKENDUS (extension)

TEENISTUS (service)

WHP: The visa is issued under:

- the “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of Canada on Youth Exchange”,
- the “Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of Australia on the Right to Tourism“ or,
- “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of New Zealand on the Right to Tourism”

¹ According to Article 4(3)(c) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the National Tourism Administration of the People's Republic of China on visas and related issues concerning tourist groups from the People's Republic of China (ADS) (OJ L 83, 20.3.2004, p. 14).

G R E E C E

- I. Stamp bearing the full name of the official responsible for issuing the visa.
- II. Signature of the official responsible for issuing the visa.
- III. Fees payable to cover the administrative costs of handling the visa application, or the endorsement "ΑΤΕΛΩΣ" (GRATIS).
- IV. In exceptional circumstances, for security reasons, the date of the person's entry and the name of the border post will be given.
- V. If there are objections from a Member State under the consultation procedure or, as a result of that procedure, there are delays in obtaining the necessary reply, it may be decided, after consultation of the Central Administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to issue a visa, which will then bear the words "ΕΙΔΙΚΗ ΘΕΩΡΗΣΗ ΥΠΕΞ/Γ4" (special visa Ministry of Foreign Affairs/C4), followed by the reference number and date of the relevant authorisation e.g. ΑΣ 140361/09.02.05.
- VI. If, despite the fact that the applicant appears on the list of non-admitted persons, it is decided after consultation of the Central Administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to issue a visa, that visa will bear the words "ΕΙΔΙΚΗ ΘΕΩΡΗΣΗ ΥΠΕΞ/Γ4" (special visa Ministry of Foreign Affairs/C4), followed by the reference number and date of the relevant authorisation e.g. ΑΣ 140361/09.02.05.
- VII. If the visa is issued entirely on the responsibility of the diplomatic or consular authority which received the application, without prior consultation of the Central Administration, then it will bear the words "ΕΙΔΙΚΗ ΘΕΩΡΗΣΗ" (special visa), followed by the name of the issuing authority e.g. Γεν. Προξενείο ΣΙΔΝΕΥ (Consulate General – Sydney).
- VIII. Depending on the purpose of the visit and the type of visa, the following may also be entered:

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| SPORTING ACTIVITIES |
| DIPLOMATIC VISA |
| PROFESSIONAL REASONS |
| RELIGIOUS REASONS |
| MEDICAL REASONS |
| SEAFARING |
| TIR DRIVER |
| FAMILY MEMBER OF EU/EEA NATIONAL |
| FAMILY MEMBER OF GREEK NATIONAL |
| CULTURAL ACTIVITIES |
| INVITATION |
| VIP |
| CONFERENCE |
| TOURISM |
| ADOPTION |
| NO INSURANCE REQUIRED |

SPAIN

Common entries applicable to all types of visas

- Stamp of the issuing consulate.
- Group of letters and numbers (up to 9 or 10 characters) showing the nationality of the applicant, the Spanish consulate dealing with the application, the type of visa and the reasons for the visa application.

Specific entries in A visas

TRANSITO AEROPORTUARIO (airport transit)

Specific entries in C visas

ADS ("Approved Destination Status")

ESTANCIA (stay)

ESTANCIA CEUTA (stay limited to Ceuta)

ESTANCIA MELILLA (stay limited to Melilla)

ESTANCIA; BUSQUEDA EMPLEO (stay; seeking employment)

FAMILIAR UE/EEE/SUIZA (family members of citizens of the EU/EEA/Switzerland)

TRABAJO (work)

Specific entries in C visas issued for the purpose of transit

TRANSITO (transit)

Specific entries in D visas

RESIDENCIA; ACREDITACION MAEC (residence; accreditation Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation)

ESTANCIA HASTA 6 MESES (stay up to 6 months)

ESTANCIA (stay)

ESTUDIOS (studies)

RESIDENCIA (residence)

TRABAJO Y RESIDENCIA (work and residence)

TRABAJO TEMPORADA HASTA 9 MESES (seasonal work up to 9 months)

TRABAJO Y RESIDENCIA HASTA 6 MESES (temporary work up to 6 months)

ACUERDO DE MOVILIDAD (mobility agreement)

RESIDENCIA VACACIONES EN PAZ 2012 (residence; Holidays in Peace programme 2012)

ESTANCIA VACACIONES EN PAZ 2012 (stay; Holidays in Peace programme 2012)

FRANCE

List of entries in the "comments" section of visa stickers for short stay visas and airport transit visas

1) First heading

ASCENDANT NON A CHARGE (older non-dependent relative)

ACCORD DDTEFP (approval of the departmental directorate for work, employment and vocational training)

CESEDA R 313-3 1° (student having passed an entrance exam)

CONJOINT DE SCIENTIFIQUE (spouse of a scientist)

DIPLOMATIQUE (diplomatic)

DIRECTIVE 2001/55/CE (Directive 2001/55/EC)

ECHANGES DE JEUNES/CANADA - 2C (youth exchanges/Canada)

ECHANGES DE JEUNES/CANADA - 2D (youth exchanges/Canada)

FAMILLE DE FRANCAIS (French family tie)

FAMILLE UE/EEE/SUISSE (Family member of EU/EEA/Swiss citizen)

PERSONNEL ITER-CADARACHE (ITER Cadarache staff)

REGROUPEMENT FAMILIAL (family reunification)

SCIENTIFIQUE (scientist)

SDA (approved destination status)

SERVICE (service)

TRANSIT (transit)

TRANSIT AEROPORTUAIRE (airport transit)

2) Second heading

CARTE DE SEJOUR A SOLLICITER DANS LES DEUX MOIS SUIVANT L'ARRIVEE
(residence permit to be applied for within 2 months of arrival)

COURT SEJOUR CIRCULATION (short-stay travel)

AUTHORISE SEULEMENT EN ZONE INTERNATIONALE (only allowed to stay in the
international area of the airport)

ITALY

The following wording is used:

(1) In the first line:

TRANSITO AEROPORTUALE (airport transit)

(a) Short-stay visas

AFFARI (business)

CURE MEDICHE (medical treatment)

GARA SPORTIVA (sporting event)

INVITO (invitation)

LAVORO AUTONOMO (self-employment)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (AMMINISTRATORI/ORGANI DI CONTROLLO)
(self-employment/inspection administrators/bodies)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (ARTISTA) (self-employment/artist)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (ARTISTA,DPR 394/99 Art.40c.15) (self-employment/artist,
Presidential Decree 349/99, Article 40(15))

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (ATT.SPORTIVA, DPR 394/99Art.40c.16) (self-
employment/sporting activity, Presidential Decree 349/99, Article 40(16))

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (DPR 394/99 ART.40 c.22) (self-employment/Presidential Decree
349/99, Article 40(22))

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (IMPRENDITORE) (self-employment/businessman)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (LIBERO PROFESSIONISTA) (self-employment/independent
professional)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (START-UP) (self-employment/start-up)

LAVORO SUBORDINATO (employment)

LAVORO SUBORDINATO/MARITTIMI (employment/maritime)

LAVORO SUBORDINATO/SPETTACOLO (employment/entertainment)

LAVORO SUBORDINATO/SPORT (employment/sport)

MISSIONE (mission)

MOTIVI RELIGIOSI (religious reasons)

RICERCA (research)

STUDIO (CORSO DI LINGUA) (studies - language course)

STUDIO (CORSO SINGOLO UNIVERSITARIO) (studies - university module)

STUDIO (FORMAZIONE PROFESSIONALE) (studies - vocational training)

STUDIO (IMMATRICOLAZIONE UNIVERSITA') (studies - university enrolment)

STUDIO (POST-LAUREA) (studies - postgraduate)

STUDIO (PROGRAMMA DI SCAMBIO E MOBILITA') (studies - exchange and mobility
programme)

STUDIO (TIROCINIO) (studies - placement)

TRANSITO (transit)

TRASPORTO (transport)

TURISMO (tourism)

TURISMO – VISITA FAMIGLIA / AMICI (tourism - visiting family/friends)

TURISMO – ADS (tourism - Approved Destination Status (ADS))

VOLONTARIATO (volunteering)

(b) Long-stay visas

ADOZIONE (adoption)

CURE MEDICHE (medical treatment)

DIPLOMATICO (diplomatic)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (AMMINISTRATORI/ORGANI DI CONTROLLO)
(self-employment/inspection administrators/bodies)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (ARTISTA) (self-employment/artist)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (ARTISTA,DPR 394/99 Art.40c.15) (self-employment/artist,
Presidential Decree 349/99, Article 40(15))

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (ATT.SPORTIVA, DPR 394/99Art.40c.16) (self-
employment/sporting activity, Presidential Decree 349/99, Article 40(16))

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (DPR 394/99 ART.40 c.22) (self-employment/Presidential Decree
349/99, Article 40(22))

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (IMPRENDITORE) (self-employment/businessman)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (LIBERO PROFESSIONISTA) (self-employment/independent
professional)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/ (START-UP) (self-employment/start-up)

LAVORO AUTONOMO/SPORT (self-employment/sport)

LAVORO SUBORDINATO (employment)

LAVORO SUBORDINATO/MARITTIMI (employment/maritime)

LAVORO SUBORDINATO/SPETTACOLO (employment/entertainment)

LAVORO SUBORDINATO/SPORT (employment/sport)

MISSIONE (mission)

MOTIVI FAMILIARI (family reasons)

MOTIVI RELIGIOSI (religious reasons)

REINGRESSO (re-entry)

RESIDENZA ELETTIVA (elective residence)

RICERCA (research)

STUDIO (CORSO DI LINGUA) (studies - language course)

STUDIO (CORSO SINGOLO UNIVERSITARIO) (studies - university module)

STUDIO (FORMAZIONE PROFESSIONALE) (studies - vocational training)

STUDIO (IMMATRICOLAZIONE UNIVERSITA') (studies - university enrolment)

STUDIO (POST-LAUREA) (studies - postgraduate)

STUDIO (PROGRAMMA DI SCAMBIO E MOBILITA') (studies - exchange and mobility
programme)

STUDIO (TIROCINIO) (studies - placement)

VACANZE LAVORO (working holiday)

VOLONTARIATO (volunteering)

2) In the second line:

- possible mention of border crossing point of entry and exit
- "NESSUNA ASSICURATZIONE E' RICHIESTA" (no insurance required)

In the third line:

- the surname of the consular officer responsible for issuing the visa.

LATVIA

1. The name of the official responsible for issuing the visa.
2. The following text may be entered in the first line of the "Comments" section:
 - "AIRPORT TRANSIT" – airport transit visa;
 - "TRANSIT/SEAMAN IN TRANSIT" – visa issued to the seaman in transit;
 - "DIPLOMATIC" – diplomatic visa;
 - "OFFICIAL" – official (service) visa.
 - "LONG-STAY VISA" – long-stay visa;
 - "FOR RESIDENCE PERMIT" – long-stay visa issued according to the positive decision of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs on issuance of residence permit. After entry into Latvia the person should be issued a residence permit;
3. In the second (or third) line of the "Comments" section may be entered the following text:
 - "EU/EEA/CH FAMILY MEMBER" – family member of the European Union, European Economic Area or Swiss Confederation national;
 - "NO INSURANCE REQUIRED" – proof of travel health/medical insurance is not required;
 - "INTERNATIONAL ROAD CARRIER" – visa issued to the international road carrier;
 - "RAILROAD CARRIER" – visa issued to the railroad carrier;
 - "HUMANITARIAN REASONS" – visa is issued in exceptional cases according to the Art.16 of the Immigration Law;
 - "BUSINESS" – if a visa is issued to a foreigner who is registered in the Commercial Register as a sole trader, a member of a board of directors or an executive board, a procurator, a receiver, a liquidator, a member of a partnership with the right to represent that partnership, a person authorised to represent an economic operator (a foreign economic operator) in activities related to a branch, or a self-employed person
 - "THE RIGHT TO WORK WITH A SPECIFIC EMPLOYER" – if a foreigner has been granted the right to work in the Republic of Latvia for a definite employer;
 - "THE RIGHT TO WORK 20H PER WEEK" – if a long-stay visa has been issued to a foreigner in relation to full time studies in an educational institution accredited in the Republic of Latvia or in relation to student exchange;
 - "SEASONAL WORK" – if a foreigner has been issued a visa for the performance of seasonal work;

- "VOLUNTARY WORK" – if a foreigner has been issued a visa for the performance of voluntary work.

LITHUANIA

Airport transit visa (A)

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| DIPL | Diplomatic |
| TARN | Service |

Short-stay visa (C)

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| DIPL | Diplomatic |
| TARN | Service |
| ADS | Chinese tourist group |

‘Sezoninis darbas’ (seasonal work)

Long-stay visa (D)

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| DIPL | Diplomatic |
| TARN | Service |

‘Studentas’ (student)
‘Dėstytojas’ (lecturer) or ‘Šeimos narys’ (family member)
‘Tyrėjas’ (researcher) or ‘Šeimos narys’ (family member)
‘Sporto veikla’ (sports activity) or ‘Šeimos narys’ (family member)
‘Leidimas dirbti’ (work permit)
‘Jūrininkas’ (mariner)
‘Žurnalistas’ (journalist)
‘Verslas’ (business)
‘Prašymas leidimui gyventi’ (application for a residence permit)
‘Nenumatytos aplinkybės’ (unforeseen circumstances)
‘Profesijų sąrašas’ (list of professions)
‘Komandiravimas’ (posting)
‘Sezoninis darbas’ (seasonal work)
‘Ilgalaikis buvimas’ (long stay)

Second heading, right-hand side

Visa fee, indicating the currency, or ‘GRATIS’ (free of charge)

HUNGARY

Kutatás/Research**

Önkéntes tevékenység / Voluntary**

Keresőtevékenység / Paid activity**

Hivatalos / Official**

Turista / Tourist**

Látogatás / Visit**

Üzleti / Business**

Tanulmányi / Studies**

Gyógykezelés / Medical treatment**

Sport/Sport**

Konferencia/Conference**

Kulturális/Cultural**

** The purpose of the visit is written in both Hungarian and English.

MALTA

The following entries can appear in the first line of the "Comments" section on the visa sticker for C and D visas:

- MT 1: Diplomat in Transit
- MT 2: Lorry driver with vehicle in Transit
- MT 3: Humanitarian reasons
- MT 4: Seaman in transit to on-signing a vessel from Malta
- MT 5: Seaman in transit off-signing a vessel from Malta
- MT 6: Diplomatic mail/courier
- MT 7: Official/Political Visit
- MT 8: Visa Gratis - (Free of charge)
- MT 9: Courtesy/Private visit
- MT 10: Family visit
- MT 11: Tourism purposes
- MT 12: Business purposes
- MT 13: Sports activities
- MT 14: Cultural visit
- MT 15: Truck Driver with vehicle
- MT 16: Employment purposes
- MT 17: Short term student
- MT 18: Post Secondary Student
- MT 19: Scientific researcher
- MT 20: Family reunification
- MT 21: Professional purposes
- MT 22: Religious reasons
- MT 23: Adoption purposes
- MT 24: Medical treatment
- MT 25: Diplomat accredited to Malta
- MT 26: Family Member of a Diplomat accredited to Malta
- MT 27: Accompanying family member
- MT 28: Official mission
- MT 29: Family Member of an EU Citizen
- MT 30: Long term student
- MT 31: Working holiday

MT 32: Group Tourism

MT 33: Friends Visit

MT 34: Conference/Seminar

MT 35: Training Visit

MT36: ADS-Tourism

AUSTRIA

The following entries can appear in the 'Comments' section on visa stickers for Schengen and national visas:

- 'DIENSTVISUM' (service visa)
- 'DIPLOMATENVISUM' (diplomatic visa)
- If the visa is issued on the basis of a letter of guarantee (Verpflichtungserklärung), 'V' is entered.
- If this letter of guarantee was submitted to the Aliens Police in Austria and transmitted electronically, 'EVE' is entered
- If the visa is issued on the basis of a general letter of guarantee (Generalverpflichtung), 'GVE' is entered.
- If the visa is issued to an HGV driver, 'F' is entered.
- If the visa holder is exempted from the requirement to hold travel medical insurance, 'K.VERS.ERF.' is entered.
- In visas for the purpose of gainful employment, 'ERWERB' is entered.
- In D visas for the purpose of seeking employment, 'ARB.SU' is entered.
- In D visas for collecting a residence permit already issued in Austria, 'ABH.AT' is entered.
- In the case of Visa D for family reunion in accordance with § 35 AsylG, "FAM.ASYL" or "§26 FPG" is entered.
- In D visas for re-entry, 'WIEDEREINREISE § 26a FPG' is entered.

- In D visas issued on humanitarian grounds, ‘HUMANITÄR § 22 FPG’ is entered.
- In visas for a Working Holiday Programme (WHP), ‘WHP’ is entered.
- In D visas, ‘FP’ is entered if fingerprints were taken.
- For visa extensions, as long as the initial visa was not stored in the VIS, ‘Extension of visa [*country code+9-digit sticker number*]’ (e.g. ‘Extension of Visa AUT123456789’) is entered.
- In C and D visas for seasonal workers, ‘Saisonnier’ is entered.
- In D visas for cases worthy of particular consideration, ‘Besondere Gründe § 22a FPG’ is entered.
- In D visas issued in the national interest or owing to international obligations, which can be issued for a period of validity of up to 12 months, ‘gem. 20/2/3-FPG’ is entered.
- In D visas issued for trainees in accordance with Directive (EU) 2016/801 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016, "trainees" is entered.
- A three-letter name code for the person authorised to sign the visa (the code being allocated by the consular authority or border crossing point) is entered approximately 1 cm from the right-hand margin of the last line of the ‘Comments’ section.

POLAND

The following entries appear in the 'comments' section on visa stickers for Schengen and national visas:

The phrase '*cel wydania*' (purpose of issuance) may be followed by the designations:

- '01' (visa issued for the purpose of tourism)
- '02' (visa issued for the purpose of visiting family or friends)
- '03' (visa issued for the purpose of participating in sporting events)
- '04' (visa issued for the purpose of carrying out business activities)
- '05' (visa issued to allow an alien to carry out work for a maximum of 6 months within 12 consecutive months, on the basis of a statement of intention to employ the alien, registered at the district labour exchange)
- '06' (visa issued for the purpose of carrying out work on the basis of documents other than indicated in Article 60(1)(5) of the Aliens Act)
- '07' (visa issued for the purpose of carrying out cultural activities or participating in conferences organised within the framework of those activities)
- '08' (visa issued for the purpose of allowing representatives of a foreign state or an international organisation to perform their official duties)
- '09' (visa issued for the purpose of studies (first or second degree, master's degree or doctorate))
- '10' (visa issued for the purpose of vocational training)
- '11' (visa issued for the purpose of education or training of a kind other than those specified in Article 60(1)(9) or (10) of the Aliens Act)
- '12' (visa issued for teaching purposes)
- '13' (visa issued for the purpose of R&D)
- '14' (visa issued for the purpose of medical treatment)
- '15' (visa issued for the purpose of joining or living with a citizen of an EU Member State, of a Member State of EFTA which is a party to the EEA or of the Swiss Confederation)
- '16' (visa issued for the purpose of participating in a cultural or educational exchange, humanitarian aid programme or student vacation employment programme; where this programme is governed by an international agreement to which the Republic of Poland is a party, its name shall also feature on the visa sticker)
- '21' (visa issued for humanitarian reasons, in the public interest or on the basis of international obligations)
- '22' (visa issued for the purpose of temporary residence for family reunification)
- '23' (visa issued for a purpose other than that specified in Article 60(1)(1)-(24) of the Act).

The following designations may appear on visa stickers for national visas, after the phrase '*cel wydania*' (purpose of issuance):

- '17' (visa issued for the purpose of coming to Poland as an immediate family member of a repatriated person)
- '18' (visa issued for the purpose of enjoying the rights conferred upon holders of the Polish Card)
- '19' (visa issued for the purpose of repatriation)
- '20' (visa issued for the purpose of temporary protection)

The following designations may also appear in the 'comments' section, after the phrase '*cel wydania*' ('purpose of issuance'):

'*DYPLMATYCZNA*' (diplomatic visa)

'*SŁUŻBOWA*' (service visa)

'*KURIERSKA*' (courier visa)

SLOVENIA

The following entries can appear in the first line of the "Comments" section on the visa sticker for C and D visas:

- 0001 - BUSINESS PURPOSES
- 0002 - FAMILY VISIT
- 0003 - TOURIST VISA
- 0004 - PARTICIPATING IN CONGRESS / SYMPOSIUM / SEMINAR
- 0005 - PARTICIPATION IN SPORTING EVENTS
- 0006 - VISA ISSUED FOR FAMILY MEMBER OF EU/EEA/CH CITIZEN.
- 0007 - FAMILY REUNIFICATION
- 0008 - MEMBER OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION
- 0009 - VISA ISSUED FOR "MEDICAL TREATMENT".
- 0010 - HUMANITARIAN REASONS
- 0011 - WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAM
- 0012 - JOURNALISTIC WORK
- 0013 - PROFESSIONAL DRIVER
- 0014 - VISA FOR CULTURAL PURPOSES
- 0015 - RELIGIOUS REASONS
- 0016 - VISAS ISSUED TO ALIENS POSTED TO AN EMBASSY, CONSULATE, REPRESENTATION OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION, AND TO MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY, SPOUSE, CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC STAFF LIVING IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT ON THEM
- 0017 - SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT VISA
- 0018 - TRANSIT
- 0019 - ECONOMIC INTEREST
- 0020 - SCIENCE OR HIGHER EDUCATION INTEREST
- 0021 - SHORT TERM SERVICES
- 0022 - SHORT-TERM WORK OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LEGAL ENTITY
- 0023 - SHORT STUDY OR EDUCATIONAL TRAINING
- 0024 - TRAINING COURSE
- 0025 - INTERNATIONAL STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
- 0026 - BURIAL CEREMONIES
- 0027 - OFFICIAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY TWIN CITIES
- 0028 - ALIENS ACT - ART 20(2)

SLOVAKIA

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| 1. | kúpeľná liečba | (spa treatment) |
| 2. | lekárske ošetrovanie | (medical treatment) |
| 3. | obchodná cesta | (business trip) |
| 4. | služobná cesta | (official journey) |
| 5. | školenie | (training) |
| 6. | konferencia | (conference) |
| 7. | seminár | (seminar) |
| 8. | kultúrne podujatie | (cultural event) |
| 9. | športové podujatie | (sport event) |
| 10. | návšteva príbuzných | (visit of relatives) |
| 11. | návšteva známych | (visit of acquaintance) |
| 12. | turistika | (tourism) |
| 13. | zahraničnopolitické dôvody | (international interest) |
| 14. | štúdium | (study) |
| 15. | vedecký pracovník | (scientist/researcher) |
| 16. | rodinný príslušník | (family member) |
| 17. | rodinný príslušník - azylant | (family member – refugee) |
| 18. | humanitárne dôvody | (humanitarian reasons) |
| 19. | člen posádky lietadla | (air crew member) |
| 20. | člen námornej posádky | (sea crew member) |
| 21. | člen riečnej posádky | (river crew member) |
| 22. | člen železničnej posádky | (train crew member) |
| 23. | BUS | |
| 24. | TIR | |
| 25. | ADS | |
| 26. | iné | (other) |
| 27. | nevyžaduje sa poistenie | (no insurance required) |

Additional information:

In the "comments" section of the visa sticker, the number of the proof of invitation is mentioned as well, in the case that such an invitation was required when applying for visa. The proof of invitation is marked "AA" followed by six digits.

FINLAND

ADS Approved Destination Status

DIPLOMAATTI Diplomatic visa

KAUSITYÖ Seasonal work

MARJANPOIMIJA Wild berry picker

VAK EI VAADIT No insurance required

VIRKAVIISUMI Service visa

SWEDEN

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| Lastbilschaufför": | Lorry Driver |
| "Busschaufför": | Bus Driver |
| "Turistbesök": | Tourist |
| "ADS": | ADS |
| "Utbildning": | Education |
| "Deltagande i konferens": | Conference |
| "Medicinsk anledning": | Medical reasons |
| "Affärsanledning": | Business |
| "Kulturell anledning": | Cultural visit |
| "Familjebesök": | Family visit |
| "Sporttävling": | Sports |
| "Betald verksamhet" : | Paid activity |
| "Anhörig till EU/EES medborgare": | Family member of EU/EEA citizen |
| "Medföljande medicinsk anledning": | Caretaker medical reasons |
| "Säsongsarbete": | Seasonal work |
| "Officiellt besök": | Official visit |
| "Vänbesök": | Friend visit |

N O R W A Y

- NO 1 The visa is issued under ‘Approved Destination Status’ for China
- NO 2 Exempted from the travel insurance requirement
- NO 3 Used in combination with R/DK, when issuing a visa also valid for the Faroe Islands
- NO 4 Used in combination with R/DK, when issuing a visa also valid for Greenland
- NO 5 Used in combination with R/DK, when issuing a visa also valid for the Faroe Islands and Greenland
- NO 6 The applicant has exceptionally been issued a visa even if the passport is not valid 3 months after the last day of validity of the visa, in accordance with Norwegian Immigration Regulation § 3-9 second paragraph.

SWITZERLAND

All national entries on the visa sticker are always indicated in French and must under no circumstances be translated into another language.

The first line will contain one of the following reasons for travel:

Visa de type A (visa type A)

- Transit aéroport

Visa de type C (visa type C)

- Raisons médicales (Medical reasons)
- Business (Business)
- Manifestation culturelle (Cultural event)
- Visite familiale/amicale (Visit to family/friend)
- Visite officielle (Official visit)
- Sport (Sport)
- Tourisme (Tourism)
- Transit (Transit)
- Transit aéroport (Airport transit)
- Ecole/Etudes (School/Studies)
- Autres motifs (Other reasons).

Visa de type D (visa type D)

- Raisons familiales (family reasons)
- Motif professionnel (work reasons)
- Formation théorique (theoretical study)
- Visa au sens de l'art. 4 al. 2 OEV
- Autres motifs (Other reasons)..

In addition, the second and third lines may contain other comments such as:

- act. lucr. max. 8j par année civile (max. 8 days gainful activity per calendar year)
- valable uniquement avec décision de suspension SEM (Suisse Secrétariat d'Etat aux migrations) (valid only with an SEM (Swiss Federal Office for Migration) suspension decision)
- assurance non requise (insurance not required)
- courtoisie (courtesy)

- act. lucr. max. 120j en 12 mois (max. 120 days gainful activity in 12 months)
- act. lucr. max. 120j (max. 120 days gainful activity)
- act. lucr. max. 120j, Collaborateur sur un bateau du Rhin (max. 120 days gainful activity ; vessel on the Rhine)
- visa de retour (return visa)
- certificat de vaccination obligatoire (mandatory certificate of vaccination)