

## Visas

All foreign citizens entering Belarus must have a valid passport or other document replacing it, intended to travel abroad, **as well as a visa**. Please note that **medical insurance** is required to obtain visa/enter the Belarus. The detailed procedure for obtaining visas is given below.

*Countries whose citizens do not require visa to enter the territory of the Republic of Belarus:*

*Visa-free regime is provided for the citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cuba (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia (provided that there is a private invitation or tourist voucher), Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro (for a term not exceeding 30 days provided that there is a private invitation or tourist voucher), Qatar (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Russia, Serbia (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Tajikistan, Turkey (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (for a term not exceeding 90 days).*

*Please note that the citizens of the countries requiring a visa to enter Belarus (except for Lithuania and Latvia) staying in Belarus more than 5 working days must undergo the **Registration procedure**. This procedure is performed by the Hotel personnel automatically when you check-in at the hotel. However please note that if you choose to stay in Belarus not in a hotel (e.g. if you rent an apartment) – and if you are staying in Belarus more than 5 working days, you will need to undergo the registration procedure by yourself. Therefore we strongly recommend you to choose a hotel as a place for accommodation in order to save time.*

Procedure to obtain a visa to Belarus

I Procedure to obtain visa in the Delegate home/residence country

II Procedure to obtain visa in the Minsk airport.

I To obtain an entry visa, a foreign citizen should submit the following documents to the visa issuing authority (Belarus Embassy/Consular office in your home/residence country):

1) one copy of a duly completed **visa application form** (<http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/info/visa-applications.html>) – [The visa application form is filled out legibly by hand or by using technical means in an official language of the host country of a foreign institution, or in Russian, or in Belarusian, or in English. Answers to the questions of the visa application form must be complete and logically consistent and indicate the real purpose of the trip. The visa application form is signed by the foreign citizen personally. The visa application form for a minor is signed by his or her legal representative.]

2) one **photograph**; [the photograph must meet certain requirements specified in the international standard ISO / IEC 19794-5: size 35x45 mm, full face, against an even light background, high resolution, no corrugation or ink allowed, 70 – 80 percent of the picture placed vertically, 6 months-older photos not accepted;

3) a **foreign travel document**; [a foreign travel document, submitted by the foreign citizen, must:  
contain a photograph of the owner. In case minors accompanying the foreigner are included into the entry visa, the foreign travel document should contain photographs of those persons;

have at least two blank pages intended for visas;  
the document shall be valid as long as at least 90 days after the expected date of departure of a foreign citizen from the Republic of Belarus.

A foreign travel document, submitted by the foreign citizen, must not:

- be dubious in terms of authenticity or ownership,
- contain marks, entries, erasures and corrections that are not certified by the competent authorities of the respective foreign state. There must be no torn pages either.

4) **medical insurance contract** concluded with RUE "Belgosstrakh" or "Beleximgarant" or medical insurance contract concluded with any foreign insurance organization; [The medical insurance contract with foreign insurance organization must:

- contain the name of a foreign insurance company and an indication of its location, telephones of foreign insurance organizations or international assistance services, as well as the surname, first name, middle name (if available) of a foreign citizen;
  - be valid at the territory of the Republic of Belarus;
  - be valid for a period of temporary stay or temporary residence of foreign citizens in the Republic of Belarus;
- provide the limit of indemnity not less than EUR 10 000. A medical insurance contract with foreign insurance organization can be confirmed by an insurance policy, an insurance card or other document containing the abovementioned information about the medical insurance contract.

5) **visa support documents** – Invitation letter (electronic version) issued by the Host Committee (represented by BELLIS – Secretariat of Belarus National Committee in IEC) which you will receive via e-mail upon successful registration to the IEC General Meeting where you indicate that you need a visa and fill-in relevant fields necessary to issue the Invitation Letter.

6) additional documents required for issuance of an entry visa (at the request of a consular officer).

7) a confirmation of the [consular fee](#) paid. Please note that the Host Committee is now working with the relevant Ministries of Belarus in order to exempt the Delegates of the 79<sup>th</sup> IEC General Meeting in Minsk from paying the consular fee. It is expected that the positive decision will be taken within June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 of which we will publish an update on the [www.iec2015.org](http://www.iec2015.org).

II Please note that it is possible to receive a visa (if you are entering Minsk via airport) in Minsk airport. The procedure is as described above. But we recommend you to receive a visa prior to your visit to Belarus if you have a Belarus consular office in your home/residence country.

Useful links:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus – [www.mfa.gov.by](http://www.mfa.gov.by).

### **Embassies and Consulates**

List of diplomatic missions, consular offices and representative offices of international organizations in the Republic of Belarus can be found by the following link:

<http://mfa.gov.by/upload/123/dipcorps%20English-January-2015.pdf>