

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY
NATIONAL MIGRATION SERVICE
REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR A TOURIST VISA

Article No. 16:

"The Migration Authorities of the National Migration Service shall issue tourist visas valid for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, if foreign nationals comply with the requirements set forth in these regulations and without prejudice to the provisions of international agreements ratified by the Republic of Panama and the principles of reciprocity."

To apply for a tourist visa, applicants must submit the following documentation:

1. Complete the visa application form.
2. Submit the original and a complete copy of the passport or travel document with a minimum validity of three (3) months.
3. Confirmed flight reservation with travel itinerary or electronic ticket.
4. Copy of the identification document or residence card from the country of residence.
5. Provide three (3) photographs; this applies when visa applications are submitted abroad, except for tourist visas submitted to the National Migration Service within the Republic of Panama.
6. Pay a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for migration services at the time of application submission.
7. Proof of financial solvency for maintenance and support during the stay in the country, which must not be less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). This may be demonstrated through any of the following options:
 - 7.1. Certified check or bank draft in the applicant's name.
 - 7.2. Traveler's checks in the applicant's name.
 - 7.3. Bank certification with the most recent monthly bank statement showing available balances.
 - 7.4. Credit card with the latest monthly statement showing available balances.
 - 7.5. Employment certificate with the latest pay stub or proof of self-employment, if employed by a public or private entity.
 - 7.6. Document proving pension or retirement with payment slip, if applicable.
 - 7.7. For self-employed individuals: tax return for the most recent fiscal year.
 - 7.8. Bank reference if the applicant is a business owner.

7.9. Letter of financial responsibility, proof of kinship, and evidence of the sponsor's economic solvency if the applicant is economically dependent.

7.10. Any other acceptable documentation proving income, as approved by the National Migration Service.

8. Provide the last permit approved by the migration authority (if applicable).

9. Confirmed hotel reservation (if applicable).

10. Submit, if applicable, a letter of invitation, which may be issued by:

10.1. Temporary or permanent residents, or Panamanian citizens from within Panama, including the following depending on the case:

10.1.1. Notarized copy of the Panamanian national's personal identity card.

10.1.2. Copy of the foreigner's passport information page and personal identification document.

10.1.3. Copy of a utility bill showing the address of the sponsor's residence.

10.2. Private entities, including the following:

10.2.1. Certificate from the Public Registry.

10.2.2. Copy of the Business License (Aviso de Operaciones).

10.2.3. Copy of the operational license for Colón Free Zone (if applicable).

10.2.4. Copy of a utility bill showing the address of the responsible company.

11. If the above item applies, the financial solvency of the sponsor may be demonstrated with one of the following:

11.1. Bank certification.

11.2. Tax return with clearance certificate (paz y salvo).

11.3. Employment letter with the latest social security contribution slip, in the case of individuals.

Note: If the applicant is a minor, the visa application must be submitted by one of the parents or a legal guardian with documented custody rights.

LEGAL BASIS:

Political Constitution of the Republic of Panama; Decree Law No. 3 of February 22, 2008; Article 17 of Executive Decree No. 320 of August 8, 2008, as amended by Executive Decree No. 26 of March 2, 2009; Law 38 of 2000.