

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 the purpose of "family reunification".
- 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 codes for Belgium when national long-stay (D) visa or a provisional residence authorization is issued:

- B1 : provisional residence authorisation, stay limited to duration of studies + Article 58, Law of 15.12.1980
- B2 : enrolled at (name of the educational establishment)
- B3 : admitted to studies at (name of the educational establishment)
- B4 : request for diploma equivalence
- B5 : registered for admission test
- B6 : provisional residence authorisation, stay limited to duration of study grant (enter duration of study grant)
- B7 : provisional residence authorisation, stay limited to duration of exchange (enter duration of exchange)
- B8 : private school - temporary stay limited to duration of course at (name of the educational establishment) + Articles 9 and 13, Law of 15.12.1980
- B9 : secondary studies - stay limited to duration of school year + Articles 9 and 13, Law of 15.12.1980
- B10 : student family reunification - stay limited to duration of studies of spouse/father/mother/registered partner + Article 10a(1), Law of 15.12.1980
- B11 : family reunification - Article 10(1), paragraph 1, 1^o, 4^o-7^o, Law of 15.12.1980
- B12 : Articles 9 and 13, stay limited to duration of the activity exempting visa holder from the work permit or self-employed work permit requirement + (enter: duration of assignment, of research, of employment contract, of training period or of training course)
- B13 : researcher - stay limited to duration of the hosting agreement - Article 61/11, Law of 15.12.1980
- B14 : Articles 9 and 13, stay limited to duration of work permit + 1 month
- B15 : Articles 9 and 13, stay limited to duration of self-employed work permit
- B16 : Articles 9 and 13, stay limited to eight months
- B17 : temporary stay limited to 1 year + Articles 9 and 13, Law of 15.12.1980
- B18 : stay limited to six months
- B19 : temporary stay - long-term resident + Article 61/7, Law of 15.12.1980
- B20 : family reunification - Article 40a or 40b, Law of 15.12.1980
- B21 : family reunification - stay limited to duration of stay of spouse/registered partner/father/mother/son/daughter - Article 10(1), paragraph 1, 1^o + Article 10(4) + Article 13(1), paragraph 4, Law of 15.12.1980
- B22 : family reunification - return visa
- B23 : temporary stay limited to six months with a view to adoption + extension of stay will be granted following authorisation by the Aliens Office if significant progress has been made in the adoption procedure, as proved by means of a written document issued by the central federal government or the competent central community government
- B24 : temporary stay limited to 1 year - working holiday + Articles 9 and 13, Law of 15.12.1980
- B25 : Royal Decree of 20 October 1991 (this code must always be entered on visas issued to aliens posted to an embassy, consulate, representation or international organisation in Belgium, and to members of their family, spouse and children dependent on them).
N.B.: in this case the visa issued is always a C visa
- B26 : right of return - provisional residence authorisation - Article 19, Law of 15.12.1980
- B27 : authorisation to return after 1 year - provisional residence authorisation - Article 9, Law of 15.12.1980 + Royal Decree of 07.08.1995

B28 : family reunification - stay limited to duration of stay of spouse/registered partner/father/mother - Article 10a(2) or (3), Law of 15.12.1980

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.

CZECH REPUBLIC

A/VL/-/-/--;	single airport transit visa
A/VD/-/-/--;	dual airport transit visa
A/LZ/-/-/--;	service single airport transit visa
A/DZ/-/-/--;	service dual airport transit visa
C/VB/00/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – healthcare
C/VB/01/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – commercial
C/VB/02/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – cultural activities
C/VB/03/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days- family or friend visit
C/VB/04/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – invitation
C/VB/05/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – official, political purposes
C/VB/07/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – sporting activities
C/VB/10/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – tourism
C/VB/11/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – training – studies
C/VB/12/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – transit
C/VB/27/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – employment
C/VB/93/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – tourism ADS China
C/VB/99/-/--;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days - other
C/VH/00/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – healthcare
C/VH/01/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – commercial
C/VH/02/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – cultural activities
C/VH/03/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – family or friend visit
C/VH/04/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – invitation
C/VH/05/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – official, political purposes
C/VH/07/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – sporting activities
C/VH/10/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – tourism
C/VH/11/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90days – training – studies
C/VH/12/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – transit
C/VH/27/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – employment
C/VH/93/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days – tourism ADS China
C/VH/99/-/--;	two-entry visa for up to 90 days - other
C/VF/00/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – healthcare
C/VF/01/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – commercial
C/VF/02/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – cultural activities
C/VF/03/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – family or friend visit
C/VF/04/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – invitation
C/VF/05/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – official, political purposes
C/VF/07/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – sporting activities
C/VF/10/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – tourism
C/VF/11/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90days – training – studies
C/VB/12/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – transit
C/VF/27/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – employment
C/VF/93/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days – tourism ADS China
C/VF/99/-/--;	multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days - other
C/BD/-/-/--;	diplomatic single-entry visa for up to 90 days
C/HD/-/-/--;	diplomatic two-entry visa for up to 90 days
C/FD/-/-/--;	diplomatic multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days

C/BZ/-/---;	service single-entry visa for up to 90 days
C/HZ/-/---;	service two-entry visa for up to 90 days
C/FZ/-/---;	service multiple-entry visa for up to 90 days
C/VG/-/---;	visa allowing entry for the purpose of filing an application for permission to stay in order to seek temporary protection (Section 2, paragraph 1, letter a) of Act No 221/2003)
C/VK/81/-/---;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – declaration of the intention to apply for asylum, i.e. entry visa under Section 3d of Act No 325/1999 on asylum
C/VK/83/-/---;	single-entry visa for up to 90 days – for the purpose of following the asylum procedure under Section 72 of Act No 325/1999 on asylum
D/VC/00/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days – healthcare
D/VC/02/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days – cultural activities
D/VC/04/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days – invitation
D/VC/05/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days – official, political purposes
D/VC/06/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days – professional reasons – business
D/VC/07/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days – sporting activities
D/VC/16/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days Occupation (alien is a partner of business company of association member – participant in corporate body and has a work permit in corporate body according to § 89 Act No. 435/2004 Sb., on Employment)
D/VC/17/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days Family – applicant is a husband
D/VC/18/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days Family – applicant is a child born in the territory of the Czech Republic
D/VC/19/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days Family – applicant is a child born outside of the Czech Republic
D/VC/20/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days Family – applicant is other family member (e.g. parent, grandparent)
D/VC/23/-/-,	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days Study - Council Regulation 2004/114/ES
D/VC/24/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days - Study (training, fellowship) other than Council Regulation 2004/114/ES
D/VC/27/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days - Employment
D/VC/36/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days Executive manager- participation on corporate body occurred according to Act No. 513/1991 Coll.
D/VS/84/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days for stay on sufferance under Section 78b of Act No 325/1999 on asylum
D/VS/85/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days - Toleration stay according to § 58a Act No. 221/2003 Coll., on temporary protection
D/VS/91/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days – Toleration stay according to Act No. 326/1999 Sb., on Stay
D/VC/99/-/---;	multiple-entry visa for over 90 days – other
D/VR/-/-/---;	single-entry visa for over 90 days in order to take possession of a residence permit
D/UD/-/-/---;	single-entry visa for over 90 days for the purpose of applying for a long-term residence permit granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – diplomatic
D/UZ/-/-/---;	single-entry visa for over 90 days for the purpose of applying for a long-term residence permit granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – service
R/VV/-/-/---;	Departure Order

D E N M A R K

"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 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 (visit visa)
 - Geschäftsvisum (business visa)
 - ADS² (Approved Destination Status)
 - 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. § 16 BeschV gestattet (activities permitted in accordance with paragraph ... in conjunction with paragraph 16 of the Employment Regulation)³
 - Nur selbständige Tätigkeiten nach §...i.V.m. § 16 BeschV gestattet (Only activities as a self-employed worker permitted under paragraph ... in conjunction with paragraph 16 of the Employment Regulation)
 - Teilnahme an Sportveranstaltungen (participation in sporting events)
 - Erwerbstätigkeit nicht gestattet (employment not permitted)
 - Sonstige Erwerbstätigkeit nicht gestattet (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 D visas Germany reserves the right to prescribe further restrictions and conditions as well as specific additional endorsements.

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 No L 83, p. 14 et seq.

³ This restriction is applied in cases where certain activities, defined more precisely by insertion of the more exact source in the Employment Regulation, are to be pursued in Germany, which under paragraph 16 of the Employment Regulation are not work as defined in the Residence Act if they are engaged in for up to three months within a period of twelve months on the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany.

⁴ See Article 15(6) of the Visa Code (OJ No L 243, p. 1 et seq. of 15 September 2009).

- Nur in Begleitung des Arbeitgebers (only accompanied by employer)
- Familienangehöriger eines Unionsbürgers/EWR-Bürgers (family member of Union/EEA national)
- Studium, Beschäftigung nur gem. § 16 Abs. 3 AufenthG gestattet (study, employment permitted only as under paragraph 16(3) of the Residence Act)
- studienvorbereitender Sprachkurs (language course in preparation for study)
- Studienbewerbervisum (study applicant's visa)
- Sprachkurs (language course)
- Stipendium (Fellowship scheme)
- Schüleraustausch / Schulbesuch (school exchange or visit)
- Selbständige Erwerbstätigkeit als ... gestattet (self-employment as ...¹ permitted)
- Beschäftigung nur gem. §... BeschV gestattet (employment permitted only as under paragraph ...² of the Employment Regulation)
- Beschäftigung nur gem. § 39 BeschV i.V.m. Werkvertragsarbeitnehmerkarte gestattet (employment permitted only as under paragraph 39 of the Employment Regulation in conjunction with the work contract worker card)
- Working Holiday Visum (working holiday visa)
- Visumerteilung nach "Van der Elst" (visa issued under the "Van der Elst" ruling)
- Forscher, Beschäftigung nur gem. § 20 Abs. 6 AufenthG gestattet (researchers, employment permitted only as under paragraph 20(6) of the Residence Act)
- Familiennachzug (family reunification)
- Erwerbstätigkeit gestattet (employment permitted)
- Eheschließung und gemeinsame Wohnsitznahme (marriage and common residence)
- Aufnahme nach §23 Abs. 2 AufenthG (admission under paragraph 23(2) of the Residence Act)
- Spätaussiedler (ethnic Germans returning from abroad in recent times)
- mit Bedingungen/Auflagen versehen (subject to conditions/restrictions)³
- 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)⁴
- ABH (immigration authority)⁵

¹ The exact designation of the permitted self-employed work is inserted here.

² The type of work which may be done in Germany is specified here, with the insertion of the source in the Employment Regulation (Beschäftigungsverordnung - BeschV).

³ Conditions/restrictions are entered in the passport next to the visa sticker.

⁴ Only at the request of a German internal aliens authority.

⁵ Where the visa was issued with the consent of a German immigration authority, the name of the authority is entered here.

E S T O N I A

The following entries can appear in the "Comments" section when a B or a C visa is issued:

KEHTIB KINDLUSTUSETA (no insurance required)

ADS (Approved Destination Status)¹

MEREMEES (seafarer)

PIKENDUS (extension)

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:

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 Ceuta)

ESTANCIA MELILLA (stay Melilla)

ESTANCIA; BUSQUEDA EMPLEO (stay; seeking employment)

REAGRUPACION FAMILIAR UE/EEE/SUIZA (EU/EEA/Switzerland family reunification)

Specific entries in C visas issued for the purpose of transit

TRANSITO (transit)

Specific entries in D visas

ACUERDO DE MOVILIDAD (mobility agreement)

ACUERDO DE MOVILIDAD HASTA 6 MESES (mobility agreement up to 6 months)

ESTUDIOS (study)

ESTUDIOS; INVESTIGACION (study; research)

ESTUDIOS; INVESTIGACION HASTA 6 MESES (study; research up to 6 months)

RESIDENCIA (residence)

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

TRABAJO TEMPORADA HASTA 6 MESES (temporary work up to 6 months)

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

TRABAJO Y RESIDENCE (work and residence)

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)

"TRANSITO" (transit)

a) Short-stay visas

"AFFARI" (business)

"CURE MEDICHE" (medical treatment)

"GARA SPORTIVA" (sporting event)

"INVITO" (invitation)

"LAVORO AUTONOMO" (self-employed work)

"LAVORO AUTONOMO/SPETTACOLO" (self-employed work/entertainment)

"LAVORO AUTONOMO/SPORT" (self-employed work/sport)

"LAVORO SUBORDINATO" (employee)

"LAVORO SUBORDINATO/MARITTIMI" (employee/maritime)

"LAVORO SUBORDINATO/SPETTACOLO" (employee/entertainment)

"LAVORO SUBORDINATO/SPORT" (employee/sport)

"MISSIONE" (mission)

"MOTIVI RELIGIOSI" (religious grounds)

"STUDIO" (studies)

"STUDIO/UNIVERSITÀ" (studies/university)

"TRASPORTO" (transport)

"TURISMO" (tourism)

b) Long-stay visas

"ADOZIONE" (adoption)

"CURE MEDICHE" (medical treatment)

"DIPLOMATICO" (diplomatic)

"FAMILIARE AL SEGUITO" (accompanying family member)

"LAVORO AUTONOMO" (self-employed work)

"LAVORO AUTONOMO/SPETTACOLO" (self-employed work/entertainment)

"LAVORO AUTONOMO/SPORT" (self-employed work/sport)

"LAVORO SUBORDINATO" (employee)

"LAVORO SUBORDINATO/MARITTIMI" (employee/maritime)

"LAVORO SUBORDINATO/SPETTACOLO" (employee/entertainment)

"LAVORO SUBORDINATO/SPORT" (employee/sport)

"MISSIONE" (mission)

"MOTIVI RELIGIOSI" (religious grounds)

"REINGRESSO" (return)

"RESIDENZA ELETTIVA" (elective residence)

"RICONGIUNGIMENTO FAMILIARE" (family reunion)

"STUDIO" (studies)

"STUDIO/UNIVERSITÀ" (studies/university)

"VACANZE LAVORO" (working holiday).

2) In the second line:

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

3) In the third line:

- the surname of the consular official who signed 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;
 - "SEAMAN IN TRANSIT" – transit visa issued to the seaman in transit;
 - "DIPLOMATIC" – diplomatic visa;
 - "OFFICIAL" – official (service) visa.
 - "LONG-STAY VISA" – long-stay visa;
 - "FOR RESIDENCE PERMIT" – 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;
 - "FRONTIER AREA" – long-stay visa issued to a border resident according to the bilateral agreement.
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;
 - "VALID IN LATVIA ONLY WITH WORK PERMIT" – after the first entry into Latvia the person must be issued a work permit.

LITHUANIA

First heading and second heading, if applicable

Code	Implication
Airport transit visa (A)	
DIPL	Diplomatic
TARN	Service
Short-stay visa (C)	
DIPL	Diplomatic
TARN	Service
C-2	Employment not permitted
C-3	Professional interests
C-5	Period of stay extended
C-6	Visa issued at border crossing point
C-9	Tourism
C-10	Travel without invitation
C-11	Carrier
C-12	Family member of EU/EEA/Swiss national
C-14	Studies
C-15	Traineeship
C-16	In-service training
C-17	Seaman
ADS	Chinese tourist group
Long-stay visa (D)	
DIPL	Diplomatic
TARN	Service
D-1	Decision to issue resident permit
D-2	Employment not permitted
D-14	Studies
D-15	Traineeship
D-16	In-service training
D-17	Seaman
D-18	Seasonal employee
<u>The right side of the second heading</u>	
Visa fee with identification of currency or "GRATIS" record	

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

A U S T R I A

The following entries are made in the following sequence:

- The entries "DIENSTVISUM" (service visa) or "DIPLOMATENVISUM" (diplomatic visa) are only used by the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs or the Austrian diplomatic representations abroad.
- Fees collected are entered as "EUR/ATS .../FW ..." or "GRATIS".
- If the visa is issued on the basis of a letter of guarantee (Verpflichtungserklärung), "V" is entered.
- If the visa is issued on the basis of a tourist carnet from the ÖAM (Austrian Automobile Club) or a travel voucher from ELVIA, "V(ÖAMTC)" or "V(ELVIA)" is entered.
- If the visa is issued on the basis of a general letter of guarantee (Generalverpflichtungserklärung), "GVE" is entered.
- If the visa is issued to a HGV driver, "F" is entered.
- A 3-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 section headed "Comments".

POLAND

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

The phrase "cel wydania:" (purpose of issuance) will be followed by the designations:

- "01" (visa issued for the purpose of tourism)
- "02" (visa issued for the purpose of visit)
- "03" (visa issued for the purpose of participating in sporting events)
- "04" (visa issued for the purpose of carrying out economic activity)
- "05" (visa issued for the purpose of carrying out work in the period not exceeding 6 months within consecutive 12 months, on the basis of an employer's declaration confirming intention to employ an alien, registered in the county labour office)
- "06" (visa issued for the purpose of working as a driver who carries out international road transport)
- "07" (visa issued for the purpose of carrying out work on the basis of documents other than enumerated in art. 26 sec. 1 p. 5 of the Act on Aliens or work other than described in art. 26 sec.1 p. 6 of the Act on Aliens)
- "08" (visa issued for the purpose of carrying out cultural activity or participating in conferences)
- "09" (visa issued for the purpose of performing statutory functions by representatives of a foreign state authority or an international organization)
- "10" (visa issued for the purpose of studies (first or second degree) or uniform master's degree studies or studies of third degree)
- "11" (visa issued for the purpose of vocational training)
- "12" (visa issued for the purpose of education or training other than defined in art. 26 sec. 1 p. 10 and 11 of the Act on Aliens)
- "13" (visa issued for didactic purposes),
- "14" (visa issued for the purpose of scientific research)
- "15" (visa issued for the purpose of medical treatment)
- "16" (visa issued for the purpose of executing residence permit for a fixed period, the permit to settle or the residence permit for a long-term EC resident)
- "17" (visa issued for the purpose of joining or accompanying the EU, EFTA, EEA or Swiss Confederation citizens)
- "18" (visa issued for the purpose of participating in cultural or educational exchange, humanitarian aid programme, or student summer employment programme, and when such a programme is established by an international agreement, to which the Republic of Poland is a party, the name of this programme appears on the visa sticker)
- "19" (visa issued for the purpose of arriving for humanitarian reasons, due to public interest or international obligations)
- "20" (visa issued for the purpose different than defined in art. 26 sec. 1 p. 1-26 of the Act on Aliens)

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

- "21" (visa issued for the purpose of taking part in asylum proceedings)
- "22" (visa issued for the purpose mentioned in art. 61 sec. 3 or art. 71a sec. 3 of the Act on Aliens)
- "23" (visa issued for the purpose of resettlement as a member of a repatriate's closest family)
- "24" (visa issued for the purpose of enjoying the rights conferred upon holders of the Card of the Pole)

"25" (visa issued for the purpose of repatriation)

"26" (visa issued for the purpose of enjoying temporary protection)

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

"DYPLMATYCZNA" (diplomatic visa)

"SŁUŻBOWA" (service visa)

"KURIERSKA" (courier visa)

SLOVENIA

- letališki tranzit (airport transit)
- tranzit (transit)
- diplomatski vizum (diplomatic visa)
- službeni vizum (service visa)
- zasebni obisk (private visit)
- turizem (tourism)
- poslovno (business)
- šport (sports)
- kultura (culture)
- voznik tovornjaka z vozilom (truck driver with vehicle)
- voznik avtobusa z vozilom (bus driver with vehicle)
- humanitarni razlogi (humanitarian reasons)
- zdravljenje (medical treatment)
- ITF rehabilitacija (rehabilitation of mine victims)

SLOVAKIA

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

Diplomatic and service passports will bear the surname and first name and will be marked "diplomaattileimaus" (diplomatic) or "virkaleimaus" (service).

S W E D E N

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":	Athletic

NORWAY

A dry stamp with the national emblem and the name of the issuing foreign service mission and the signature of the responsible issuing visa officer is entered into every visa sticker.

In addition, the following remarks may be entered in the visa stickers under the mentioned circumstances:

- "ADS" when the visa is issued under "APPROVED DESTINATION STATUS" for China
- "AV/PÅMØNSTRENDE SJØMANN" ((dis)embarking seaman), used with visas (mainly B-visas with two entries) issued to seamen who are embarking or disembarking a ship
- "DUFNR"+12 digits, is a national ID for foreigners, entered into D-visas for convenient reference
- "FRITATT FOR KRAVET OM REISEFORSIKRING" (exempted from the travel insurance requirement) when the applicant is exempted from this requirement
- "MÅ VISE GYLDIG REISEFORSIKRING" (must show valid travel insurance) when a multiple-entry visa is issued and the applicant must be in possession of a valid travel insurance each time he/she travels
- "GÆLDER FOR FÆRØERNE" (valid for the Faroe Islands) in combination with R DK, when representing Denmark and issuing a visa valid for the Faroe Islands
- "GÆLDER FOR GRØNLAND" (valid for Greenland) in combination with R DK, when representing Denmark and issuing a visa valid for Greenland
- "GÆLDER FOR FÆRØERNE OG GRØNLAND" (valid for the Faroe Islands and Greenland) in combination with R DK, when representing Denmark and issuing a visa valid for both the Faroe Islands and Greenland
- "GARANTI STILLET" (guarantee provided) in combination with R DK, when representing Denmark and a guarantee has been provided by the inviting party
- "IKKE LOV Å ARBEIDE" (not allowed to work) when an applicant has been specifically made aware that he/she is not allowed to work in Norway without a work permit
- "IKKE RETT Å SØKE OT FRA RIKET" (not allowed to apply for residence permit after entry) when an applicant has been specifically made aware he/she is not allowed to apply for a residence permit in Norway after entry
- "SJÅFØR" (driver) when a visa is issued to a driver, for professional purposes only, based on guarantees from his/her employer and the inviting party
- UNNTATT ETTER UF §106.5 LEDD (exempted from the requirement of valid passport, according to Norwegian Immigration Regulation § 106 fifth paragraph, when 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)

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:

- Raisons médicales (Medical reasons)
- Entretiens d'affaires (Business meetings)
- Manifestations culturelles (Cultural events)
- Raisons familiales (Family reasons)
- Visite (Visit)
- Visite officielle (Official visit)
- Motif professionnel (Professional reason)
- Manifestations sportives (Sporting events)
- Tourisme (Tourism)
- Transit aéroport (Transit airport)
- Formation théorique (Theoretical training)
- 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)
- vaut comme titre de séjour (valid as a residence permit)
- valable uniquement avec décision de suspension ODM (valid only with an ODM (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).