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VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Canadian passport holders DO NOT REQUIRE a visa for entry and a stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina of up to 90 days within a six month period.

Nationals of other countries can ascertain whether they require a visa on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina website at: <http://www.mvp.gov.ba>.

Nationals of countries for which a visa is otherwise required may, however, enter Bosnia and Herzegovina without a visa for a stay of up to 7 days provided that they hold a valid multiple entry Schengen or EU state visa or a pertinent residency permit in a Schengen or an EU state, and further provided that they are arriving to Bosnia and Herzegovina from a Schengen or an EU state.

All foreigners, regardless of whether they require a visa, may be asked at the point of entry to demonstrate financial sufficiency during their intended stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina (75 EUR or the equivalent in convertible currency per day).

VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Embassy has consular responsibility for Canada and Cuba

Nationals of all other countries who wish to apply for a visa at this Embassy are required to provide evidence of approved residency in one of the above countries.

Visa applications must be lodged in person 3 to 30 days prior to departure, except for applications for a Long term visa (Visa D) which must be lodged in person 1 to 3 months prior to departure.

All applicants are required to complete an interview at the Embassy and submit the following documents:

1. Passport (valid at least 3 months following the visa expiry date);
2. A completed Visa Application Form (no corrections please);
3. One passport size photo;
4. Supporting documents (Provide certified copies of original documentation, unless otherwise stated);
5. Visa fee and mailing expenses (Money Order must be payable to Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina).

TYPES OF VISAS

Transit Visa (Visa B) is issued for one or two (or exceptionally more) transits via Bosnia and Herzegovina's territory. **Total time during one transit cannot exceed five days.** Visa B may be valid up to a maximum of six months.

Visa B supporting documents:

1. Documentation on which basis it can be reasonable to conclude a purpose for the transit through Bosnia and Herzegovina,
2. Visas of the next transit country and destination country (If some visas are not required, then provide written evidence of visa exemption from the competent Embassy or Consulate).
3. Means of transport.
4. Evidence of sufficient funds (personal bank statements, pay slips, audited accounts, taxation



records or credit card limit) for accommodation and support during the transit, travel to third country, medical costs, etc.

5. Documentation showing an incentive and authority to return to home country.

Short Term Visa (Visa C) is for single or multiple entries. Stay cannot exceed 90 days in the period of six months beginning from the day of the first entry. Visa C may be valid up to a maximum of one year, exceptionally more. Visa C is issued for trips related to business, education training, tourism, private affairs, politics, science, sport, religion or other purposes.

Visa C supporting documents:

1. Purpose of visit:

- An original Letter of invitation from a Bosnia and Herzegovina citizen or resident (or exceptionally a foreigner with a permit to stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina one year or more, for family reunion purposes only), or an original Letter of invitation from a Bosnia and Herzegovina business partner or foreign business partner registered in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Local Ministry of Security's Department for Foreigners in Bosnia and Herzegovina must verify all Letters of invitation. A Letter must include a guarantee that all expenses of the invited person related to stay in and departure from Bosnia and Herzegovina will be covered; OR

- A Voucher of a travel agency (confirmation of paid accommodation, transport, medical/travel insurance) signed and stamped, hotel or other accommodation payment confirmation, etc.; OR
- An Official invitation to international competition from national sport organization or Olympic Committee in Bosnia and Herzegovina; OR
- A court or the other official invitation for a judicial procedure in Bosnia and Herzegovina; OR
- Education enrolment certificate from Bosnia and Herzegovina; OR
- Other appropriate documentation on the basis of which the purpose and conditions of intended stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina can be ascertained.

2. Confirmation of accommodation:

- Appropriate documentation from Paragraph 1. (if used to satisfy that requirement); OR
- Proof of rent or property ownership in Bosnia and Herzegovina; OR
- Other appropriate documentation on which basis it can be ascertained that accommodation in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be provided.

Exceptionally, an applicant can be exempt of this requirement if evidence of sufficient funds (personal bank statements, pay slips, audited accounts, taxation records or credit card limit) for accommodation, support, travel, medical costs, etc., is provided.

3. Sufficient funds to cover the cost of stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to return to home country or travel to a third country:

- An original Letter of invitation from Paragraph 1 (if used to satisfy that requirement); OR
- Cash in convertible currency; OR
- Non-cash means of payment (travel cheques, credit cards, etc.) acceptable by Bosnia and Herzegovina banks (confirmation from a bank is required); OR
- Personal bank statements or pay slips; OR
- Confirmation of accommodation and organised travel; OR
- Other appropriate documentation on the basis of which it can be ascertained that sufficient funds are available.



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4. Means of transport and an incentive to return to home country:

- Return travel ticket; OR
- Proof of ownership of passenger motor vehicle (if used for the travel); OR
- Employment certificate, education enrolment certificate, or other document confirming social or professional status; OR
- Other documentation demonstrating an incentive and ability to return to home country.

Long Term Visa (Visa D) is for single or multiple entries. Stay cannot exceed 180 days in the period of one year beginning from the day of the first entry.

Visa D may be valid up to maximum of one year, exceptionally more.

To obtain Visa D applicants are obligated to submit the same documents as for Visa C, but the **documents must demonstrate the need to stay longer than 90 days.**

VISA FEES AND DELIVERY CHARGES:

Transit Visa (Visa B)

Single transit 46 CAD

Two or more transits 84 CAD

Short Term Visa (Visa C)

Single entry 46 CAD

Multiple entries 84 CAD

Long Term Visa (Visa D) 106 CAD

Delivery charges

- Domestic delivery (express post platinum with in Canada): 20.00 CAD
- EMS International Express Courier delivery: 45.00 CAD

NOTE:

Visa applicants are obligated to submit the requested personal and biometric data and other required information. The applicants are required to use the proscribed form, which must be completed correctly and in its entirety.

The Embassy may request an applicant to submit evidence of real estate (property) ownership, or permanent income in the country of origin or the country of departure, or evidence of university attendance, or the like, as proof that the applicant will leave Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Embassy may request additional clarification of the submitted documents and information. If an application is incomplete the applicants will be given 15 days to provide the missing information and/or documents. This will extend the time for the decision on a visa application. Visa application charges are not refundable.

IMPORTANT:

Foreigners can be requested at the point of entry into Bosnia and Herzegovina to present all the relevant documents on the basis of which a visa was issued.

A visa does not guarantee entry into Bosnia and Herzegovina!