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Visa Application Guidelines – Malta 2009

AClass Academy of English offers students support in their application for an entry visa in Malta. Through an agreement made with the Maltese government students coming to Malta on an English language course may apply for a visa of up to one year provided that all the supporting documentation is presented.

Students who have an EU passport or Maltese citizenship can visit Malta without a visa.

To view all **Nationalities that do not require an entry visa to visit Malta** go to www.foreign.gov.mt/service/visa/default.htm

Students who have a multiple Shengen Visa can visit Malta without a Maltese Visa

Students who have a one time entry Shengen visa can visit Malta without a Maltese Visa under the condition that they are coming to Malta before visiting a country from the Shengen zone.

Students who have a citizenship in one of the countries which belongs to the Shengen zone can visit Malta without a Maltese visa.

Students who want to visit a third country after visiting Malta and before coming back to the country of their citizenship have to have a visa for that third country **before** they apply for their Maltese visa.

All other foreign nationals who are not listed have to apply for a visa for Malta which is issued by the Immigration Police. All foreigners who are currently residing in countries where there is an Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of Malta should apply at any of these offices where applications are processed and visas may be issued or refused.

If an applicant lives in a country / state where no Maltese Embassy / High Commission or Consulate exists, the applicant will find visa representation for Malta in either the Austrian or the Italian embassy that will represent Malta for this purpose.
Applying for a Visa:

First apply for your course with AClass Academy of English and follow the procedures as indicated in our policies. Once we have accepted your booking, you will need to apply for your visa.

Please follow the instructions indicated below:

Allow for **a minimum of 4 weeks** when applying for a visa

Fill in a visa application form. This can be acquired from the Maltese Embassy, High Commission or Consulate in your country or area. Some of the forms can also be downloaded

from
http://www.gov.mt/frame.asp?l=2&url=http://www.foreign.gov.mt/pages/main.asp?sec=83y

Provide a copy of your passport. Ensure that your passport is valid and does not expire at least 3 months from the date that your visa would be valid for.

Provide at least 2 colour passport photos on a white background.

Provide copies of your return travel tickets or a copy of your travel reservations with the stamp of the company which made the reservation on your behalf with your application.

Provide your signed and stamped Letter of Acceptance as issued by AClass Academy of English clearly showing the address of your stay in Malta, together with your booking confirmation to show that you will be in Malta for the purpose of studying English and that your accommodation, as well as tuition fees have been settled.

Most embassies require the original documents. These documents will therefore be sent to the students by registered mail. This will incur a **cost of € 80** to have the documents sent to you by registered mail and include any administrative charges.

The Maltese Embassy reserves the right to ask for any other documents in addition to the ones mentioned above and to also ask for a personal interview with any applicant.

While we cannot guarantee that your visa application will be accepted, although the Ministry of Education as well as the Ministry of Tourism in Malta promote learning English in Malta and have an open policy towards genuine students from all over the world. Please inform us should you encounter difficulties in your visa application as we will do all we can to assist you in your successful application.

It is important for the authorities to understand your purpose of travel and to know that you have paid for this service **before** applying for an entry visa into Malta. The more evidence you can give to this effect, the higher your chances of your visa request being accepted.

Things to help Students when applying for a Visa:

- Students should provide the authorities with their accommodation details. It is important that the student decides beforehand where he/she is going to stay

- It is expected that the student can demonstrate that they are carrying enough money to support themselves throughout their stay. Visa Applications from students who cannot demonstrate that they have prepaid for their accommodation and course risks not being considered favourably

- Students need to show proof of payment prior to their arrival. This will show the authorities that you have paid for your course and accommodation fees which will facilitate your application process. At least a 25% of the total invoice must be paid prior to AClass Academy of English issuing a Letter of Acceptance .This will be sent

by Courier mail as the original documents must be presented. This option should be chosen when booking and incurs a cost of € 80. The final 75% will be due on the first day at school.

- Upon payment of the minimum of 25% deposit and €80 mailing fee, AClass Academy of English will provide the student with a letter of acceptance. This will show the authorities that your application to the school is in order that you have paid for your course and accommodation fees.

- AClass Academy of English is duty bound to ensure that students conform to the conditions of their visa

- Each visa applicant must possess a valid return ticket prior to arrival in Malta.

- Please understand that commencement of the Visa application procedure depends on the students and that AClass Academy of English is in no way liable or responsible for any losses incurred during the application process.

Visa Guidelines Summary (please check the official government website http://www.mfa.gov.mt/default.aspx?MLEV=53&MDIS=526 as these are continually being updated)

Other then the general guidelines listed above, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued specific guidelines for students wishing to study English in Malta. The Notes below summarize the main points of these guidelines:

Students already in Malta who:

Do not need a visa to come to Malta and wish to stay longer then 3 months.
Students can apply for a fixed term residence permit based on the duration of their course (only in case it exceeds 3 months). Upon termination of the fixed term (max 1 year), they cannot extend their residence permit. On application students need: Application form, 2 photos, letter of acceptance, passport, financial resources information and a health insurance policy

Do need a visa to come to Malta unless in possession of a D visa (National Long stay), students can apply for a residence permit based on the duration of the course from Malta instead of returning to their country. Upon termination of the fixed term, they cannot extend their residence permit beyond a period of 1 year.

Students need: Application form, 2 photos, letter of acceptance, passport, financial resources information and health insurance policy.

Students who are coming to Malta:

Do not need a visa to come to Malta.

We suggest that students apply for a fixed term residence permit in case they exceed their stay in Malta and wish to stay longer than three months prior to arrival. Upon the termination of the fixed term, they cannot extend residence for a 3 months' permit.

Students need: Application form, 2 photos, letter of acceptance, passport, financial resources information and health insurance policy

Do need a visa to come to Malta

It depends on whether Malta has its own representation in their country.

When Malta has its own representation

Students are obliged to apply for a D type visa – for full duration. The D type visa of over 3 months will allow them to remain only in Malta for the full duration of their course and allow them to transit through another Schengen state only in order to reach Malta. The D visa would not allow them to stay in another Schengen state. Upon termination of the fixed term they are not allowed to extend this visa and have to leave the country to apply for another D visa.

Students need: Application form, 2 photos, letter of acceptance, passport, financial resources information and health insurance policy

When Malta is represented by another member state

Students are obliged to apply for a C type visa (short stay) for the duration of the course for a maximum of 3 months. When the course is longer, this visa cannot be extended and they have to apply for a fixed term residence permit. Upon termination of the fixed term permit, they cannot extend. Students who want to prolong have to return to their country and re apply for a C visa.

Students need: Application form, 2 photos, letter of acceptance, passport, financial resources information and health insurance policy

Visa Applications

For the latest information on entry visas into Malta, please refer to the Official Maltese Government website (in English only).

To check whether you require a visa to enter Malta check the malta government site page on visas.

If there is no Maltese embassy in your country/region, Malta is represented either by the Austrian or Italian embassy.

At the time of publication the following countries did not need a visa:

Argentina	Germany	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Australia	Greece	Malaysia	Tanzania
Austria	Hungary	Monaco	Tunisia*
Belgium	Iceland	Morocco*	Turkey
Canada	Ireland	Netherlands	Uganda
Chile	Israel	New Zealand	United Kingdom
Croatia	Italy	Norway	United States
Cyprus	Japan	Poland	Uruguay
Czech Republic	Kenya	Portugal	Zambia
Denmark	Korea	Saudi Arabia	Zimbabwe
Egypt	Kuwait	Singapore	
Estonia	Latvia	Slovak Republic	
Finland	Libya	Slovenia	
France	Liechtenstein	Spain	
Gambia	Lithuania	Sweden	

* although visas are not required, restrictions may apply.

Students can apply for visas at the Maltese Embassy or consulate in their respective country.

All embassies will ask you to provide some documents when applying for a visa. Below is a list of what is usually asked for but this may vary from embassy to embassy, so do check to confirm first:

1. Passport
2. Copy of the main page of the passport
3. 1 colour picture
4. Application form
5. Invitation letter in original (no email, no fax) mentioning personal and passport details of the applicant/s, duration of the stay, duration of the course, cost and whether the fee of the course has been paid or not
6. Confirmation of payment of the course
7. Confirmation of the place where the applicant will stay (hotel, family, friends,...)
8. Flight reservation from your country to Malta
9. Declaration from the school
10. Medical insurance
11. Financial guaranty (minimum 28 Euro per day of stay)
12. Certificate of personal address in your country

13. Family information
14. Visa fee: $82 up to 90 days, $102 for more than 90 days (these prices are approximate)