

Replies to the questionnaire on visa issues

Table II. Questions concerning documents required for issuing visas

The numbers in brackets correspond to question numbers of the questionnaire

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Andorra	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Armenia	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport - Letter from a transport company - Visa application form - Photo - Consular fees (fixed list defined in the Law on the Status of Foreigners)	Yes, in a legally binding instrument	All those which are named in the presented list + passport number	All those which are named in the presented list	Yes - by shortening the procedures and simplifying the formalities (in particular by facilitating verification at the border) - by increasing the validity period of visas	For drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument
Azerbaijan	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport - Invitation letter - Visa application form - Photo 	Yes, in an existing legally binding instrument	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>
Belarus	Yes In the framework of existing bilateral agreements concerning visas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valid travel document - Transit visa of the country of the final destination or other transit visa in direction of the final direction - juridical person of Belarus - Financial means during the stay - Guarantees of means of return and of subsistence - Photo (fixed list defined in Aliens Act n°326/1999)	Yes in a legally binding instrument to be created	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>

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Czech Republic	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport - Invitation from juridical person - Visa application form - Photo (fixed list defined in the interdepartmental instruction on issuing of visas)	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Denmark	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valid passport - Valid driver licence - Valid employment (list of documents adaptable to local circumstances)	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Estonia	Yes in the framework of existing bilateral agreements concerning visas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport - Invitation letter or authorization if bilateral agreement - Visa application form - Photo - Medical insurance policy (fixed list in national regulation)	Yes in a legally binding instrument to be created	All those which are named in the presented list except "nationality"	All those which are named in the presented list + certificate of training in international road transport	No answer	For drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument
Finland	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visa application form - Valid travel document - Documents supporting the purpose and conditions of the planned visit - Letter from truck company - Insurance - Car insurance No list defined in national regulation (Schengen Regulation)	Yes	All those which are named in the presented list	All those which are named in the presented list except the certificate to the TIR system	Yes by shortening the procedures and simplifying the formalities (this document would help to issue visas)	For drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument

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France	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport - Document of the employer specifying the purpose of the travel and that travel, accommodation and repatriation expenses are covered by the company (no list defined by the national regulation)	No answer	No answer	No answer	Yes by shortening the procedures and simplifying the formalities	No answer
Latvia	Yes In the framework of existing bilateral agreements concerning visas	For single visas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contracts - Road haulage permits For multiple visas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - documents mentioned before - invitation from a legal person approved by Latvian authorities or an ECMT licence, valid insurance policy, a licence card for the performance of international transportation, a certification document (such as a contract or other) and a driver's permit. (fixed list defined in Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers N° 131 of 6/04/1999 "Procedures for issuance of visas of Latvia")	Yes in an existing legally binding instrument	All these which are named in the presented list except "place of residence"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport - Photo - Driving permit 	Yes - by shortening the procedures and simplifying the formalities (in particular by facilitating verification at the border); and - by increasing the validity period of visas.	For drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument
Lithuania	Yes In the framework of existing bilateral agreements concerning visas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visa application form - Valid travel document - Documents supporting cargo transportation (fixed list defined in Government resolutions: N°685 of 26/06/1997 and N°228 of 28/02/2000)	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer

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Malta	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	None (tourist visa issued at port of entry)	Yes in an existing legally binding instrument	All these which are named in the presented list	All these which are named in the presented list	Yes by shortening the procedures and simplifying the formalities (through the re-assurance that basic checks have already been carried out)	For drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument or as long as it is reciprocal
Moldavia	No answer	No answer	Yes in an existing legally binding instrument	All those which are named in the presented list	- Passport - Photograph - Driving permit	Yes - by shortening the procedures and simplifying the formalities (in particular by facilitating verification at the border); and - by increasing the validity period of visas.	For drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument
Netherlands	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	- Employer statement - TIR carnet (no list defined in the national regulation)	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Norway	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	- Valid passport or other recognized travel document in which a visa may be affixed - If necessary, documents supporting the purpose and the conditions of the planned visit/travel and the prerequisite of leaving the country after the stay (list defined in the national regulation)	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Poland	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	No answer	Yes in an existing legally binding instrument	All those which are named in the presented list	All those which are named in the presented list	Yes - by shortening the procedures and simplifying the formalities (in particular by facilitating verification at the border); and - by increasing the validity period of visas.	As long as reciprocal

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Portugal	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport - Photos - Document specifying the purpose of the travel - References in the national territory (list defined in the national regulation but not specifically for professional drivers. It is adaptable to local circumstances)	No but harmonization would be desirable in EU or Schengen countries	No answer	No answer	Yes by guaranteeing the veracity of the purpose of entry into Portuguese territory and by facilitating the issuance of visas	No answer
Romania	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport - Insurance (fixed list defined in the national regulation: Law N°123/2001)	Yes in a legally binding instrument to be created	All those which are named in the presented list	All those which are named in the presented list	Yes by shortening the procedures and simplifying the formalities	For drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument
Russian Federation	Yes in the framework of existing bilateral agreements concerning visas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valid passport - Invitation registered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Internal Affairs based on the application of a juridical person in Russia or the licence (application) of ECMT - Completed visa application - 3 photos - Medical insurance certificate (if also required by a country for Russian drivers) - HIV Test certificate (for visas over 90 days) (fixed list defined in the national regulation)	Yes in a legally binding instrument	All these which are named in the presented list + name and position of employer	List of required documents and procedures established by national legal acts elaborated on the basis of and in accordance with the Convention or international treaty	Yes - by shortening the procedures and simplifying the formalities; and - by increasing the validity period of visas. (if set out in the Convention or a legally binding international treaty)	For drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument or as long as it is reciprocal
Sweden	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	Documents listed in article 5 in the Schengen Convention and on a case by case basis	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>

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Switzerland	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	- Valid passport (fixed list defined in the national regulation: Art. 2 of "Ordonnance concernant l'entrée et la déclaration d'arrivée des étrangers". Derogations are possible on the basis of international agreements	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	- Passport - Photo - Visa application form - Documentation of the company - Tax (fixed list defined in the national regulation: Law on movement and stay of foreigners)	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer
Turkey	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	- Employment contract (no list defined by the national regulation)	No answer	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>
United Kingdom	No distinction linked to the country of origin of the driver	- Passport/Travel document - Letter from the employer/Driving permit - Evidence of funds/salary (no list defined in the national regulation)	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>

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TOTAL: 24 replies of which: - 7 MS of EU - 7 future MS of EU - 5 countries of CIS - 5 others	5 Yes (linked to bilateral agreements concerning visas) 17 No distinction 2 No reply	21 Various replies on required documents ¹ 3 No reply	11 Yes (of which 6 enlarged EU, 5 CIS) ² 1 No 3 Not relevant ³ 9 No reply	9 replies in favour of the documents named in the presented list ⁴ 6 Not relevant ³ 9 No reply	8 replies in favour of the documents named in the presented list ⁴ 1 other reply 6 Not relevant ³ 9 No reply	10 Yes ⁵ 6 Not relevant ³ 8 No reply	9 Yes ⁶ 6 Not relevant ³ 9 No reply

¹ 12 countries (6 enlarged EU, 3 CIS, 3 others) have a fixed list defined in a national regulation
7 countries (6 enlarged EU, 1 other) do not have a fixed list defined in a national regulation
1 no answer (CIS)

² 5 countries (3 enlarged EU, 2 CIS) are in favour of an **existing** legally binding instrument
3 countries (2 enlarged EU, 1 CIS) are in favour of a legally binding instrument **to be created**
3 countries (1 enlarged EU, 2 CIS) without position on the status to be given

³ “Not relevant” is the consequence of the negative respond to question 6.1.2: “if the conditions are defined at the international level”

⁴ Sometimes with some additions or differences

⁵ For 5 countries (2 enlarged EU, 3 CIS), the presentation of a laissez-passer/passport/booklet would facilitate the procedures for the issuance of visas **and** allow for longer validity periods
For 5 countries (enlarged EU), the presentation of a laissez-passer/passport/booklet would facilitate the procedures for the issuance of visas

⁶ 6 countries (4 enlarged EU, 2 CIS) are in favour of giving the benefit of the measure to “drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument”
2 countries (1 enlarged EU, 1 CIS) are in favour of giving the benefit of the measure to “drivers coming from a country which has adhered to the legal instrument **or** as long as it is reciprocal”
1 country (enlarged EU) is in favour of giving the benefit of the measure “as long as it is reciprocal”.