

Due to COVID-19, visa services will be modified as follows during the period 18 March - 6 April 2020. Depending on developments, the period may change:-

Short stay visas:

The granting of visas shall be limited to the following categories:

- **Humanitarian / serious personal reasons:**
 - Family visits in case of serious illness likely to result in death or death (supporting documents must be provided). In the case of an application in relation to death, consultation with the Visa Service will take place in advance);
 - Partners for assisting spouse in childbirth;
 - Necessary medical treatment that cannot be provided elsewhere (under the usual conditions).

Guidance: these are generally unforeseen situations in which postponement of the issue of a visa does not offer a solution and for which only NL has to travel.

- **National interests:**
 - Urgent and important business interests: discussions (possibly in relation to Covid-19) of e.g. Shell, KLM or other NL companies.
 - Participation in (political) negotiations at a high level, at the invitation of NL.
 - Individual politically sensitive applications, at the request of DCV.
 - Applications submitted by International Tribunals (seat obligations) on behalf of suspects, witnesses, victims.