



## VISA FOR SEAFARERS (Visa C)

**The complete file should be lodged in 2 sets: 1 original and 1 copy**

Please arrange your documents according to this checklist

### A. General requirements :

1. [Visa application form](#) duly completed and signed;
2. Passport with validity of at least 3 months after the end of the planned journey;
3. Copy of the data page of the passport together with all pages having visas and stamps;
4. One (1) passport sized photo with white background and not older than 6 months;
5. Non-refundable visa application fee to be paid upon submission of visa application;

*Please note:*

*Attention ! Guarantees for return (assessment of migration risk): the applicant is requested to provide as much information as possible to document his/her family background, professional and socio-economic status, ownership of land or real estate (for instance : proof of family bonds with his/her country of origin, proof of regular income and stable source of revenues from the applicant and/or his/her partner, proof of property, etc.) This information is essential to correctly assess the intention of the applicant to leave the Schengen area before the expiry of his/her visa.*

### B. Documents to submit specifically for Travelling for the purpose of joining a vessel

*Valid seaman's book*

*Employment contract*

*P.O.E.A contract*

- ⇒ Photocopy of the working contracts of the seafarer in order to board the ship (P.O.E.A. contract)

*Letter of Invitation*

Invitation letter from the maritime agency of the Member State where the sailor will join the vessel. The signed invitation must carry the agency's seal and include the following data:

- ⇒ The seafarer's full name

- ⇒ Place and date of birth, passport number, seaman's book number (if relevant), including the date of issue and period of validity
- ⇒ Date of issue and period of validity of the invitation
- ⇒ The seafarer's position on the vessel (for a group of seafarers this information may be included in a signed list carrying the agency's seal and attached to the invitation letter)
- ⇒ Date and airport of entry in the territory of the Member States
- ⇒ Name of the vessel
- ⇒ Port of boarding
- ⇒ Duration of the contract
- ⇒ Itinerary that the seafarer will follow to arrive in the Member State of destination.
- ⇒ The name and address of the Philippine agency that will submit the visa application and, upon the seafarer's arrival, be in charge of transporting him to the vessel.

If a Philippine maritime agency submits the visa application, a letter of invitation of the Philippine agency that in addition to the entries under d) includes the list of the seafarer(s), and carries the stamp or seal of the local Philippine port authority.'

**The Embassy may request additional documents during the examination of an application which are not mentioned in the above lists. You are hereby informed that submitting the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee automatic issuance of a visa.**

*Disclaimer:*

*“This checklist comprises all documents that are part of my visa-application. I understand that the Embassy will decide on my visa-application based on these documents only. I also understand that in exceptional cases additional documents may be requested by the Embassy, even documents that do not feature on this list at all.”*

**Name:**

**Signature:**