

Documents required for applying a Schengen visa for travel to Latvia:

The processing time is from 15 to 45 calendar days. Visa application should be received at the Embassy at least 15 calendar days before the intended visit and no earlier than 6 months prior.

- **a valid travel document** which has been issued within the previous 10 years, contains at least two blank pages for visas and is valid at least 3 months after the expiration date of the visa;
- **a completed and signed ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.** The digitally completed application form has to be printed out, **signed (at the end of the application form)** and submitted to the Embassy. In case several persons (minors or a spouse) are covered by the same travel document, individual application forms must be filled in and signed by the persons concerned; in case of minors must be signed by the parental authority or the legal guardian. Minors at least 15 years old may file and sign the visa application themselves;
- 1 passport-size recent (not older than 6 months) **color photo** (35mm x 45mm) with a light background, including the entire face, without head-dress. Requirements for the quality of the passport photo can be found [here](#);
- **an insurance policy** valid in Schengen countries with a coverage of at least 50.000 USD for the entire duration of stay in Schengen area. The insurance policy should cover medical, hospital and repatriation costs. Further information regarding insurance policy can be found [here](#);
- **the application fee is 90 EUR.** For the citizens of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Moldova and Ukraine the fee is 35 EUR. Information on visa fee waiver policy can be found [here](#).

Supporting documents:

- **proof of legal residence in the USA.** Original of valid US alien registration card (permanent residence permit, green card) or valid US resident visa. The US residence permit or visa should be valid at least three months beyond the intended departure from the territory of the Schengen Member States; Holders of B1/B2 visa must apply for a Schengen visa in their country of origin or permanent residence.
- **purpose of entry –**
 - **Family/friends/private visit** - Invitation approved by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, see [link](#);
 - **Business/Conference** - Invitation approved by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, see [link](#). Original signed invitation letter from business partner in Latvia (including all the necessary information, see [link](#));
 - **Tourism –**
 - Complete travel itinerary (round trip tickets from the USA – flight reservation on with booking reference number with applicant's name and clear details of travel dates and flight numbers and also other transportation details (bus tickets, rental car details) when travelling from one country to another within the Schengen area.

- Confirmed hotel reservation with address and telephone matching with flight dates. If you are planning several visits or visit other Schengen countries hotel bookings must be produced for all visits.
- If the trip is arranged by a tour operator, booking of the trip and itinerary with specifying hotels, dates and contact details.

Please note that Latvia must be the main destination of your trip (the country where you will be spending the most number of days).

- if travelling on business or a private visit – proof of **accommodation** (hotel reservation or an invitation approved by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs if staying with the inviting party);
- if travelling on business or a private visit – **means of transportation** (round trip ticket or ticket reservation);
- sufficient **means of subsistence** for the duration of the intended stay (records of bank account transactions in the past 3 months; credit card together with turnover printouts; letter from employer regarding salary);
- for students F-1 visa holders – a copy of proof of enrollment F1.
- **questionnaire** should be included in the package together with a visa application and supporting documents; **mandatory only** to the following applicants:
 - citizens of Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Cameroon, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen;
 - persons whose place of residence or place of birth is in Abkhazia (Georgia) or South Ossetia (Georgia), the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine), the Luhansk Region (Ukraine), the Donetsk Region (Ukraine) or the Palestinian Authority;
 - foreigners who have been granted stateless or refugee status in a foreign state.

The questionnaire should be filled up in handwriting and signed by the applicant. All applicants mentioned above should have a visa interview with the Embassy. The interview may be arranged in person or on-line depending on the travel experience, purpose of travel etc. The visa interview is arranged by the Embassy contacting the applicant directly after the visa application is received.

NOTE! Minors (children under the age of 18) - in addition to the above requirements Birth Certificate/proof of legal guardianship has to be presented and copy submitted. Both parents consent has to be submitted if minor is traveling alone.