<u>Documents required for applying a long stay (D) visa for travel to Latvia:</u>

- 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 computer completed application form has to be printed out, signed (2 signatures 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.
- 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 all Schengen countries with a coverage of at least 50.000 USD for the entire duration of stay in Schengen area. Please note that the insurance policy should cover medical, hospital and repatriation costs. Further information regarding insurance policy can be found here;
- > the application fee is 60 EUR.

Supporting documents:

- proof of legal residence in the USA (not applicable to US nationals). 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;
- purpose of entry an invitation approved by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (when submitting documents you need to know the number of the invitation);
- documents in relation to accommodation (an invitation approved by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs if staying with the inviting party or rental agreement);
- means of transportation (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);
- information which confirms your intention to leave Latvia and Schengen area (letter from the employer or an educational institution).

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.

Visa application should be submitted at least 15 calendar days before the intended visit and no earlier than 3 months prior.

Application will be **decided on within 15 calendar days** of the date of the submitting of an application which is admissible. That period may be extended up to a maximum of 60 calendar days in individual cases.