

Principles of issuing a visa decision

- Applications shall be decided on within 15 calendar days of the date of the lodging of an application which is admissible in accordance with Article 19 of Schengen Visa code.
- That period may be extended up to a maximum of 45 calendar days in individual cases, notably when further scrutiny of the application is needed.
- Applications shall be decided on without delay in justified individual cases of urgency.
- The period of validity of a visa and the length of the authorised stay shall be based on the examination conducted in accordance with Article 21 in Schengen Visa code.
- A visa may be issued for one, two or multiple entries. The period of validity shall not exceed five years.
- A visa can be issued as uniform, with limited territorial validity or airport transit.
- The fact that fingerprinting is physically impossible, in accordance with Article 13(7)(b), shall not influence the issuing or refusal of a visa.