**The foreigner is a journalist, accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs[[1]](#footnote-1)**

(Procedure for issuing visas, p. 70.9)

**Foreigners must pay 120 Eur.** In case they are released from the fee by the law, they must submit documents to confirm the circumstances, which release them from the fee.

**The foreigners’ fingerprints are taken.**

**Documents, to be submitted by foreigners** for a multi-entry national visa:

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|  | [**A standard application form for a national visa**](http://www.migracija.lt/l.php?tmpl_into%5b0%5d=index&tmpl_name%5b0%5d=m_site_index2&tmpl_into%5b1%5d=middle&tmpl_id%5b1%5d=2052)**, filled out using electronic application means** (to be filled in Latin letters, printed and submitted together with documents for a visa).The application for a national visa can be filled out online at [**https://visa.vrm.lt/epm/**](https://visa.vrm.lt/epm/) |
|  | A valid **travel document** (issued in the last ten years, the date of expiry of which is at least 3 months longer than the date of expiry of the visa applied for); |
|  | **One** 35x45 mm **colour photo**; |
|  | **A document to confirm that the foreigner has been accredited** by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;  |
|  | **A document to confirm that the foreigner has enough funds** (e.g. a bank transcript) and (or) receives regular income (e.g. an employment agreement): **To live** in the Republic of Lithuania (a sufficient amount of funds for subsistence equals to 1 minimum monthly wage per month, in case of minors – 0.5 minimum monthly wage per month);  **To return** to the state of origin or a foreign state, where he has a right to go (a sufficient amount of funds for returning equals to 1 minimum monthly wage); |
|  | **a health insurance document:** to guarantee of the coverage of the emergency medical aid, as defined in the Law on Health System of the Republic of Lithuania, and the costs and expenses, which may occur due to the foreigner's return to the foreign state due to health issues (transportation, including the escort of a personal health care expert (experts)); **the insurance amount** must be at least **30 000 Euros**;**valid throughout the entire period of the foreigner's stay in the Republic of Lithuania and all Schengen states.** |

Applications for a national visa and supporting documents must be submitted to the Lithuanian visa service abroad or via an external service provider. Should there be no Lithuanian visa service or an external service provider in the state, where the person, applying for a visa, is legally staying, the application and documents may be submitted to any Lithuanian visa service abroad or via any centre, which accepts visa applications, of external service provider.If the foreigner is not a citizen of the state in which he submits the documents for a national visa, he must also submit documents to prove his legal status in the said state. Should it be established during the processing of the application for a national visa that the foreigner’s stay in the state, where he has applied for a visa, is illegal, the application will not be processed further.

If the fingerprints of the foreigner, applying for a national visa, have already been taken for the purposes of a previous application within 59 months until a new application for a national visa has been submitted, these fingerprints will be used for the later application as well. In this case, the documents for a foreigner’s national visa can be submitted by an authorised person. The authorised person must also submit a notarised or equivalent form to confirm his authorisation or an authorisation, approved by a legal entity. When submitting documents to the visa service in Lithuania on behalf of a foreigner, the foreigner’s stay in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania must be legal.In case of any suspicion regarding the purpose of travel or authenticity of the documents submitted, for the purposes of confirming the foreigner’s reliability, the state servant of the visa service may demand for foreigner to submit the documents in person and, in case of reasonable doubt regarding the foreigner’s identity, to take fingerprints with no regard to the period indicated.

Applications for a national visa with supporting documents and their processing *mutatis mutandis* are subject to the provisions of Art. 6, also chapters II and III of the Code on Visas (Regulation (EC) No 1782/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council 810/2009 of 13/07/2009). Should the application for a national visa be submitted in other ways than established in the Code on Visas, the application will not be processed further and the person, who has submitted it, will be appropriately informed.

Should the visa service receive only copies of the documents, their authenticity must be certified by a person or an institution, which has a right to certify authenticity of copies of documents.

Documents in language other than Lithuanian must be submitted to the Lithuanian visa service together with a translation into Lithuanian language, featuring the translator’s signature.

Documents to confirm that the foreigner has sufficient funds (a bank report) and (or) receives regular income to live in the Republic of Lithuania, as well as sufficient funds to return to the state of origin or a state, where he has a right to go, may be submitted in original English language or in any other language with a translation into English language (the authenticity of the documents must be certified by a person or an institution, which has a right to certify authenticity of copies of documents). Upon a request by the Lithuanian visa service, the foreigner must submit translations into Lithuanian language, featuring the translator's signature.

Under reasonable circumstances (e.g. seeking to clarify the circumstances of the foreigner’s arrival to the Schengen area; in case of reasonable doubt regarding the authenticity of the documents submitted or the accuracy of their content; seeking to determine if there are no grounds for a refusal to issue a visa, as defined in Art. 19 of the Law on the Legal Status of Aliens), the civil servants of the visa service may invite the foreigner, applying for a national visa, for an interview and (or) ask to submit additional documents to confirm the data, provided in the application for a visa and the supporting documents.

The decision regarding the issue of a national visa will be made in 15 calendar days since the submission of the application. Under special cases, this period might be extended to 45 calendar days.

1. **Until 31/12/2019.** If the foreigner's stay in the Republic of Lithuania is legal, the application for a national visa and supporting documents may be submitted to the visa service in Lithuania.

**As of 01/01/2020.** Applications for a national visa and supporting documents must be submitted only to the Lithuanian visa service abroad or via an external service provider. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)