

What is a visa?

A visa is an authorisation or decision, in the form of a sticker, issued and affixed to a passport by a diplomatic mission or consular post to a third-country national.

It authorises the bearer to stay or travel through Malta during a limited and specified period. The possession of a visa does not give the third country national the automatic right of entry, as bearers must prove that they will meet the conditions of entry. Border authorities may refuse entry or annul the visa, if it is subsequently established that:

- the bearer is not in possession of adequate means of subsistence;
- the data submitted during the visa application procedure were incorrect or falsified;
- the bearer is unable to provide details regarding the circumstances of the stay in Malta

Border authorities may refuse entry entry also for reasons of security or public policy.