

# Applying for a visa

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Foreign nationals submit their visa applications to the following authorities:

A [Latvian Embassy, Consulate or Consulate-General](#), if there is one in the country where the foreign national legally resides.

The territorial competence of the Latvian diplomatic and consular missions is set out in the Cabinet Regulation of 3 August 2010, No. 725 „[Regulations regarding the assignment of territorial competence for Diplomatic and Consular missions of the Republic of Latvia with respect to requesting visas](#)”:

- for short-stay visas (the permitted duration of stay does not exceed 90 days in any 180-day period), see [Annex 1 to the Regulation](#),
- for long-stay visas (the permitted duration of stay exceeds 90 days in any 180-day period), see [Annex 2 to the Regulation](#).

Visa applications to Latvia's diplomatic and consular missions shall be lodged through external service providers – Pony Express and VFS Global: further information is available on the website of the respective [diplomatic/consular mission of Latvia](#).

[Diplomatic or Consular Mission of another Schengen Member State](#) if the foreign national legally resides in a state where there is no Latvian diplomatic/consular mission, but another Schengen Member State is representing Latvia for visa purposes.

Diplomatic/consular missions of other Schengen Member States represent Latvia only in the issuance of short-stay visas with the permitted duration of stay in the Schengen Member States not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period.

Diplomatic/consular missions of other Schengen Member States do not issue long-stay visas for Latvia.

If there is neither a Latvian diplomatic/consular mission, nor a mission of a state that represents Latvia for visa purposes in the country where the foreign national legally resides, the applicant shall apply to the [Latvian diplomatic/consular mission with a territorial competence covering the applicant's country of residence](#).

Diplomatic and Consular Missions of other Schengen Member States issuing visas to enter Latvia

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