

STUDYING IN ROMANIA?

MAKE IT EASY: VISA RULES AND PROCEDURES



I. General Information:

Romania is a Member State of the European Union.

Types of visas issued by Romania:

- **Short-stay visas (C-type visas)** – the authorised stay granted through a C-type visa cannot be extended and the maximum authorised stay is of 90 days throughout any 180-days;
- **Long-stay visas (D-type visas)** - the authorised stay granted through a D-type visa can be extended by means of a residence permit. In order to apply for the extension of your authorised stay, beyond the maximum 90-day limit, and obtain a residence permit, throughout the first 30 days from the date of entry into Romania, please address the territorial bureau of the Romanian General Inspectorate for Immigration of the Ministry of Interior of Romania - <http://igi.mai.gov.ro/en>.

I am a student and I need a long-stay visa:

The long-stay visa for studies (marked D/SD) is granted to third-state nationals¹ who intend to travel to Romania either for pre-graduate, graduate and postgraduate studies, or in view of obtaining academic degrees within state or accredited private institutions, in line with the Romanian legal framework.

Categories of third-country nationals considered as **students**: third-state nationals accepted for a full-time course of studies by a state or private higher education institution accredited or temporarily authorized according to law, including for participation in a license programme (Bachelor's degree), in a postgraduate programme (Master's degree), in a PhD or postdoctoral studies programme.

¹ **Third-state national** – any person who does not hold the nationality of Romania, of any of the Member States of the European Union, of the European Economic Area or of the Swiss Confederation.

II. Do You Need a Visa to Travel to and Enter Romania?

i. TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL THIRD-STATE NATIONALS WHO WISH TO STUDY IN ROMANIA FOR PERIODS THAT EXCEED 90 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF UNINTERRUPTED STAY:

In order to travel for studies that imply spending more than 90 consecutive days of uninterrupted stay in Romania, you are kindly required to apply for Romanian long-stay visas for studies (D/SD-type visas).

Nationals of all third-states need a D/SD-type visa, with the exception of citizens of the following countries: Canada, the United States of America and Japan.

ii. TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL THIRD-STATE NATIONALS, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HOLD AN ENTRY VISA FOR ROMANIA, OR NOT:

All aliens who wish to travel to Romania must be in possession of a valid travel document accepted by Romania, on which, should it be necessary, a visa can be affixed.

The validity of the travel document must exceed the validity of the visa you apply for, or, depending on the case, the period of your stay without the visa requirement, by at least 3 months, and must have been issued no later than 10 years ago.

Please consult the conditions that must be fulfilled in order to be allowed entry into Romania, here: <http://eviza.mae.ro/ConditionsOfEntry>.

iii. TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL THIRD-STATE NATIONALS REQUIRED TO HOLD ENTRY VISAS FOR ROMANIA:

Please make use of <http://eviza.mae.ro>, as there is no other manner in which you can set online appointments for the lodging of visa applications.

All visa applicants are required to provide the following:

VISA APPLICATION FORM	Manually filled-in (download at http://www.mae.ro/en/node/2060) or electronically - when the visa is applied for via http://eviza.mae.ro , from the „Apply for a visa” Section. Please make use of http://eviza.mae.ro, as there is no other manner in which you can set online appointments for the lodging of a visa application.
VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT	A valid travel document accepted by Romania, with at least two empty pages on which a visa can be affixed. The validity of the travel document must exceed the validity of the visa you apply for, by at least 3 months, and must have been issued no later than 10 years ago.

PHOTOGRAPHS	Two recent 3 x 4 cm coloured photographs
-------------	--

III. Where to Apply for a Visa for Romania?

- Applicants must lodge their application for a Romanian visa, electronically, through the eVisa electronic portal, available 24/7, at <http://evisa.mae.ro/>.
- Visa applications are electronically sent to and physically lodged at the Romanian Diplomatic Mission or Consular Post (DMCP) with territorial competency for the country in which visa applicants are legally present. The list of Romanian DMCPs can be found here: <http://www.mae.ro/en/romanian-missions>.
- the Romanian entry visa is exclusively issued by the DMCPs of Romania abroad, and not by the DMCPs of other Member States of the European Union or of the Schengen Area.
- Please take note that should you be subject to the Romanian visa requirement, in order to lodge a visa application, you must address a Romanian DMCP, as Romanian competent authorities DO NOT issue visas at Border Crossing Points. Therefore, please carry out all the necessary procedures, in order to be able to apply for a visa at a Romanian DM/CP. Please note that **third-state nationals who are required to hold a Romanian entry visa and, however, decide to travel towards Romania without such a visa, risk not being embarked either at their point of departure, or on the way.**

IV. Airport Transit Visas - Travelling Towards Romania:

- Each third-state national who intends to travel to Romania for studies or for any other purpose, must check whether or not an airport transit visa is required for the international transit areas of airports from those states where they will carry out such a transit on their way towards Romania, depending on the flight routes.
- Obtaining an airport transit visa, if needed, is the responsibility of each person.
- If required, such visas can be obtained from the competent authorities of the states where the airport transit shall take place.

V. Visa Application Procedures for Romania - How Should I Apply and What Type of Visa Should I Apply For?

Students – Long-Stay Visa for Studies (D/SD)

V.1. General Information:

- **Nationals of all third-states need a D/SD-type visa, with the exception of citizens of the following countries: Canada, the United States of America and Japan.**

- You should apply for a D/SD-type of visa if your stay on the territory of Romania exceeds 90 consecutive days.

- Please make use of <http://.evisa.mae.ro>, as there is no other manner in which you can set online appointments for the lodging of visa applications.

- All relevant information related to the Romanian visa policy can equally be consulted by accessing <http://.evisa.mae.ro>.

- Romanian authorities undertake to treat visa applications in the shortest time possible however, to this end, applications should be lodged in due time. **The legal term for a decision to be taken on a D/SD-type of visa is of 60 days. It is highly recommended D/SD-type visas be lodged at least 45 days before your estimated date of departure**, but not earlier than 3 months before the start of the intended journey. **Failing to lodge your application in time could lead to the impossibility of obtaining the visa.**

- The long-stay **visa processing fee** is in amount of **120 EUR or the equivalent in convertible currency.**

- It is brought to the attention of all visa applicants that the lodging of a visa application does not automatically imply that the visa in question will be issued.

- The specific rules applied in the case of visa applicants who are non-EU family members of citizens of the European Union, of the European Economic Area or of the Swiss Confederation are available here: <http://evisa.mae.ro/SpecificRules>.

V.2. Documents to be Submitted Along with a Visa Application for Studies (D/SD):

Please make use of <http://.evisa.mae.ro>, as there is no other manner in which you can set online appointments for the lodging of visa applications.

Besides the visa application form, the valid travel document, the photographs and the visa processing fee (see above), you must submit the following:

PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE FOR STUDIES	Proof of acceptance for studies issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education, attesting that the visa applicant will attend a full-time course of study at a state or private higher education institution, accredited or provisionally authorized according to Law;
------------------------------------	--

PROOF OF PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES	Proof of payment of the tuition fee for at least one academic year;
MEANS OF SUPPORT	Proof of means of support at the level of the minimum guaranteed monthly gross salary, for the entire period specified in the visa;
CRIMINAL RECORD	Criminal record or any other document of equivalent legal value;
TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE	Travel medical insurance that covers the entire duration of the requested period of stay (coverage of at least 30 000 EUR);
CONSENT OF THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE	If you are underage, the consent of your parents or of your legal guardian for the purpose of residing in Romania for studies;
ACCOMMODATION	Proof of accommodation;
PROOF OF LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE	Proof of knowledge of the language of the study programme to be followed, with the exception of the preparatory year of Romanian language for third-state nationals.

- When appointed for an interview, all documents required for visa applications will be submitted in original and in copy.

- Please bear in mind that **obtaining a visa does not confer an automatic right of entry into Romania**, as specific checks are subsequently carried out at the Border Crossing Points. **Please consult the conditions that must be fulfilled in order to be allowed entry into Romania, here: <http://eviza.mae.ro/ConditionsOfEntry>.**

VI. Visa Application Procedures for Romania - How Should I Apply and What Type of Visa Should I Apply For?

Short-term Studies, ERASMUS+ for stays that do not exceed 90 consecutive days throughout any 180-day period – Short-Stay Visa for Other Purposes (C/ZA)

VI.1. General Information:

- Third-state nationals who travel to Romania **for stays that do not exceed 90 consecutive days throughout any 180-day period** can lodge short-stay visa applications. Therefore, students, teachers or members of the ERASMUS+ programme who travel to Romania for short stays **can apply for short-stay visas “for other purposes”, marked C/ZA.**

- For **information on the short-stay visa regime for each specific country**, please consult the following links:

1. **List of states whose nationals are required to hold a short-stay visa in order to travel to Romania –** http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul_2019/2019_pdf/anexa_1_en.pdf;
2. **List of states whose nationals are NOT required to hold a short-stay visa in order to travel to Romania -** http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul_2019/2019_pdf/anexa_2_en.pdf. Citizens of the European Union, of the European Economic Area and of the Swiss Confederation are equally exempt from the Romanian entry visa requirement;
3. **The visa regime applicable to holders of diplomatic, service, official / special passports – documents issued by states the nationals of which are visa exempt, are marked with an "x" –** http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul_2019/2019_pdf/2019.04.18_anexa_3_en.pdf;

- Please also note that third-state nationals who hold valid visas (in the uniform format)/residence permits issued by Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, or of visas issued by a Schengen Member State - with at least 2 entries, as well as of residence permits issued by Schengen Member States, are exempt from the Romanian short-stay visa requirement. However, an essential precondition for the equivalence of said visas/residence permits as Romanian national visas is that they be valid, namely that the number of entries, right of stay and visa validity have not been used up. Also, it is equally brought to the attention of such visa/residence permit holders that the right of stay on the territory of Romania may not exceed the right of stay granted through the aforementioned visas/residence permits and the purpose of the trip to Romania must be justified at the Border Crossing Point of entry.

- You can calculate your right of stay by accessing the following link, where a calculator is available: <https://ec.europa.eu/assets/home/visa-calculator/calculator.htm?lang=en>

- Third-state nationals who hold residence permits issued by Member States of the European Union, valid for at least 5 years or more, are equally exempt from the Romanian short-stay visa requirement.

- Please make use of <http://.evisa.mae.ro>, as there is no other manner in which you can set online appointments for the lodging of visa applications.

- All relevant information related to the Romanian visa policy can equally be consulted by accessing <http://.evisa.mae.ro>.
- Romanian authorities undertake to treat visa applications in the shortest time possible however, to this end, applications should be lodged in due time. **The maximum legal term for a decision to be taken on a C/ZA-type of visa is of 14 days. It is highly recommended C/ZA-type visas be lodged at least 14 days before your estimated date of departure**, but not earlier than 3 months before the start of the intended journey. **Failing to lodge your application in time could lead to the impossibility of obtaining the visa.**
- The short-stay **visa** processing **fee** is in amount **of 60 EUR or the equivalent in convertible currency**.
- It is brought to the attention of all visa applicants that the lodging of a visa application does not automatically imply that the visa in question will be issued.
- The specific rules applied in the case of visa applicants who are non-EU family members of citizens of the European Union, of the European Economic Area or of the Swiss Confederation are available here: <http://eviza.mae.ro/SpecificRules>.

VI.2. Documents to be Submitted Along with a C/ZA-type of Visa Application:

Please make use of <http://.evisa.mae.ro>, as there is no other manner in which you can set online appointments for the lodging of visa applications.

Besides the visa application form, the valid travel document, the photographs and the visa processing fee (see above), you must submit the following:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT REGARDING THE PURPOSE OF THE JOURNEY	An original document issued by a Romanian host institution to justify your journey to Romania (e.g. a letter of acceptance for short-term studies, letter of acceptance in the ERASMUS+ framework);
TRAVEL TICKET or VEHICLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	Travel ticket valid to destination or Valid driver's license, Green Card (International Motor Insurance Card) and registration documents of the means of transport for vehicle drivers;
MEANS OF SUPPORT	Proof of financial means in amount of 50 EUR/day for the entire period of stay, but not less than 500 EUR or the equivalent in convertible currency;
ACCOMMODATION	Voucher or firm reservation with a tourist accommodation unit or proof of accommodation being ensured by the host entity, should the case be;
TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE	Travel medical insurance that covers the entire duration of the requested period of stay (coverage of at least 30 000 EUR);

CONSENT OF THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE	If you are underage, the consent of your parents or of your legal guardian for the purpose of traveling to Romania.
--	---

- When appointed for an interview, all documents required for visa applications will be submitted in original and in copy. Please take note that should it be deemed necessary, consular officers have the right to request additional documents.

- Please bear in mind that **obtaining a visa does not confer an automatic right of entry into Romania**, as specific checks are subsequently carried out at the Border Crossing Points. **Please consult the conditions that must be fulfilled in order to be allowed entry into Romania, here:** <http://eviza.mae.ro/ConditionsOfEntry>.

VII. Contact Information for Visa-Related Issues:

- For any issues related to the settlement of appointments for visa applications, or for details related to a particular visa application, please contact the DMCP of Romania where you have lodged your respective application. The list of Romanian DMCPs can be found here: <http://www.mae.ro/en/romanian-missions>.

