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Visa Guidelines



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Introduction

This Guidelines have been prepared by the European Jamboree Organisation to assist you and your Contingent to prepare and complete the visa process needed to enter Poland, a host country of the European Jamboree 2020. Despite the fact that the majority of the participants of the European Jamboree are citizens of the member countries of the European Union, the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the UK, the Jamboree Organisation in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will provide and facilitate necessary support for those Contingents that citizens are requested by Polish and European Law to possess a valid short-term visa to enter Poland. In every case related to the visa support kindly please contact us at visa@eja2020.org.

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On-Line Visa Briefing

The Jamboree Organisation invites Heads of Contingent/CMTs from the countries that citizens are requested to possess a visa to enter Poland to participate in On-Line Visa Briefing that will be broadcast on EJA2020 Youtube Channel on Tuesday, 10 March 2020, 16:00 Warsaw Time (CET).

Members of the European Union, the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the UK

Citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the United Kingdom are eligible to travel to Poland without a visa on a basis of a valid travel document (national identification card or passport). This Visa Guidelines do not apply for those participants and volunteers of the European Jamboree 2020.

The Jamboree Organisation strongly advise the CMTs from above mentioned countries to assure that all members of their Contingents are in possession of valid travel documents.

Visa-Free Countries

Citizens of following countries and territories are exempted from holding a visa when crossing the external borders of the European Union and Poland:

- ALBANIA (The visa exemption applies only to Holders of biometric passports)
- ANDORRA
- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
- ARGENTINA

- AUSTRALIA
- BAHAMAS
- BARBADOS
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports)
- BRAZIL
- BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
- CANADA
- CHILE
- COLOMBIA
- COSTA RICA
- DOMINICA
- EL SALVADOR
- NORTH MACEDONIA (The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports)
- GEORGIA (The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports)
- GRENADA (The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports)
- GUATEMALA
- HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY STATE)
- HONDURAS
- ISRAEL
- JAPAN
- KIRIBATI
- MALAYSIA
- MARSHALL ISLANDS
- MALDIVES
- MEXICO
- MICRONESIA
- MOLDOVA (The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports)
- MONACO
- MONTENEGRO (The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports)
- NEW ZEALAND
- NICARAGUA
- PALAU
- PANAMA
- PARAGUAY
- PERU
- SAMOA
- SAN MARINO
- SEYCHELLES

- SERBIA (The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports; Excluding holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava))
- SINGAPORE
- SOLOMON ISLANDS
- SOUTH KOREA
- ST KITTS AND NEVIS
- ST LUCIA
- ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
- TIMOR-LESTE
- TONGA
- TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
- TUVALU
- UKRAINE (The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports)
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- URUGUAY
- VANUATU
- VENEZUELA
- HONG KONG S.A.R. (The visa exemption applies only to holders of a "Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" passport.)
- MACAO S.A.R. (The visa exemption applies only to holders of a "Região Administrativa Especial de Macau" passport.)
- TAIWAN (The exemption from the visa requirement applies only to holders of passports issued by Taiwan which include an identity card number.)
- British citizens who are not nationals of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the purposes of the European Union law:
 - British nationals (Overseas)
 - British overseas territories citizens (BOTC)
 - British overseas citizens (BOC)
 - British protected persons (BPP)
 - British subjects (BS)

The Jamboree Organization strongly advise the CMTs from above mentioned countries and territories to assure that all members of contingent are in possession of valid travel documents.

Countries without Visa-Free Arrangements

Citizens of certain countries must hold a short stay visa to enter Poland. The EU has a common list of countries whose citizens must have a visa when crossing the external borders. These Guidelines provide information addressed to the Contingent Management Teams of that countries.

List of countries and territories whose nationals MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF A VISA when crossing the external borders of the European Union:

- AFGHANISTAN
- ALGERIA
- ANGOLA
- ARMENIA
- AZERBAIJAN
- BAHRAIN
- BANGLADESH
- BELARUS
- BELIZE
- BENIN
- BHUTAN
- BOLIVIA
- BOTSWANA
- BURKINA FASO
- BURMA/MYANMAR
- BURUNDI
- CAMBODIA
- CAMEROON
- CAPE VERDE
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
- CHAD
- CHINA
- COMOROS
- CONGO
- COTE D'IVOIRE
- CUBA
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
- DJIBOUTI
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- ECUADOR
- EGYPT
- EQUATORIAL GUINEA
- ERITREA
- ETHIOPIA
- FIJI
- GABON
- GAMBIA
- GHANA

- GUINEA
- GUINEA-BISSAU
- GUYANA
- HAITI
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- IRAN
- IRAQ
- JAMAICA
- JORDAN
- KAZAKHSTAN
- KENYA
- KUWAIT
- KYRGYZSTAN
- LAOS
- LEBANON
- LESOTHO
- LIBERIA
- LIBYA
- MADAGASCAR
- MALAWI
- MALDIVES
- MALI
- MAURITANIA
- MONGOLIA
- MOROCCO
- MOZAMBIQUE
- NAMIBIA
- NAURU
- NEPAL
- NIGER
- NIGERIA
- NORTH KOREA
- OMAN
- PAKISTAN
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- PHILIPPINES
- QATAR
- RUSSIA

- RWANDA
- SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
- SAUDI ARABIA
- SENEGAL
- SIERRA LEONE
- SOMALIA
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SOUTH SUDAN
- SRI LANKA
- SUDAN
- SURINAME
- SWAZILAND
- SYRIA
- TAJIKISTAN
- TANZANIA
- THAILAND
- TOGO
- TUNISIA
- TURKEY
- TURKMENISTAN
- UGANDA
- UZBEKISTAN
- VIETNAM
- YEMEN
- ZAMBIA
- ZIMBABWE
- KOSOVO
- PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

Consular Post for Submitting Visa Application

Visa applications are submitted in person (in the case of minors with their parents) at the territorially competent Consulate/Embassy of the Republic of Poland. In the case of countries in which Poland does not have diplomatic and consular representation, visa applications should be submitted to the Consulates/Embassies of EU Member States with which Poland has signed visa representation agreements or when Poland does not have such agreements in the relevant Consulate/Embassy of the Republic of Poland, which are additionally accredited in these countries.

List of the consular posts of the Republic of Poland may be found at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
<https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacya/polands-missions-abroad>.

For the visa process of the European Jamboree 2020 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has decided that citizens of eight following countries shall apply in specific consular posts:

Country of Citizenship	Consulate/Embassy
Bangladesh	Poland represented by Sweden in Dhaka
Cameroon	Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Abuja (Nigeria)
Ecuador	Poland represented by Switzerland in Quito
Ghana	Poland represented by Netherlands in Accra
Liberia	Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Abuja (Nigeria)
Libya	Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Cairo (Egypt)
Sri Lanka	Poland represented by Switzerland in Colombo
Zambia	Poland represented by Switzerland in Lusaka

Contingents from countries where the Republic of Poland does not have a consular post and not listed above are requested to contact the Jamboree Organisation for further information.

Start of the Visa Procedure

The visa procedure should start after completing the registration of all members of the Contingent in Mercato – the European Jamboree 2020 registration system (stage 1 and stage 2 of the registration process). Please note that due to the varied availability of terms allowing the submission of visa applications, the process of obtaining visas may be extended in time. We encourage you to apply for a visa as soon as possible.

Arrange a Visit to the Consulate/Embassy

Applicants for visas at Polish consulates/embassies:

- should complete visa application form online via E-KONSULAT online system (www.e-konsulat.gov.pl)
- arrange an appointment via the E-KONSULAT online system (www.e-konsulat.gov.pl).

We encourage you to submit applications and arrange appointments as soon as possible. If you encounter problems in the availability of dates or functionality of the e-consulate system, please contact us at vs.sagej2020.org so that we can forward your comments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In the case of persons who will submit visa applications at the consulates/embassies of EU Member States representing Poland, the rules for arranging meetings should be verified at these consulates / embassies.

Head of Contingent Obligations

1. Contact the relevant consular department or consult the official consulate/embassy websites. In particular, read carefully the rules for submitting applications and documents that should be attached to the visa application at this particular embassy/consulate.
2. Contact vs.sagej2020.org in order to receive THE EUROPEAN JAMBOREE OFFICIAL VISA SUPPORT LETTER which will confirm the purpose of travel, accommodation and possession of funds to cover living expenses.
3. After arranging a visit to the consulate/embassy, please inform us. We will send official information to the consulate about persons who are registered as participants, IST and CMT.

How to Apply for a Visa

Visa applications must be submitted in person. In the case of minors, the visa application is submitted by parents (or parent together with the written consent of the other parent). The form of consent of the other parent should be verified at the relevant embassy/consulate or on its website. Please note that the requirements of consulates/embassies vary from country to country. It may be necessary to make a notarial confirmation of the other parent's written consent. Please also note that all required attachments should be attached to the visa application, in particular: personalized invitation (European Jamboree Official Visa Support Letter), medical insurance, passport photo, documents allowing to assess whether they intend to leave the territory of the Member States before the expiry date of the visa, etc.

Please note that visa applications shall be completed via the E-KONSULAT online system (www.e-konsulat.gov.pl). Usually it is necessary to bring a printed application.

European Jamboree Official Visa Support Letter

The Jamboree Organisation produces and delivers on request of the Head of Contingent the Official Visa Support Letter (OVS), as agreed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Letters will be produced for each member of the Contingent (participants, Adult Patrol Leaders, IST and CMT members) and delivered in hard copy to the Member Organisation/National Scout Organisation. It is necessary to present the OVS to the consular service in the visa process. The OVS confirms that particular member of the Contingent is in good standing with the Jamboree Organisation and participate in the European Jamboree 2020.

We request all Contingents to indicate their need to receive QVSI by e-mailing the Jamboree Organisation at visa@ej2020.org by 15 March 2020.

Inviting Organisation

In the process of obtaining visa each applicant will be requested to provide in the on-line visa application contact details of inviting organisation. For the purpose of the European Jamboree those details are as follows:

- Type: COMPANY
- Name: ZWIĄZEK HARCFRSTWA POLSKIEGO - EUROPEAN JAMBOREE 2020
- Country: POLAND
- Place: WARSZAWA
- Postal code: 00-19
- Phone area code: 22
- Phone number: 339 06 45
- Fax area code: 22
- Number of fax: 339 06 06
- Address: MARIŁ KONOPNICKIEJ
- House number: 6
- Flat number: 0
- E-mail address: visa@ej2020.org

Medical Insurance

Each visa applicant must have adequate valid travel medical insurance covering all expenses that may arise during his stay in the territory of the EU Member States due to the need to return for medical reasons, the need for urgent medical assistance, emergency hospital treatment or death. The insurance must be valid throughout the territory of the Member States and cover the entire period of the person's intended stay. The minimum insurance amount is EUR 30,000. Applicants generally purchase insurance in their country of residence. If this is not possible, they can take out insurance in any other country.

Attachments to the Visa Application

Please familiarize yourself with other important requirements of the visa application.

The applicant shall be in possession of the passport:

- valid for at least three months after the planned date of leaving European Jamboree 2020;
- contains at least two free pages;
- has been issued in the last ten years.

One passport format photo (3.5 x 4.5 cm colour photo) is needed.

The photo must be:

- sharp, taken against white background and printed on a quality paper;

- newer than 6 months;
- taken on face, clearly showing the eyes and face from both sides from the top of the head to the top of the shoulders with the face covering 70–80% of the photo. The photo must be taken without any headwear.

Information indicating the intention to leave the territory of the Member States before the visa expires – for example – school ID, school certificate, work certificate.

Other documents required at the particular consulate/embassy. Please remember to verify exactly which documents and information a particular consulate/embassy expects.

Fees

Participants as well as IST and CMT of the European Jamboree 2020 under 25 years old are eligible for exemption from visa fees pursuant to Art. 16 (a) (i) (point d) of the Community Code on Visas.

Persons over 25 years old should pay a fee in the amount indicated in a particular consular establishment.

Other Information

After submitting the visa application, the consular post will confirm with the Jamboree Organisation that an invitation has been issued for the person concerned.

After registering the final list of participants of the European Jamboree 2020 in Marateo, the list of participants will be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which will forward them to the relevant consular posts.

Please note that the requirements of consulates/embassies vary from country to country. Before submitting your application, contact the relevant consular department or read the information on the official consulate/embassy website.

For other issues requiring discussion, please contact the Jamboree Organisation at www.sagee2020.org.



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