

# Romania

## Visa regimes

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## Romania

Romania is situated in the south-eastern part of Central Europe and shares borders with Hungary to the northwest, Serbia to the southwest, Bulgaria to the south, the Black Sea to the southeast, Ukraine to the east and to the north and the Republic of Moldova to the east. Roughly the size of Oregon, Romania is the second largest country in the area, after Poland.

Romania's territory features splendid mountains, beautiful rolling hills, fertile plains and numerous rivers and lakes. The Carpathian Mountains traverse the centre of the country bordered on both sides by foothills and finally the great plains of the outer rim. Forests cover over one quarter of the country and the fauna is one of the richest in Europe including bears, deer, lynx, chamois and wolves. The legendary Danube River ends its eight-country journey at the Black Sea, after forming one of the largest and most biodiverse wetlands in the world, the Danube Delta.

**Bucharest** — the capital city of Romania — is located at the same latitude with the cities of Portland - Oregon; Montreal - Canada; Venice - Italy; and Bordeaux - France

**Romanian Language:** Romanian (*limba română*) is the official language of Romania. The name Romania, and its derivatives, come from the Latin word 'Romanus' (citizen of Rome), Romanian retains a significant number of features of old Latin and also contains words taken from the surrounding Slavic languages, as well as from French, German, Greek and Turkish.

English has quickly overtaken French as the country's second language, especially with the young people. Communicating in English in large towns in cities should not be a problem

### National Government:

The government is led by the Prime Minister, currently Mrs. Viorica Dancila, who leads a cabinet formed from 26 leaders of executive branch called *Ministru* (Minister).

### Historical Regions:

Transylvania  
Banat & Crisana  
Bucovina & Moldova

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## **Program. Territorial Competence**

The consular jurisdiction of the Embassy of Romania to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

**1. Consular services** (legalizations) by e-mail appointment only. The e-mail message should contain the following information:

- Complete name of applicant;
- Address including temporary address if the case;
- Date and place of birth;
- Personal identification number
- Concise description of the situation and mention of the consular service required;
- Proposal for two alternative appointments, date and time.

2. The working hours of the **Visa section** are:

**For Pakistani and third-country citizens:**

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 - 13:00.**

Appointment is made through <https://evisa.mae.ro>, visa fee is 80 USD for short stay visa and 150 USD for long stay visa.

**For Romanian citizens: Tuesday 10:00 - 13:00,** appointment to [islamabad.consul@mae.ro](mailto:islamabad.consul@mae.ro), <https://econsulat.ro>

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## **Honorary Consulates**

- **Honorary Consulate of Romania in Karachi**
- **Honorary Consulate of Romania in Peshawar**
- **Honorary Consulate of Romania in Lahore**

## Romanian Visa

### Online Visa

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In order to facilitate the issue of visas, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs restructured the eVisa electronic portal, which can be accessed 24/7 at address <http://evisa.mae.ro/>, with the aim of reducing the waiting time at a diplomatic mission/consulate and at streamlining the visa application process.

- The eVisa portal offers visa applicants the opportunity to demonstrate the fulfilment of legal requirements by loading online all the necessary information and supporting documents before going to the diplomatic mission/consulate. The documents are verified by the consular staff, who give online feed-back and inform the applicant about his/her possibility to make an online appointment through the portal, for a certain date and time, when to be present at the relevant diplomatic mission or consulate in order to have the original documents verified and the file registered.
- The eVisa portal offers users the possibility to check the status of their applications online, in any moment.

### Do I need a visa?

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#### YES

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Please consult the list of states whose citizens (annex 1), holders of simple passports, **are required a visa upon entry on the Romanian territory.**

[http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul\\_2019/2019\\_pdf/anexa\\_1\\_en.pdf](http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul_2019/2019_pdf/anexa_1_en.pdf)

**Pakistani nationals must be in possession of f an invitation endorsed by the Inspectorate General for Immigration from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, this must be submitted with the visa application.**

## NO

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- The regime applicable to the holders of diplomatic, service/official and special passports – (annex 3).  
[http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul\\_2019/2019\\_pdf/2019.04.18\\_anexa\\_3\\_en.pdf](http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul_2019/2019_pdf/2019.04.18_anexa_3_en.pdf)

**Please Note: Holders of Pakistani Diplomatic passports and special passports are exempt from the visa requirements in order to enter Romania for 30 Days**

- **Holders of Schengen visas with two or multiple entries, national visas or residence permits issued by Schengen Member States.** Starting **July 11, 2014**, in keeping with the provisions of Decision No 565/2014/EU, Romania acknowledges as being equivalent to its own national visas, for transit and for stays up to 90 days per period of 180 days the following:
  - The two or multiple entry short-stay visa issued by a Schengen member state;
  - The limited territorial validity visa issued by a Schengen member state;
  - The short-stay visa issued by Bulgaria, Cyprus or Croatia;
  - The long-stay visa issued by a Schengen member state;
  - The long-stay visa issued by Bulgaria, Cyprus or Croatia;
  - The residence permit issued by a Schengen member state;
  - The residence permit issued by Bulgaria, Cyprus or Croatia
  - The long-term resident's EC residence permit (the validity of which is of 5 years or more) issued by a member state of the European Union.

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## Visas and consular services

### General information regarding the conditions of entry on the territory of Romania

Citizens of other states (states not in the EU/EEA) need an entry visa.

In order to comply with the requirements laid down in article 6 from Government of Romania Emergency Ordinance (GEO) 194/2002 modified, upon arrival in any Romanian border post, for the purpose of entry, you must comply with the following: a) submit a valid travel document, recognized by Romania;

(b) submit a Romanian entry visa or a residence permit, issued in accordance with the provisions of GEO 194/2002 modified through Law 157/2011 or, depending on the case, any authorization that grants the holder the right of transit or of stay on the territory of Romania, on the grounds of European legal instruments that are mandatory for and applicable to Romania, provided that it has not been differently settled through international agreements;

(c) submit documents that justify the purpose of the trip, the conditions of stay and that prove the existence of appropriate means of support for the entire stay, as well as for the return to the country of origin, or for the transit towards another country where you are undoubtedly allowed entry;

(d) the entry in the country of destination, as well as leaving the territory of Romania must be guaranteed, in the case of third-state citizens who transit the national territory;

(e) you do not belong to the category of third-state citizens who are refused entry on the territory of Romania, or have not been registered as undesirable;

(f) alerts with regard to the refusal of entry are not registered on your name in the Schengen Information System;

(g) you do not represent a hazard to national security, order or health.

### **IMPORTANT**

Please note that holding an entry visa does not guarantee entry on the territory of Romania. All foreign citizens who wish to travel to Romania must make sure they abide by the conditions mentioned above, in accordance with art. 18, paragraph 1 from GEO 194/2002 modified regarding the regime of third-state citizens in Romania, amended by Law no. 157/2011. The visa granting conditions and the conditions of entry are interconnected.

## General information on Romanian visas and conditions of travelling to Romania

A visa is a document that enables the holder to report to any Romanian border checkpoint and to require either transit through or a short stay on the Romanian territory. The border checkpoint officers will demand proof that the general conditions of entry and stay on the Romanian territory are met as provided by law. Should those conditions not be met, aliens will not be allowed to enter the Romanian territory, although they might have previously obtained a Romanian visa.

According to the provisions of GEO 194/2002 concerning the regime of aliens in Romania, republished as subsequently amended, the Romanian visa is granted by Romanian diplomatic and consular missions abroad.

## The Romanian Visa

### The Romanian short-stay visa

1. **The airport transit visa (marked A)** – is compulsory for the nationals of states listed in Annex 1 (i.e. the states marked with \*\*). The airport transit allows its owner to transit the international areas of one or more Member States' airports.

**Conditions:** According to the provisions of article 14 (2) from the Community Code on Visas, when lodging an application for an airport transit visa, an applicant must provide the following supporting documents:

- Proof regarding the continuation of the journey to the final destination, after the envisioned airport transit;
- Information allowing the evaluation of the applicant's intention not to enter the territory of the Member States.

2. **The transit visa (marked B)** – allows third-country nationals to transit the territory of Romania. This type of visa can be issued for one, two or multiple transits, provided that each transit period does not exceed 5 days.

**Conditions:** Proof of an existing visa for the state of destination and a travel ticket, valid to destination; the driving license, the registration documents of the vehicle, as well as the green card bearing the personal details of the owner, the state of destination and the states to be transited, in the case of vehicle drivers.

### Tourism visa (C/TU)

**The short-stay visa for tourism purposes (marked C/TU)** – this type of visa is issued to third-country nationals who wish to travel to Romania for tourism.

**Supporting documents:**

- Passport valid at least three months beyond intended period of stay
- ID card copy
- 2 recent colour photos 3 cm x 4 cm, on a white background;
- Duly filled in visa application form;
- Letter of certification of employment;

- Booking of a two-way flight ticket to Romania;
- Medical insurance valid in Romania, covering one day longer beyond the intended period of stay and of a value not less than 50,000 EUR (original and copy);
- Proof of financial means in the amount of EUR 50/day for the entire period, but not less than **EUR 500** or the equivalent in convertible currency;
- Proof of accommodation, as a voucher of paid accommodation at a tourism unit
- Polio vaccination certificate.
- **Visa fee is 80 USD.**

### **Visit visa (C/VV)**

**The short-stay visa for visiting purposes (marked C/VV)** – this type of short-stay visa is issued to third-country nationals who wish to travel to Romania for private visits, upon invitation on behalf of Romanian citizens, or of third-country nationals, holders of a valid Romanian residence permit.

#### **Supporting documents:**

- Passport valid at least three months beyond intended period of stay
- ID card copy
- 2 recent colour photos 3 cm x 4 cm, on a white background;
- Dully filled in visa application form;
- Letter of certification of employment;
- Booking of a two-way flight ticket to Romania;
- Medical insurance valid in Romania, covering one day longer beyond the intended period of stay and of a value not less than 50,000 EUR (original and copy);
- An authenticated invitation from the host, stating that they cover the repatriation expenses, should the invited third-country national not leave Romania upon expiry of their right of stay granted by the visa, as well as the means of support and accommodation, in case the host undertakes to cover such costs;
- Proof of financial means in the amount of EUR 50/day for the entire period, but not less than **EUR 500** or the equivalent in convertible currency if the host does not undertake to cover the living expenses;
- Proof of accommodation, as a firm reservation at a tourist accommodation unit, an ownership deed or rent agreement for a dwelling in Romania, in the name of the applicant, where the host does not provide accommodation.
- Polio vaccination certificate.
- **Visa fee is 80 USD.**



## **Business visa (C/A)**

### **Supporting documents:**

- Passport valid at least three months beyond intended period of stay
- ID card copy
- 2 recent colour photos 3 cm x 4 cm, on a white background;
- Duly filled in visa application form;
- Letter of certification of employment;
- Supporting documents to prove reason for the trip to Romania;
- Booking of a two-way flight ticket to Romania;
- Medical insurance valid in Romania, covering one day longer beyond the intended period of stay and of a value not less than **50,000 EUR (original and copy)**;
- An invitation in original from a company or public authority for participation in meetings, conferences, fairs or congresses related to trade or industry, stating that the respective company or public authority will cover the repatriation expenses, should the invited third-country national not leave Romania before the expiry of their right of stay granted through the visa or through any other documents attesting the purpose of the journey;
- Proof of financial means in amount of **EUR 50/day** for the entire period, but not less than **EUR 500** or the equivalent in convertible currency;
- Proof of accommodation.
- Polio vaccination certificate.
- **Visa fee is 80 USD.**

### **Important**

**1.** For third-country nationals who wish to travel to Romania for economic or commercial purposes:

- for contracts or negotiations;
- for training local employees or checking the use and operation of goods acquired or sold under commercial and industrial co-operation contracts;
- as well as to third-country nationals who are or will become associates or shareholders of companies in Romania.

**the corresponding visa is type C/A. (Applicable to Pakistanis who wish to travel to Romania for economic or commercial purposes)**

Correct and complete supporting documents must be submitted so as to identify the purpose of travel in one of the above-mentioned categories.

The Embassy issues business visas only for well documented situations and for short periods of stay.

**2.** In the case of third country nationals deployed:

- for longer term unpaid internships, job rotation or professional training, within a company in the public or private sector, authorized according to the provisions of national legislation in force, or within an accredited professional training provider organization;
- by a foreign company with headquarters on the territory of a member state of the World Trade Organisation to an own representative office, branch or regional office situated on the territory of Romania, or to a commercial company, Romanian legal person, whose shareholder or associate the foreign company is, which has the same object of activity, if they can prove that they are in no employment relation with another Romanian legal person;
- by an employer with headquarters abroad to a legal person in Romania, on the basis of a commercial service contract concluded between the two parties;

**the corresponding visa is D/AS.**

3. For the purpose of secondment on the grounds of the work permit for seconded workers, issued by the Romanian Immigration Office, according to the provisions of national legislation,

**the corresponding visa is D/DT. (Applicable to Pakistanis who are seconded to work in Romania for work)**

### **Cultural, scientific and humanitarian activities visa (C/ZA)**

**The short-stay visa for cultural, scientific and humanitarian activities, as well as short-term medical treatment or any other activities that do not breach Romanian laws (marked C/ZA)** – this type of short-stay visa is issued to third-country nationals who wish to travel to Romania, provided that their presence on the territory of Romania is justified.

Supporting documents:

- Passport valid at least three months beyond intended period of stay
- ID card copy
- 2 recent colour photos 3 cm x 4 cm, on a white background;
- Duly filled in visa application form;
- Letter of certification of employment;
- Booking of a two-way flight ticket to Romania;
- Medical insurance valid in Romania, covering one day longer beyond the intended period of stay and of a value not less than **50,000 EUR** (original and copy);
- Documents issued by the institutions third-country nationals are invited to, justifying their presence in Romania;
- Proof of financial means in amount of **EUR 50/day**, or the equivalent in convertible currency for the entire period of their stay, but no less than **EUR 500**, or the equivalent in convertible currency;
- Proof of accommodation.
- Polio vaccination certificate.
- **Visa fee is 80 USD.**
- **For sports (marked C/SP)** – this type of short-stay visa is issued to third-country nationals who wish to travel to Romania, for a limited period of time, in order to participate in sports competitions.
- **For mission (marked C/M)** – this type of short-stay visa is issued to third-country nationals (and to their family members) who, for reasons related to their political, administrative or public positions, have to travel to Romania. This type of visa is issued to third-country nationals holding official positions in governments, public administrations or international organizations.
- **For transport (marked C/TR)** – this type of short-stay visa is issued to third-country nationals who wish to travel to Romania, for short periods of time, in order to carry out professional activities related to freight and passenger transportation.

## THE PRE-APPROVED INVITATION PROCEDURE FOR THE SHORT STAY VISA

If you are a citizen of the following countries, a special procedure must be observed in order to secure a pre-approved invitation.

[http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/userfiles/file/pdf/servicii-consulare/Tabel\\_invitatii\\_vize\\_straini.pdf](http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/userfiles/file/pdf/servicii-consulare/Tabel_invitatii_vize_straini.pdf)

### IX. How is the Romanian short-stay visa granted

#### Getting a visa on the basis of an invitation approved by the General Inspectorate for Immigration – Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs

Among the states whose citizens **need a visa** to enter Romania there are some states whose citizens are required an invitation approved by the General Inspectorate for Immigration – Ministry of Internal Affairs (IGI-MAI) when applying for C/VV, C/TU and C/A visas.

You are advised to consult the list of states whose citizens can get a short-stay visa only on the basis of an invitation previously approved by the General Inspectorate for Immigration. The citizens of the following third states are required the aforementioned invitation: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, China, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the *Democratic People's Republic of Korea*, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Nigeria, **Pakistan**, Palestine, Syria, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, South Sudan, Tunisia, Uzbekistan, Yemen.

- **The model of the invitation can be downloaded [HERE](#)**
- **The model of the norms to formulate the letter of guarantee can be downloaded [HERE](#), and the model of the letter of guarantee can be downloaded [HERE](#)**

2. The IGI-MAI invitation is required when applying for the following types of short-stay visas: **private visit, tourism and business.**

3. The invitation, accompanied by some documents depending on the purpose of the trip to Romania, shall be filled in two original copies and shall be submitted to the territorial offices of the General Inspectorate for Immigration for approval. Invitations are processed within 60 days from their being submitted.

4. In case of approval, one copy of the invitation shall be returned to the inviting host, to be forwarded to the invited third-country national who, in his/her turn, shall present the original form to the diplomatic mission or the consulate of Romania where the visa application is submitted. The third-country national can apply for a visa within 30 days from the approval of the invitation. It is not allowed for an applicant to submit a new invitation, no matter the purpose thereof, if one of the persons previously invited by such applicant did not leave the Romanian territory within the visa validity period.

5. Exemptions from the invitation procedure approved by the General Inspectorate for Immigration – Ministry of Internal Affairs (IGI-MAI):

Please bear in mind that the situations listed below should be attested by appropriate documents. Moreover, please take into consideration that the fulfilment of at least one of the requirements below does not exempt the visa applicant from the obligation to submit the

required supporting documents, depending on the purpose of the trip and the type of applied-for visa (see item VIII.2.)

The categories of nationals listed below can apply for a visa without previously getting an IGI-MAI invitation (pursuant to the provisions of art. 40 par. 1 of the Emergency Government Ordinance (EGO) no. 194/2002 republished, as subsequently amended and supplemented):

- the underage national whose parent is a refugee or has subsidiary protection, or holds a residence permit in Romania provided it is valid at least 90 days from the day when the entry visa is granted;
- the spouse and parents of the national who is a refugee or has subsidiary protection, or holds a residence permit in Romania provided it is valid at least 90 days from the day when the entry visa is granted;
- the national of full age whose parent is a Romanian citizen;
- the national who is parent of a Romanian citizen.

Moreover, short-stay visas can be granted with the exemption from the IGI-MAI invitation procedure to the following categories of third-country nationals (pursuant to the provisions of art. 40 par. 2 of EGO no. 194/2002 republished, as subsequently amended and supplemented):

- nationals married to Romanian citizens;
- nationals who are underage children of Romanian citizens;
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## The Romanian long-stay visa

The Romanian long-stay visa is identified through one of the following symbols, depending on the activity that the third-country national will carry out on the territory of Romania:

### Employment visa (D/AM)

**The long-stay visa for employment (marked D/AM), in accordance with art. 44 from GEO 194/2002 modified.**

(1) With the exception of the work permit for seconded workers, the long stay visa for employment is granted to third-country nationals on the grounds of the work permit issued by the Romanian Immigration Office, in accordance with the legislation in force.

(2) The visa application must be submitted along with the following supporting documents:

- Passport valid at least three months beyond intended period of stay
- ID card copy
- 2 recent colour photos 3 cm x 4 cm, on a white background;
- Duly filled in visa application form;
- Letter of recommendation from the recruiting agency;
- Booking of a two-way flight ticket to Romania;
- Medical insurance valid in Romania, covering one day longer beyond the intended period of stay and of a value not less than **50,000 EUR** (original and copy);
- Original of the work permit issued by the Romanian Immigration Office;
- The proof of the means of subsistence at the level of the minimum guaranteed wage for the entire period specified on the visa;
- The criminal record or another document that bares the same legal value issued by the authorities from the country of domicile or residence;
- Proof of accommodation.
- Polio vaccination certificate.
- **Visa fee is 150 USD.**

(3) The long-stay visa for employment is also granted to the following categories of third-state nationals, who can be employed by or can work for natural persons or companies from Romania, without a work permit:

- a) Third-state nationals whose access on the Romanian labor market without a work permit is established through the texts of agreements, conventions or of understandings that Romania is party to;
- b) Third-state nationals who carry out educational, scientific activities, or other categories of specific activities of a temporary nature, within accredited institutions of profile from Romania, on the grounds of bilateral agreements, or on the grounds of the respective minister's order;
- c) Third-state nationals who are bound to carry out temporary activities on the territory of Romania, on the grounds of requests from ministries, from other authorities from central or local public administration, or from autonomous administrative authorities;
- d) Third-state nationals who are named heads of branch-offices, of representations, or of bureaus of a company located on the territory of Romania but based abroad and who are not associated, shareholders or administrators within a Romanian company, at the date of the request.

(4) The third-country national may apply for the long-stay visa for employment, within 60 days from the date of issue of the work permit. The visa is granted by the National Visa Centre, within a term of 10 days from the date of submission of the visa application, without the prior endorsement provided for in article 30(7).

(5) For the third-state nationals provided for in paragraph 3, the endorsement of the Romanian Immigration Office provided for in article 30(7), is necessary.

## Other purposes visa (D/AS)

### Long-stay visa for other purposes (marked D/AS), in accordance with art. 49 from GEO 194/2002 modified.

(1) The long-term visa for other purposes shall be granted, upon request, by diplomatic missions and consular offices of Romania in the country where they have their residence or domicile, to following categories of aliens:

a) to those designated as administrators of commercial companies, if they can prove they simultaneously fulfil following conditions:

- they hold a managerial function;
- at the date of request, they are neither shareholders nor associates of the commercial company under reference or of any other Romanian legal person and that they did not have this quality for the last 2 years;
- there is no other alien within the commercial company under reference who has been granted a residence permit for the same purpose;
- The commercial company under reference has realized a contribution in capital or technology transfer of at least **50.000 Euro**;

b) those who request the entry to the territory of Romania for the purpose of unpaid professional training/ qualification within an enterprise of the public or private sector or with an accredited vocational training provider, if they can prove the simultaneous fulfilment of following conditions:

- they have concluded a training contract for unpaid participation to a form of qualification within an enterprise of the public or private sector or with an accredited vocational training provider;
- they are in possession of sufficient means of subsistence to the monthly amount of at least the average net wage at national economy level for the whole duration of the visa validity;
- they have the parents' or tutor's agreement with regard to the stay on the territory of Romania for this purpose, if the alien is underage;

c) to those who carry out activities in the framework of voluntary work programmes, if they can prove that they simultaneously fulfil following conditions:

- they have concluded an agreement of voluntary work with a legal person of public or private law with a non-profit character, further referred to as „host organization”, which stipulates the activity to be carried out by the alien, conditions of supervision while carrying out the activities, as well as working hours;
- the host organization shall ensure the accommodation, means of subsistence and health insurance for the whole duration of the visa validity, as well as possible costs incurred by removal;
- have reached at least the age of 14;
- have the agreement of the parents or tutor with regard to the stay on the territory of Romania for this purpose, if the alien is underage;

d) to those who follow long-term medical treatment within public or private medical facilities, if they present a letter of acceptance from the institutions under reference which should specify the diagnose and duration of treatment. Such visa may be also granted to a possible accompanying person, who assists the alien while not being able to care for himself, if this fact is mentioned by the letter of acceptance;

e) to those carrying out other activities which are not contrary to Romanian legislation, if their presence on the territory of Romania is justified.

(2) Aliens falling under the categories mentioned by para. (1) shall be granted a visa if they present:

- Passport valid at least three months beyond intended period of stay
- ID card copy
- 2 recent colour photos 3 cm x 4 cm, on a white background;
- Duly filled in visa application form;
- Letter of certification of employment;
- Booking of a two-way flight ticket to Romania;
- Medical insurance valid in Romania, covering one day longer beyond the intended period of stay and of a value not less than **50,000 EUR** (original and copy);
- Proof of financial means in the amount of **EUR 50/day** for the entire period, but not less than **EUR 500** or the equivalent in convertible currency if the host entity does not undertake to cover the living expenses;
- The criminal record or another document that bares the same legal value issued by the authorities from the country of domicile or residence;
- Proof of existing accommodation conditions;
- A police clearance certificate or any other document of the same judicial value, issued by the authorities in the country of origin.
- Documents in original proving the intended purpose of stay in Romania.
- Polio vaccination certificate.
- **Visa fee is 150 USD.**



## Secondment visa (D/DT)

**The long-stay visa for secondment (marked D/DT), in accordance with art. 441 from GEO 194/2002 modified.**

- (1) The long-stay visa for secondment is granted to third-country nationals on the grounds of the work permit for seconded workers, issued by the Romanian Immigration Office, according to the provisions of national legislation.
- (2) The long-stay visa for secondment is also granted to third-country nationals employed by legal persons with headquarters in one of the member states of the European Union, of the European Economic Area or Switzerland, seconded to Romania, who are in possession of a residence permit issued by that state, who can be assigned to or perform work-related activities for Romanian legal or natural persons without a work permit.
- (3) The provisions of art. 44 (2) and (4) from GEO 194/2002 apply accordingly.
- (4) For the third-country nationals mentioned in paragraph (2), the endorsement from the Romanian Immigration Office, in accordance with the provisions of art. 30 (7) from GEO 194/2002, is compulsory.
- **Supporting documents:**
  - Passport valid at least three months beyond intended period of stay
  - ID card copy
  - 2 recent color photos 3 cm x 4 cm, on a white background;
  - Duly filled in visa application form;
  - Letter of certification of employment;
  - Booking of a two-way flight ticket to Romania;
  - Medical insurance valid in Romania, covering one day longer beyond the intended period of stay and of a value not less than **50,000 EUR** (original and copy);
  - Original of the permit issued by the Romanian Immigration Office;
  - The proof of the means of subsistence at the level of the minimum guaranteed wage for the entire period specified on the visa;
  - The criminal record or another document that bares the same legal value issued by the authorities from the country of domicile or residence;
  - Proof of accommodation.
  - Polio vaccination certificate.
  - **Visa fee is 150 USD.**

## Family reunification visa (D/VF)

### The long-stay visa for family reunification (marked D/VF), in accordance with art. 46 from GEO 194/2002 modified.

(1) The sponsor holding a temporary residence permit valid for one year, an EU Blue Card, a permanent residence permit, or the sponsor who benefits from the refugee status or from subsidiary protection, may request family reunification for the following:

- a. Spouse;
- b. Unmarried minor children of the sponsor or of the spouse, including adopted children;
- c. Unmarried minor children of the sponsor, including adopted children, under the sponsor's care and over whom the sponsor exercises their parental rights. If parental rights are exercised in common, the approval of the second parent is compulsory in order to achieve the family reunification requested by the sponsor.
- d. unmarried minor children of the spouse, including adopted children, under the spouse's care and over whom the spouse exercises their parental rights. If parental rights are exercised in common, the approval of the second parent is compulsory in order to achieve the family reunification requested by the sponsor.
- (2) The Romanian Immigration Office may approve family reunification, provided that legal conditions are met, for the following categories:
  - a. **next-of-kin**, in ascending line, of the sponsor or spouse, if such persons cannot provide for themselves and do not enjoy appropriate family support in their home country;
  - b. **unmarried** adult children of the sponsor or of the spouse, if due to medical reasons, they are unable to provide for themselves;

(3) Unaccompanied underage children who benefit from the refugee status or from subsidiary protection may request family reunification for:

- a. next-of-kin, in ascending line, or legal guardian;
- b. when such persons do not exist or cannot be identified, any other relative of the minor.

(6) The categories of third-country nationals indicated in paragraph (1), holders of a right of stay for scientific research purposes and third-country nationals holders of an EU Blue Card, may request family reunification even when the residence permit is valid less than one year.

(7) The standard application must be submitted to the local units of the Romanian Immigration Office; under whose territorial jurisdiction the applicant legally resides. It must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- a. the marriage certificate or the proof of kinship, as the case may be;
- b. the applicant's authenticated statement, attesting that they will live together with their family members;
- c. a copy of the document that makes the proof of the right of stay on the territory of Romania;
- d. proof of legal ownership of a dwelling place deemed as appropriate for a similar family in Romania;
- e. proof of means of support;
- f. proof of social health insurance of the applicant;

- g. written statement from the person holding joint custody of the minor, for whom family reunification was requested, stating that they are in agreement with the decision for the minor to live with the sponsor on the territory of Romania;
- h. a copy of the travel document held by the family member for whom family reunification was requested.
- i. polio vaccination certificate.

(8) Should any doubts concerning the marriage or the kinship arise, the Romanian Immigration Office may request further proof in order to thoroughly establish the type of relationship between the people concerned.

(9) The application is approved provided that the following conditions are met:

- a. there is no bigamy or polygamy involved;
- b. the applicant owns a dwelling place, similar to what would be considered as appropriate for a similar Romanian family;
- c. the applicant can make the proof of financial means, in addition to those required for their own support, in accordance with national legislation. For each family member, the amount has to equal the minimum net wage;
- d. the person requesting family reunification fulfills the conditions provided for in art. 6 (1) a), e) and h) from GEO 194/2002.

(10) For beneficiaries of the refugee status or of subsidiary protection, who request family reunification, it is not mandatory to submit the documents provided under paragraph (7) d) - f) or to fulfill the conditions provided under paragraph (9) b) and c).

(11) The application shall be decided upon within 3 months from the date of submission.

(12) The approval of the request will be notified to the applicant in writing, in order for it to be subsequently sent to the family members concerned, who will in their turn submit it to one of the diplomatic missions or consular posts of Romania in a period of 60 days from the issue date, along with the Romanian long-stay visa application.

(13) Should the family reunification request be rejected, the third-country national will be notified in writing with regard to reasons for rejection.

(14) The visa is issued by the diplomatic mission or consular posts of Romania from the home country or from the country of residence of the family members.

(15) The visa application must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- a. the notification letter from the Romanian Immigration Office provided for under paragraph (12);
- b. the proof of medical insurance for the period of validity of the visa;
- c. criminal record or any other document that bares the same legal value, issued by the authorities from the applicant's home country or from their country of residence.

(16) The following categories of people may also request a Romanian long-stay visa for family reunification:

- a. third-country nationals married to Romanian citizens;
- b. unmarried third-country nationals who cohabit with unmarried Romanian citizens, provided they have at least one child together, hereinafter referred to as **partners**;
- c. children of Romanian citizens, of the spouse or partner, including adopted children, who are not 21 years of age and who are still in the care of the Romanian citizen, of the spouse or of the partner;
- d. next-of-kin of the Romanian citizen or his/her spouse, in ascending line;
- e. the third-country national who is the parent of an underage Romanian citizen, provided that they can make proof of the fact that the underage citizen is in their care or that there is the obligation of a support pension, provided that this obligation has been regularly fulfilled by the third-country citizen;
- f. third-country nationals, family members of Romanian citizens, who can make proof of registration with a right of residence in another member state.

(17) The visa application submitted by the categories under paragraph (14) (a)-(e) must be accompanied by the marriage certificate issued by Romanian authorities or transcribed according to the provisions of national legislation or, as the case may be, by the proof of kinship or by a document that makes the proof of their relationship as partners.

(17') The visa application submitted by the persons mentioned in paragraph (14) (f) must be accompanied by documents attesting the registration with a right of residence in another member state, as a family member of the Romanian citizen.

(18) The adoption must be settled by means of a decision of a relevant Romanian authority, according to the provisions of national legislation, or by means of a decision of an authority from another state, that generates legal effects on the territory of Romania.

(19) A long-stay visa application for family reunification may be rejected should the application be based on a marriage of convenience which is later determined, in accordance with the provisions of GEO 194/2002 or when a state of bigamy or polygamy is determined.

- **Visa fee is 80 USD.**

- **For economic activities (marked D/AE)**, in accordance with art. 41 from GEO 194/2002 modified – is granted to third-state nationals who will carry out economic activities independently or within family associations, in accordance with the provisions of the national legislation regarding the organization and development of economic activities by natural persons.
- **For studies (marked D/SD)**, in accordance with art. 45 from GEO 194/2002 modified – is granted, upon request, to third-country nationals who wish to enter the territory of Romania as students, or to third-country nationals who partake in pupil-exchange programs.
- **For professional activities (marked D/AP)**, in accordance with art. 42 from GEO 194/2002 modified – is granted to third-country nationals who are bound to carry out such activities in accordance with the special legislation regarding the conditions of exercise of the respective professions.
- **For commercial activities (marked D/AC)**, in accordance with art. 43 from GEO 194/2002 modified – is granted, on the grounds of the prior endorsement of the Romanian Center for the Promotion of Foreign Investments, to third-country nationals who are or will become shareholders or associates, in management and administration positions, within companies which have legal personality in Romania, which will begin an investment, according to the provisions of article 43 from GEO 194/2002, republished and amended by Law no. 157 from 11th July 2011 for the amendment and completion of national legislation on the regime of third-country nationals in Romania.
- **For religious activities (marked D/AR)**, in accordance with art. 47 from GEO 194/2002 modified.
- **For scientific research (marked D/CS)**, in accordance with art. 48 from GEO 194/2002 modified – is granted to third-country nationals, on the grounds of a prior endorsement from the National Scientific Research Authority, as well as from the Romanian Immigration Office, upon request from research and development units and institutions.
- **For diplomatic service (marked DS)**, in accordance with art. 25 from GEO 194/2002 modified – is granted to holders of diplomatic and official passports members of a diplomatic or consular mission that stay in Romania for a longer period of time so as to perform an official duty. Dependents that accompany the officials during the entire mission are also eligible for this type of visa.

## Visa processing fees

Here are the fees charged for the processing and granting of entry visas to Romania:

Type of fee	Charged fee
Airport transit	EUR 60
Transit	EUR 60
Short stay	EUR 60
Long stay	EUR 120

The visa processing fees are charged beforehand, in EUR, as well as in US Dollars or in the currency of the state of residence, as the case may be, based on the average exchange rate to the EUR. In countries with a free currency market, visa fees are usually charged in EUR or in US Dollars.

### No short-stay visa fees are charged for the following categories of applicants:

- foreign officials employed by international organizations that Romania is a party to;
- staff members of foreign diplomatic missions and consulates, persons accompanying state and government officials, parliamentary delegations and other official guests, as well as their family members, on a basis of reciprocity;
- children under 6 years of age;
- pupils and students involved in university graduation, master's degree and doctorate's degree programmes and in post-university courses, as well as their accompanying teachers, who travel for studies or for academic, scientific or professional training;
- researchers travelling to the European Union for scientific research purposes, as they are defined in Recommendation 2005/761/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 September 2005 to facilitate the issue by the Member States of uniform short-stay visas for researchers from third countries travelling within the Community for the purpose of carrying out scientific research;
- representatives of non-profit organizations who are 25 years of age, or younger, and who attend seminars, conferences, sports, cultural or educational events, arranged by non-profit organizations;
- family members of the Romanian citizens, of the citizens of the other Member States of the European Union and the Economic European Area, as well as of the citizens of the Swiss Confederation, whenever they are accompanying or joining such citizens, as family members are defined in art. 2 par. (1) item 3 of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 102/2005 on the free circulation on the territory of Romania of the citizens of the Member States of the European Union and the Economic European Area, as well as of the citizens of the Swiss Confederation, republished, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

## Visa application forms

Application form for short-stay visa

[http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul\\_2018/protectia\\_date\\_cnv/2018.06.11\\_2.\\_formular\\_abc\\_nou\\_v.04.06.2018.pdf](http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul_2018/protectia_date_cnv/2018.06.11_2._formular_abc_nou_v.04.06.2018.pdf)

Application form for long-stay visa

[http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul\\_2018/protectia\\_date\\_cnv/2018.06.11\\_3.\\_formular\\_d\\_nou\\_v.04.06.2018.pdf](http://www.mae.ro/sites/default/files/file/anul_2018/protectia_date_cnv/2018.06.11_3._formular_d_nou_v.04.06.2018.pdf)