

Do I need a visa to enter Slovenia?

[List of countries the citizens of which need a visa to enter Slovenia.](#)

How do I apply for a visa?

Participants of the ABCDE conference will normally have to make an application in person at diplomatic missions and consular posts of the Republic of Slovenia. Documents you should include with your application:

- a valid passport and a copy of its personal information page and other relevant pages (visas, entry and exit stamps, and any other notes);
- original invitation letter issued by the Ministry of Finance of Slovenia (letters will be issued only to accepted participants upon confirmation of their participation)
- two colour photographs of the applicant, sized 45mm × 35mm; the photographs should be unmounted, clear and of good quality; they should be printed on normal photographic paper – [examples of suitable and unsuitable photographs. \(pdf\)](#);
- a certificate of employment/schooling,
- a certificate of travel health insurance (see below).

When submitting the application form, please make sure that:

- you have clearly and correctly filled out the form;
- you have signed the form;
- any supporting documents are originals (copies, faxes, etc. are not allowed);
- you state the duration of your stay;
- you make your application in good time – at least 3 weeks before your travel.

The participants of the ABCDE conference will be **exempt from the visa fee**.

Where do I find visa application forms?

Visa application forms are available online and at all diplomatic missions and consular posts of the Republic of Slovenia where visa application forms may be submitted.

The application form is free of charge. In urgent cases, Slovene diplomatic missions and consular posts may accept an application form used locally by diplomatic missions of other EU Member States.

Where do I apply?

Aliens residing in countries where Slovenia has a diplomatic mission or a consular post authorised to issue visas need to apply for a visa at those representations. In some countries, Slovenia has concluded bilateral agreements with Austria and/or Sweden and their consular posts can issue visas for Slovenia.

[List of DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR POSTS THAT ARE AUTHORISED TO ISSUE SLOVENIAN VISAS](#)

Persons residing in countries where the Republic of Slovenia **does not have** a diplomatic mission or a consular post may apply for a visa at Slovenia's representation **in another country** if their stay in that country is legal. Before applying for a visa, we advise you to contact the selected representation (by phone). Thereby, the selected representation will be aware of your forthcoming application which will facilitate the process.

When applying for a visa at a representation in another country, ABCDE participants have two options:

- i) They can either turn to Slovenia's representation **directly** and submit the application by mail (after having contacted the representation in advance); or
- ii) They can contact Slovenia's representation **through their respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs**. This is standard practice in international relations and can facilitate the issuance of visa. The respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs can address a diplomatic note to the relevant representation of Slovenia together with the visa application.

How long does the visa issuing procedure take?

The visa issuing procedure takes some time. Normally, it lasts a few days, but it is possible that the procedure will last longer due to the verification of data in the application or the supporting documents. It is thus important that the visa be applied for in good time, which means at least 3 weeks before the planned departure. Due to the great number of visa applications received daily, some Slovene diplomatic missions and consular posts have introduced a system of assigning dates for the submission of applications. At present, the system is used by the embassies of the Republic of Slovenia in Bern, Skopje and Belgrade. These embassies have cooperated with the so-called call centres arranging dates to applicants at the selected representation. Especially before the annual leave and holidays, it is necessary to take into account the period of waiting for a date at the embassy.

Travel health insurance

On the issuing of a visa, the diplomatic mission or consular post carrying out the visa procedure requires the applicant to submit a certificate on taking out the relevant travel health insurance. The travel health insurance cover must amount to at least EUR 30,000 and must be valid for the entire area for which the visa was issued. When deciding on the status of individual insurance companies, diplomatic missions and consular posts may also take into account previous experience also gained by diplomatic missions and consular posts of other EU Member States in the region.

Issuing of a visa

When you receive your visa, please make sure that:

- your personal details are correct;
- visa validity and the number of permitted entries enable the realisation of the planned journey;
- it is issued for the purpose for which you want to come to Slovenia.

If the data contained in the visa are incorrect, you should immediately contact the official who issued the visa.