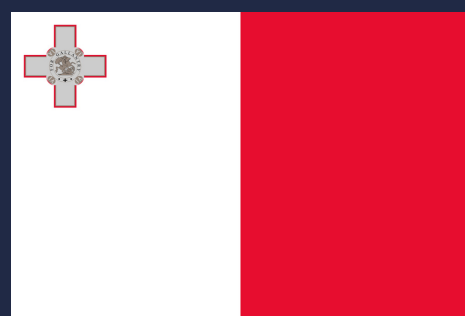




Visa Guide for Pathway Programme Students



MALTA

VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR PATHWAY STUDENTS IN MALTA

Students enrolling in the Pathway Programmes with English Path are required to apply for a Long-Stay Visa (D). This visa covers the full duration of their language studies and is a mandatory prerequisite for obtaining a Maltese Residence Permit.

Upon arrival in Malta, the GBS Malta team will provide guidance and support for students transitioning to a Residence Permit for their Higher Education programme.

Important Notes:

- Students must not travel on a visa-on-arrival or tourist visa, as these do not permit in-country conversion to a Residence Permit.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE VISA?

To check the location of VFS centres for apply visa, please visit:

<https://identita.gov.mt/central-visa-unit-visa-extended-service-branches/>

The Pathway packages include the following mandatory fees for visa processing:

- Extended Service (VFS) fee of €150: Appointments can be booked from the same day.
- Visa Document Check Fee: €50

The EP Admissions team will guide you through the process. Please refer to the checklist on pages 2 and 3, and the step-by-step process on pages 4 and 5 of this visa guide for further details.

If you do not live near the VFS Centre listed on the Identita Malta website, please be sure to inform EP accordingly before we arrange the appointment so that it can be booked with enough notice.

Please be aware that the average visa processing time after the appointment has been attended is 8-10 weeks but could be longer.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED PART I:

***ALL DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NOT IN ENGLISH MUST BE TRANSLATED BY AN OFFICIAL TRANSLATOR**

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Fully completed Visa Application Form and GDPR form signed by the applicant.
- ☐ Applications must be submitted at least **9 weeks before the course commencement date**.
- ☐ Original passport and a full passport copy (front and back cover as well as blank pages to be included). Must be valid for **at least 10 months after the intended stay** and have at least 3 blank pages.
- ☐ One recent Passport size photograph in colour with a white background (3.5cm by 4.5cm).
<https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/photo-requirements/>
- ☐ **Travel medical insurance:**
 - The insurance must be valid for study purposes.
 - The insurance must cover all Schengen countries with a minimum medical expenses coverage of €100,000 or equivalent.
 - The policy must specify the period of validity and must cover the entire stay in the Schengen Zone (including travel dates and the full length of the Higher Education Programme). Covering a minimum of 120 consecutive days.

For more information, please visit <https://schengeninsuranceinfo.com/>

- ☐ **Confirmed travel itinerary [Translated to English]:**

Travel itinerary displaying the student's name, travel dates and all stops. Should the student prefer, they can reserve a flight on either of these websites instead of purchasing a confirmed ticket: <https://visareservation.com/> or <https://dummyticket247.com>. Please note, however, that English Path is not affiliated with either of these websites.

Arrival flight can be up to two weeks before the course starts. Students will be exempt from submitting an exit flight ticket if they provide the VFS office with an official acceptance letter for the MQF Level 5 course and they remain in Malta to conduct this course.

- ☐ **Proof of Accommodation [Translated to English]:**

Confirmation document(s) must indicate the student's name, address, and duration of stay (a minimum of 14 nights from arrival in Malta). A booking confirmation, which states full fees have been paid, is required if accommodation is booked through the school. Confirmation from online platforms such as Airbnb and Booking.com is acceptable.

Own Arrangement: The lease agreement must be signed by both parties (Lessor and Lessee). • Hosted by Maltese resident: The declaration of proof must be stamped and signed by a lawyer or notary, and proof of residence must be provided (ex. Electricity bill). MTA license must be valid and signed by the Malta Tourism Authority. A fully filled and signed rental declaration form must be provided with the MTA license;

- ☐ English Path Malta invitation letter, provided by the school.
- ☐ GBS Malta Acceptance Letter

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED PART II:

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CHECKLIST

Proof of sufficient funds [Translated to English]:

Applicants must show funds equivalent to **at least 75% of the national minimum wage** for each month of their study period. The current minimum wage can be found via the link below.

<https://dier.gov.mt/en/services/employment-conditions/wages/national-minimum-wage/>

- National Minimum Wage (18+): €221.78 per week (€982.17 per month) | 75% = €736.63 per month
- National Minimum Wage (17): €215 per week (€952.14 per month) | 75% = €714.11 per month
- National Minimum Wage (16): €212.16 per week (€939.57 per month) | 75% = €704.68 per month

- Bank letter/certificate from the bank stating the available balance.
- Last 3 months bank statement.
- Bank statements/Certificates cannot be older than 30 days from the VFS appointment date.
- Statement currency should be in euros, or a printout of conversion attached (<https://www.xe.com/>).
- Korean and Japanese nationals can provide a bank certificate only.
- [Bank statements/Certificates should include the owner's ID number.](#)
- [Avoid "fresh money" or big deposits in the previous days of the bank statement issued date.](#)
- [Avoid documents without letterhead or bank information.](#)

International bank card:

- Picture or photocopy of the debit card (Only the front and back side, the card number and expiry date must be visible).
- It must be an international bank card (VISA or MasterCard).
- Bank statements and debit card must be from the same bank.

Sponsorship: *In case the student does not have their own funds.*

- Sponsorship letter/affidavit. The letter should include essential details such as the sponsor's full name, contact information, relationship to the applicant, and a clear statement of financial responsibility. In addition, it should explicitly state that the sponsor will cover the applicant's expenses, including accommodation, transportation, meals, and any other relevant costs. Also, it should include how and when the sponsor will transfer money to the student with account numbers and/or authorisation for the student to use the sponsor's bank card in Malta. Finally, the sponsor should sign the letter.
- Sponsor's bank certificate and bank statements for the last 3 months.
- Sponsor's ID card or passport.

In case of minors, the following documents are also required:

- Birth certificate (original legalised and translated in English).
- Consent letter signed by both parents (original legalised and translated in English).
- Copy of both parents' passport page/ID.

Student will have to pay an additional service charge at the Visa Application Centre (around €100-150, depending on the service and packages that the student chooses while at the VFS centre)

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO APPLY FOR THE VISA

LONG- STAY VISA (D)

ONLINE SUBMISSION SERVICE BY VFS

- Online submission service is only available for students living in **Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Venezuela, USA, Canada** and **Japan**.
- Student needs to live in a city where there is no VFS centre to use this service. For example, if a student's address is in Bogota, they cannot use this online submission service.
- Students would need to have a biometric passport.
- Extra two-way courier fees are to be paid to VFS by the student.
- The process will be 1-2 weeks longer than physically attending a VFS appointment.

COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM

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Fill out the [Information Form](https://forms.office.com/e/wsiJf3pPww) and choose if you would like to use online submission service or to attend face to face appointment (<https://forms.office.com/e/wsiJf3pPww>)

PAY YOUR FEES

02

Full payment is required to initiate visa application.

BOOK VFS APPOINTMENT

03

Once payment has been received, the school invitation letter will be issued and the VFS face-to-face or online submission service will be booked. Once the VFS appointment is booked it cannot be changed **or** cancelled. The visa fee is non-refundable. The visa appointment can be scheduled up to 6 months prior to the course start date.

COMPLETE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

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Complete the documents and send them to the English Path admissions team at least 2 (two) weeks before the VFS appointment.

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ENGLISH PATH DOCUMENT CHECK

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English Path will check the submitted documents. Corrections, if necessary, will be communicated to the agent/admission officer.

DOCUMENTS SUBMISSIONS TO VFS

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Face to face appointment

The students must go to the VFS centre to submit their documents and passport (biometrics will be taken on the same day).

Online submission

The students will receive the designated email address to submit the documents once the online submission appointment has been booked. VFS will reply to the email sent to guide student through the remaining processes. And students would have to submit the documents by courier services as well.

POTENTIAL VISA INTERVIEW

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After submission of documents, students can be contacted to attend an interview. They will be notified of the date and time of the interview via email.

PASSPORT COLLECTION

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Students will be informed by VFS Centre when they can collect their passports with their visa **or** passports will be returned by courier service from VFS. Once students received their visa, please confirm the start date with EP if there are any changes.