

Visa Application Process

Studying for up to 12 weeks:

Do you come from a country that a visa is required when you visit Malta?

Yes	No
<p>You can book up to 12 weeks as a tourist through admissions. You need to get the visa letter and apply for a Schengen Short-Stay Visa (C-Visa).</p>	<p>You can book up to 12 weeks and enter the Schengen Area with your exemption (90 days visa-free) and will be eligible to apply for an extension if you decide to extend your course.</p> <p>Extension: Only if you are a genuine student and have an attendance of at least 85%. (It is not possible to come to Malta for tourism purposes, book a course 2 weeks before the 90 days expire, and apply for a student visa.)</p>

Studying for more than 12 weeks:

If you plan to study for more than 12 weeks, you need to apply for a Long-stay Visa (D Visa, also called 'Study Visa'), before you travel via VFS.GLOBAL.

Advantages of this procedure:

- You can work from your first day in Malta - you will need to apply for the Jobsplus license.
- You are less likely to be stopped at border control or questioned why you are coming to Malta (the school is often getting calls to confirm if students are studying at EP Malta).
- You can travel within the Schengen Area from your first day.
- The visa is multiple entry, which means, you can travel to countries out of the Schengen Area as Serbia or Turkey and come back to Malta.
- Accommodation booking is required for a minimum of 14 nights/15 days.
- You can only apply for your student visa 90 days before your course start date.
- If you are from a visa-exempt country, you can utilise the 90-day visa exemption after completing the course.



Documents required:

- Fully completed Visa Application Form signed by the applicant.
- Original passport and a full passport copy (blank pages included).
- 1 Passport photo according to ICAO Standards.
- Travel medical insurance covering all Schengen countries with a minimum medical expenses coverage of 30,000 EUR.
- Confirmed travel itinerary displaying the student's name and travel dates. Arrival flight can be up to two weeks before the course starts, and return flight must exit Schengen Area within 7 days after the course ends. If the course is more than 6 months, return flight tickets are not requested.
- Proof of accommodation indicating the student's name, address, and duration of stay (a minimum of 14 nights from arrival in Malta). A booking confirmation letter is required if accommodation is booked through the school. Confirmations from platforms such as Airbnb and Booking.com are acceptable.
- Proof of sufficient funds: bank letter/certificate from the bank stating the available balance plus bank statements for the last 3 months.
 - The student should be able to demonstrate 18 euros per day if accommodation is provided by the school.
 - Or 26 euros per day if the student arranges accommodation for the first 14 nights.

If applying with a sponsor, additional documents are needed, including:

- Sponsorship letter/affidavit.
- Sponsor's bank certificate and bank statements for the last 3 months.
- Sponsor's passport/ID (copy).
- School invitation letter, provided by the school.
- Extended Service (VFS) fee of 160 EUR payable to the school.
- **For minors, the following additional documents are required:**
 - Original legalised and translated birth certificate in English.
 - Consent letter signed by both parents, original and translated in English.
 - Copies of both parents' passport bio pages/IDs.

Process:

Step 0: Fill out the Information Form.

Step 1: Pay your fee: *Identita Malta recommends that schools require an initial payment to bolster the credibility of visa applications:*

- Option 1: Course fee less than EUR 2500 – full payment is required including your visa fee EUR160.
- Option 2: Course fee over EUR2500 – 50% of total invoice needs to be paid and your visa fee.

Step 2: Book VFS appointment: Only once the student's documents are approved by the school, the school invitation letter will be issued and the VFS appointment 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 maximum 90 days prior to course start date.

Step 3: Complete the necessary documents: Complete the documents and sent to English Path admissions team at least 2 (two) weeks prior to the VFS appointment.

Step 4: English Path document check: English Path will check the submitted documents. Corrections, if necessary, will be communicated to the agent/admission officer.

Step 5: Attending the VFS Appointment: The students must go to the VFS centre to submit their documents and passport (biometrics will be taken on the same day). On the day of the appointment the student will have to pay an additional service charge at the visa application centre (amount of service charge depends on each Vfs Centre).

Step 6: Potential Visa Interview: After submission of documents students can be called for an interview. They will be notified of the date and time of the interview via email.

Step 7: Passport Collection: Students will be informed by VFS Centre when they can collect their passports with their visa.

Step 8: Confirmation: Confirm your date of arrival with admissions once you have received your visa (at least 2 weeks prior to the desired arrival date).

Please note that missed appointments or interviews will not be rescheduled or refunded and VFS appointments cannot be transferred to another individual.