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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code)¹, and in particular Article 14(5a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 lays down the procedures and conditions for the issuing of visas for intended stays on the territory of Member States that do not exceed 90 days in any 180-day period.
- (2) To ensure a harmonised application of the common visa policy taking into account local circumstances, Article 48(1a), point (a) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 provides that the harmonised lists of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants should be drawn up through local Schengen cooperation in each jurisdiction.
- (3) Implementing Decision C(2012) 4726 final² lists the supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in the United Kingdom.
- (4) Following the latest assessment taking local circumstances into account, the local Schengen cooperation has confirmed that the harmonised list of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in the United Kingdom needs to be revised. The list should be restructured to improve clarity. The revision should also take account of the experience gained in applying the previous list, e.g. by specifying the documents to be submitted as evidence of sufficient means to cover the intended stay and the documents to be submitted for additional travel purposes, e.g. airport transit, should be added. Documents that have become obsolete should no longer be included in the list.
- (5) Implementing Decision C(2012) 4726 should therefore be repealed.
- (6) For applicants that are known to consulates for their integrity and reliability, it should be possible for those consulates to waive the requirements of Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, in line with Article 14(6) of that Regulation. It should also be possible, in justified cases, for consulates to request additional documents

¹ OJ L 243, 15.9.2009, p. 1.

² Commission Implementing Decision of 11 July 2012 establishing the list of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in the United Kingdom.

during an examination of an application, in line with Article 21(8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009.

- (7) Given that Denmark notified the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, which builds on the Schengen *acquis*, in its national law, in line Article 4 of Protocol (No 22) on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is bound under international law to implement this Decision.
- (8) As regards Ireland, this Decision constitutes a development in the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland does not take part, in line with Council Decision 2002/192/EC³. Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (9) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development in the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latters' association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁴, which fall under the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC⁵.
- (10) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development in the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁶, which fall under the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Decision 1999/437/EC, read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC⁷.
- (11) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development in the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Protocol signed between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁸, which fall under the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU⁹.

³ Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20).

⁴ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36.

⁵ Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31).

⁶ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52.

⁷ Council Decision 2008/146/EC of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 1).

⁸ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21.

⁹ Council Decision 2011/350/EU of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss

- (12) This Decision constitutes an act building on the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession, Article 4(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession and Article 4(2) of the 2011 Act of Accession.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Visa Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in the United Kingdom is set out in the Annex.

Article 2

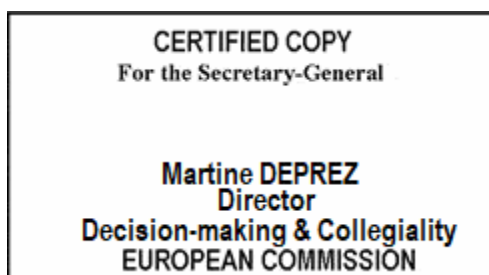
Implementing Decision C(2012) 4726 is repealed.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Republic of Croatia, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 6.9.2021

For the Commission
Ylva JOHANSSON
Member of the Commission



Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*, relating to the abolition of checks at internal borders and movement of persons (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 19).



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List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in the United Kingdom

I. General requirements for all applicants

1. A United Kingdom residence permit valid for at least one month beyond the intended departure from the territory of the Member States.
2. Proof of reserved return ticket to the United Kingdom, or proof of onward travel (if not returning to the United Kingdom), such as authorisation of entry into the country of destination, confirmed overseas ticket, proof of sufficient means to cover such costs.
3. Proof of accommodation or of sufficient means to cover the costs of accommodation. If relevant, such proof may be given through a proof of sponsorship by means of an official form (certificate of board and lodging).
4. Nominative United Kingdom bank account statements covering at least the last three months and showing the balance.
5. Credit card(s) and credit card account statement indicating the cardholder's name and address. The statement must contain information on the monthly limit or the spending cap.
6. If the applicant is financially supported by:
 - his/her spouse:
 - a) a marriage certificate;
 - b) the spouse's bank account statements (see above); and
 - c) a statement of will to support the spouse.
 - her/his parent(s):
 - a) proof of family relationship, e.g. birth certificate;
 - b) the parent(s) bank account statement (see above); and
 - c) a statement of will to support the applicant.
7. Employees:
 - a) Recent, official and signed letter from their employer with name, date of issue, address, contact details, position of signatory and registration number in the United Kingdom. The position and salary of the employee should also be indicated; and
 - b) pay slips for the last three months.

8. Self-employed:

- a) Recent, official and signed letter from an accountant, banker or solicitor with name, date of issue, address, contact details, position of signatory and registration number in the United Kingdom, stating the nature of the self-employment or business ownership in the United Kingdom. The letter must also state the annual salary drawn from the company; and
- b) self-assessment form edited by revenue and customs authorities.

9. Students:

Recent, official and signed letter from school, college or university in the United Kingdom stating date of issue, name of the applicant, type of studies, number of lessons (hours) per week and attendance record.

10. Minors (children below 18 years)

- a) birth certificate; and

For minors travelling alone or with only one parent (exceptions are made if one parent has the sole custody or residence order for the child):

- b) original passports of both parents, or certified copy of the biodata page of the passports;
- c) proof of consent of parental authority or legal guardian; and
- d) British school certificate.

In the case of sole custody, the following documents must be submitted:

- a) birth certificate mentioning one parent;
- b) death certificate of absent parent; or
- c) court ruling.

II. Documents to be submitted depending on the purpose of travel

1. Business:

- an invitation from a firm or an authority to attend meetings, conferences, or proof of registration for events connected with trade, industry or work;
- other documents that show the existence of trade relations or relations for work purposes; or
- entry tickets or registration for fairs and congresses.

2. Study or professional training:

- a certificate of enrolment at an educational establishment (school, university, college, etc.) for the purposes of attending vocational or theoretical courses for basic and further training;
- student card or certificate of the courses to be attended;

- documents in relation to accommodation, or proof of sufficient means to cover the accommodation; and
 - internship agreement, if relevant.
3. Tourism:
- confirmed hotel booking for the full stay in the territory of a Member State or proof of sufficient means to cover accommodation during the intended stay; or
 - booking confirmation of a tour or any other appropriate document, such as the list of persons taking part in the tour.
4. Private (family/friends) visit:
- if no sponsorship form (see point I. 3.) has been presented: copy of the biodata page of the passport or residence permit of the host in the Member State, if applicable; and
 - proof of (family) relationship.
5. Medical treatment:
- an official document of the medical institution confirming the necessity of medical care in that institution;
 - proof of pre-payment of medical treatment; or
 - proof of sufficient financial means to pay for the entire medical treatment.
6. Official delegations travelling on the basis of an official invitation addressed to the government of the third country concerned, to participate in meetings, consultations, negotiations or exchange programmes, as well as in events held in the territory of a Member State by intergovernmental organisations:
- a letter issued by an authority of the third country concerned confirming that the applicant is a member of the official delegation travelling to a Member State to participate in the above-mentioned events, accompanied by a copy of the official invitation from the intergovernmental organisation in the Member State; or
 - a verbal note.
7. Seafarers:
- seaman's book, if applicable;
 - a recent, signed and official letter from recruiting company stating the name and rank of the seafarer; and
 - vessel's name, vessel's arrival date in port and the date the seafarer joined the vessel.
8. Lorry drivers:

- a recent, signed and official letter from the national association (union) of carriers of the host country providing for international road transportation, stating the purpose, duration and frequency of the trips;
- written request from the partner company based in the Member State;
- driver's licence for international transport; and
- way bill.

9. Airport transit:

- Visa or entry permit for the country of final destination and confirmed tickets for the onward journey.