

Panama Authorized Visa

AUTHORIZED VISA AND EXEMPTION

Panama has visitor restrictions for citizens of certain countries, primarily in Africa and the Middle East, based on health or security concerns. These citizens require an authorized tourist visa before entering the country. The application can be made through the nearest Panamanian Consulate or Embassy at their home countries or in the neighboring country's Panamanian consulate. There are two types of authorized visa.

The tourist authorized visa;

The authorized visa to process residency.

Some foreigners apply for a tourist authorized visa. Once in Panama, they apply for the authorized visa to process residence because to request this visa, you need to present all the paperwork as if you are applying for the residency in Panama.

The applicant must submit a request 60 days in advance because it is the Panama National Council of Public Safety and National Defense, who verifies the application and provides an answer. This National Council, along with the National Immigration Service, have full discretion to decide whether to approve or not the Authorized Tourist Visa.

Requirements to apply for an authorized visa:

1. Application form properly completed
2. Original passport, valid for at least three months.
3. Four photographs (size: 2x2, with white background)
4. Copy of resident card, personal identification document from the country of origin, or a permanent resident card or visa, if applicable.
5. Flight reservation with an itinerary of trip continuation or electronic ticket.
6. Hotel reservation (if applicable)
7. Proof of economic solvency, demonstrating no less than USD 500 per month verify with any of the following:
 - certified bank checks with the applicant's name.
 - Travelers check with the applicant's name.
 - The applicant bank statements from the previous three months.
 - The applicant credit card with statements from the previous three months.
 - Tax returns from the previous fiscal year.
 - Any other reasonable proof of income accepted by the national service for migration.
8. Work requirements:
 - if the applicant works for a public or private entity: work letter with receipt of the last paycheck.
 - If the applicant is retired or receiving pension, a document that indicates pension along with the receipt.
 - If the applicant is a student (at least 18 years old), a certification from academic entity indicating field of study and academic period.
 - If the applicant is economically dependent: a declaration or notarized document from a family member in which the person states that he or she is responsible for the applicant's expenses during the trip.
9. Declaration or notarized document from the person that is inviting (if applicable). An Invitation Letter can be issued from the person or company responsible for the applicant's visit to Panama. This is required when there is no Hotel Reservation. Natural persons (whether citizens or residents) or Companies (government or private) may issue this invitation letter.

If invited by permanent or temporary Panamanian residents, the applicant needs to include a valid copy of id (cédula) of

the Panamanian resident.

If the host is a foreigner, a copy of general information from passport and temporary or permanent resident card or id (cédula)

if the person responsible is a public or private entity. A letter of responsibility front entity's legal representative (if a university from dean or equivalent)

if the person responsible is a private entity, it must include: certificate from public registry, copy of operation key from colon free zone (if applicable), certification of the existence of the university, education center, or city of knowledge (if applicable)

In all the cases mentioned above, a copy of the receipt from the previous utility bill that includes the entity's address.

10. In case of a private company taking responsibility for the guest must prove economic solvency with one of the following documents:

A bank certificate valid for at least three (3) months.

A work letter and social security number.

If covering the applicant's expenses must present a declaration or notarized document in which they assume the responsibility.

11. If the application is for a person under 18 years of age, it must be submitted by one of the parents or whoever has custody, and this person must include the following:

Birth certificate authenticated by Panamanian consul and by the foreign relations ministry if applied from Panama and for visas approved directly by the national service for migration.

Authorization by one of the parents for leaving the country if the minor is not traveling with both parents or persons that has custody, detailing the length of stay, the person responsible in Panama and their address, phone number, and source for covering minor's expenses.

12. Certified check or money order for USD 135.00 made out to the consulate of Panama.

13. Self-addressed prepaid envelope for return of documents.

Exemption: Citizens of restricted countries are exempt from the Panamanian Authorized Tourist Visa if they have a valid Visa or Residence duly issued by:

The USA,

Canada,

The United States of the Commonwealth of Australia,

The Republic of Korea,

The State of Japan,

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Republic of Singapore

Any of the States that make up the European Union.

The visa granted by the countries mentioned above must be:

A multiple entry visa.

Has been used previously in the territory of the granting State

Its validity shall not be less than six (6) months at the time of entering Panamanian territory.

In other words, it will not be necessary to request an authorized visa if the applicant meets the following criteria:

The applicant has a valid passport with a minimum of three months of validity. (I recommend six months to avoid any inconvenience at entry points)

The applicant has a multiple entry visa of the countries mentioned above

This Residence or Tourist Visa must be valid for at least six months

This residence or Tourist visa must have been used at least once to visit the granting country

Immigration officers are accepting the visa exemption if the holder has a valid permanent residence card of the United States.

Also, the applicant must prove economic solvency for a minimum of USD 500.00 upon entering and have a round trip ticket.



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	PAÍS	VISA AUTORIZADA	VISA ESTAMPADA	SUPRESIÓN DE VISA EN PASAPORTES ORDINARIOS	SUPRESIÓN DE VISAS EN PASAPORTES DIPLOMÁTICOS, CONSULARES, OFICIALES, DE SERVICIO Y/O ESPECIALES
1	Afganistán	X			
2	Albania	X			
3	Antigua y Barbuda			X	X
4	Alemania			X	X
5	Angola			X	X
6	Andorra			X	X
7	Argentina			X	X
8	Arabia Saudita			X	X
9	Armenia			X	X
10	Argelia	X			
11	Australia			X	X
12	Austria			X	X
13	Azerbaiyán	X			
14	Barbados			X	X
15	Bolivia			X	X
16	Bahamas			X	X
17	Bosnia- Herzegovina			X	X
18	Brasil			X	X
19	Bélgica			X	X
20	Bahrein	X			
21	Benin	X			
22	Burkina Faso	X			
23	Burundi	X			
24	Bangladesh	X			
25	Bhután			X	X
26	Brunei			X	X
27	Bielorrusia			X	X
28	Bulgaria			X	X
29	Botswana			X	X
30	Belice			X	X
31	Cabo Verde			X	X
32	Canadá			X	X
33	Camboya			X	X
34	Camerun		X		
35	Colombia			X	X
36	Corea (Corea del Sur)			X	X
37	Costa Rica			X	X
38	Chad	X			
39	Costa de Marfil	X			
40	Chile			X	X
41	Chipre			X	X
42	Croacia			X	X
43	Cuba	X			X
44	Dinamarca			X	X
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45	Djibouti	X			
46	Dominica			X	X

47	 Ecuador			X	X
48	 El Salvador			X	X
49	 Emiratos Árabes Unidos			X	X
50	 España			X	X
51	 Estados Unidos			X	X
52	 Eritrea	X			
53	 Eslovaquia			X	X
54	 Eslovenia			X	X
55	 Estonia			X	X
56	 Egipto	X			
57	 Etiopía	X			
58	 Francia			X	X
59	 Federación de Rusia		X		X
60	 Filipinas		X		X
61	 Fiji			X	X
62	 Finlandia			X	X
63	 Guatemala			X	X
64	 Georgia			X	X
65	 Gambia	X			
66	 Guinea	X			
67	 Guinea-Bissau	X			
68	 Guinea Ecuatorial	X			
69	 Gabón			X	X
70	 Ghana		X		
71	 Granada			X	X
72	 Guyana			X	X
73	 Haití	X			X
74	 Honduras			X	X
75	 Hungría			X	X
76	 India	X			
77	 Indonesia	X			
78	 Irán	X			
79	 Irak	X			
80	 Israel			X	X
81	 Islas Marshall			X	X
82	 Islas Comores			X	X
83	 Islas Salomón			X	X
84	 Italia			X	X
85	 Islandia			X	X
86	 Irlanda			X	X
87	 Japón			X	X
88	 Jordania	X			
89	 Jamaica			X	X
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90	 Kazajistán	X			
91	 Kirguistán	X			
92	 Kuwait			X	X
93	 Kenya			X	X
94	 Kiribati			X	X
95	 Lituania			X	X
96	Laos	X			
97	Líbano	X			
98	Lesotho	X			

98		Lebanón	X			
99		Liberia	X			
100		Libia	X			
101		Letonia			X	X
102		Liechtenstein			X	X
103		Luxemburgo			X	X
104		Macedonia			x	X
105		Malasia			x	X
106		México			X	X
107		Mónaco			X	X
108		Moldavia			X	X
109		Maldivas			X	X
110		Malta			X	X
111		Mongolia			X	X
112		Montenegro			X	X
113		Micronesia			X	X
114		Madagascar			X	X
115		Malawi		X		
116		Mauricio			X	X
117		Mali	X			
118		Myanmar	X			
119		Mauritania	X			
120		Marruecos	X			
121		Mozambique	X			
122		Namibia			X	X
123		Níger	X			
124		Nigeria	X			
125		Nepal	X			
126		Nueva Zelanda			X	X
127		Nicaragua			X	X
128		Nauru			X	X
129		Noruega			X	X
130		Omán	X			
131		Países Bajos			X	X
132		Paraguay			X	X
133		Palau			X	X
134		Palestina	X			
135		Pakistan	X			
136		Papua Nueva Guinea			X	X
137		Perú			X	X
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138		Polonia			X	X
139		Portugal			X	X
140		Qatar			X	X
141		Rep. De China (Taiwan)			X	X
142		Rep. Popular de Corea	X			
143		Rep. Centroafricana		X		
144		República del Congo		X		
145		Rep. Democrática del Congo	X			
146		Ruanda	X			
147		Rep. Saharaui			X	X
148		Reino de Gran Bretaña			X	X
149		Rep. Checa			X	X

150	 Rep. Dominicana		X		X
151	 Rep. Eslovaca			X	X
152	 Rep. Helénica			X	X
153	 Rep. Popular de China	X			
154	 Rumania			X	X
155	 San Cristóbal y Nieves			X	X
156	 Santa Lucía			X	X
157	 San Vicente y las Granadinas			X	X
158	 Santa Sede			X	X
159	 Seychelles			X	X
160	 Serbia			X	X
161	 Swazilandia		X		
162	 Suiza			X	X
163	 Singapur			X	X
164	 Santo Tomás y Príncipe			X	X
165	 Senegal	X			
166	 Sierra Leona	X			
167	 Suecia			X	X
168	 Somalia	X			
169	 Sudán	X			
170	 Sudáfrica			X	X
171	 Samoa			X	X
172	 Siria	X			
173	 Srilanka	X			
174	 San Marino			X	X
175	 Suriname	X			
176	 Trinidad y Tobago			X	X
177	 Tailandia			X	X
178	 Togo		X		
179	 Tanzania	X			
180	 Túnez	X			
181	 Tayikistán	X			
182	 Turkmenistán	X			
183	 Tonga			X	X
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184	 Turquía			X	X
185	 Tuvalu			X	X
186	 Ucrania			X	X
187	 Uganda	X			
188	 Uzbekistan	X			
189	 Uruguay			X	X
190	 Venezuela			X	X
191	 Vanuatu			X	X
192	 Vietnam			X	X
193	 Zambia	X			
194	 Zimbabwe		X		
195	 Yemen	X			
196	BNO (ciudadanos de Ultramar)			X	X

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