

Albania Visa Guide

➤ **Airport Transit Visa (Type A)**

Purpose

- Transit through the international transit area of an Albanian airport.

➤ **Validity**

Transit only.

➤ **Processing Time**

Usually **7–15 working days**.

➤ **Required Documents**

- Valid Passport
- Visa Application Form
- Passport-size Photograph
- Proof of onward travel
- Visa for final destination (if required)

➤ **Short-Stay Visa (Type C)**

Suitable For

- Tourism
- Business Meetings
- Family Visits
- Conferences
- Medical Treatment
- Short Training

Stay Period

Maximum **90 days within any 180-day period**.

➤ **Required Documents**

- Passport
- Visa Application Form
- Passport-size Photographs
- Travel Medical Insurance
- Flight Reservation
- Hotel Reservation / Invitation Letter
- Financial Proof

Processing Time

Usually **10–15 calendar days**.

➤ **Long-Stay Visa (Type D)**

Suitable For

- Employment

- Study
- Business
- Family Reunification
- Research

Validity

Generally issued for **up to 1 year**, depending on the purpose of stay.

➤ **Required Documents**

- Passport
- Employment Contract / Admission Letter
- Accommodation Proof
- Financial Means
- Health Insurance
- Police Clearance (where applicable)

Processing Time

Usually **15–30 working days**.

➤ **Work Permit / Single Permit**

Foreign nationals intending to work in Albania generally require authorization before commencing employment.

Suitable For

- Construction Workers
- Manufacturing Workers
- Hospitality Staff
- Healthcare Professionals
- IT Specialists
- Logistics Workers
- Agricultural Workers
- Engineers
- Skilled Trades

➤ **Employer Responsibilities**

- Issue a valid employment contract.
- Register employment with the competent authorities.
- Ensure compliance with Albanian labour laws.
- Assist with work and residence permit procedures where required.

Processing Time

Approximately **30–45 days**.

➤ **Temporary Residence Permit**

Available for:

- Employment
- Business

- Study
- Family Reunification
- Other legal purposes

Validity

Usually **up to 1 year**, renewable depending on eligibility.

Processing Time

Approximately **30–60 days**.

➤ **Permanent Residence Permit**

Foreign nationals who satisfy Albania's legal residence requirements may apply for permanent residence.

➤ **Benefits**

- Long-term residence rights
- Easier access to employment
- Family reunification benefits
- Long-term legal status

Processing Time

Approximately **2–6 months**.

➤ **Standard Recruitment Process**

➤ **Step 1**

Employer submits manpower requirement.

➤ **Step 2**

Recruitment agency sources suitable candidates.

➤ **Step 3**

Resume screening and preliminary interviews.

➤ **Step 4**

Employer interviews and selects candidates.

➤ **Step 5**

Employment contract issued.

➤ **Step 6**

Work authorization and residence application prepared.

➤ **Step 7**

Long-Stay Visa (Type D) application submitted.

➤ **Step 8**

Government processing and approval.

➤ **Step 9**

Travel to Albania.

➤ **Step 10**

Residence registration after arrival.

➤ **Step 11**

Employment begins.

➤ **Employer Responsibilities**

Employers should:

- Be legally registered in Albania.
- Provide a genuine employment contract.
- Comply with Albanian labour legislation.
- Register foreign workers where required.
- Fulfil tax and social security obligations.

➤ **Documents Required (Employment)**

Generally include:

- Valid Passport
- Passport-size Photographs
- Employment Contract
- Educational Certificates
- Experience Certificates
- Health Insurance
- Accommodation Details
- Police Clearance (where applicable)
- Completed Visa and Residence Applications

Government Immigration Portals

Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEFA)

Official Visa Information

<https://punetejashtme.gov.al>

Visa Information Portal

<https://e-visa.al>