

Poland Visa Guide

➤ Schengen Visa (Type C)

Purpose

- Tourism
- Business meetings
- Family visits
- Conferences
- Short training
- Medical visits

➤ Stay Period

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

➤ Required Documents

- Passport
- Visa application
- Passport photographs
- Travel insurance
- Flight itinerary
- Hotel booking or invitation
- Proof of financial means
- Employment or business documents

❖ Processing Time

- ✓ Usually **around 15 calendar days**, although additional checks can extend processing.

➤ National Visa (Type D)

Suitable For

- Employment

- Study
- Research
- Family reunification
- Long-term residence

➤ **Validity**

- ✓ **Up to 365 days.**

➤ **Typical Documents**

- Passport
- Visa application
- Employment contract or university admission
- Accommodation proof
- Medical insurance
- Financial proof

❖ **Processing Time**

- ✓ **Generally 15–60 days, depending on the application and consulate.**

➤ **Work Permit**

- ✓ Most non-EU nationals require a work permit unless exempt under Polish or EU law.

➤ **Common Work Permit Types**

- Type A – Employment with a Polish employer (most common)
- Type B – Management board members
- Type C – Posted workers within the same company
- Type D – Export services
- Type E – Other temporary assignments

➤ **Employer Responsibilities**

- Obtain the required work authorization (where applicable)
- Issue a legal employment contract
- Register the employee with the relevant authorities

- Comply with Polish labour laws

❖ **Processing Time**

- ✓ Usually 1–2 months, depending on the Voivode (regional authority).

➤ **Temporary Residence Permit**

Suitable for:

- Employment
- Business
- Study
- Family reunification

✓ **Validity**

- ✓ Typically up to 3 years, depending on the basis for residence.

❖ **Processing Time**

- ✓ Often 3–6 months, though timelines vary by region and application volume.

➤ **EU Blue Card**

Designed for highly qualified professionals with:

- Higher education or equivalent qualifications
- Employment meeting the statutory salary threshold

➤ **Benefits include:**

- Long-term employment rights
- Family reunification options
- Mobility opportunities within the EU under applicable rules

➤ **Student Residence**

➤ **Students admitted to recognized Polish educational institutions can apply for:**

- National Visa (Type D)
- Temporary Residence Permit

➤ **Required documents generally include:**

- Admission letter
- Passport
- Health insurance
- Financial proof
- Accommodation details

➤ **Family Reunification**

Eligible family members of legal residents may apply for:

- National Visa
- Temporary Residence Permit

➤ **Typical documents:**

- Marriage or birth certificates
- Sponsor's residence documents
- Accommodation evidence
- Financial support evidence

➤ **Common Reasons for Visa Refusal**

- Incomplete application
- Insufficient financial evidence
- Missing supporting documents
- Unverified employment offer
- False or inconsistent information
- Security or immigration concerns
- Failure to meet visa requirements

➤ **Government Immigration Portals**

Official immigration resources:

- **Office for Foreigners (UdSC):** <https://www.gov.pl/web/udsc>
- **Visa Information (Ministry of Foreign Affairs):** <https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas>

➤ **Official Government Websites**

- **Office for Foreigners (UdSC):** <https://www.gov.pl/web/udsc>
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Visa Information:** <https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas>
- **Polish Government Portal:** <https://www.gov.pl>

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