

Guidelines for reading the visa sticker type A, C and D

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EXAMPLE 1A: UNIFORM SINGLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA

UNIFORM MULTIPLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA

EXAMPLE 1C: UNIFORM MULTIPLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA ISSUED IN REPRESENTATION



When a Member State issues a visa in representation of another Member States, the letter "R/*Code of the represented Member State*" must be entered in the "Remarks" section, in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

In the example shown the Netherlands issued a visa on behalf of Denmark.

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In the example shown, the visa is valid for the territory of all the Member States applying the Schengen acquis except for the Czech Republic, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain.

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The duration of validity of the visa is calculated as follows: date of first intended entry (in this example 01.04.10) + period of transit (in this example 6 days) + 15 days of "period of grace".

The mention "TRANSIT" is added in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

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The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of first intended entry (in this example 01.04.10) until the date of the end of validity of the visa (in this example 31.08.10).

In this example the visa is valid for 5 months and the holder is allowed two transits of a total duration of 7 days.

The mention "TRANSIT" is added in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

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The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of first intended entry (in this example 01.04.10) until the date of the end of validity of the visa (in this example 31.03.14).

In this example the holder is allowed to enter the territory of Member States several times. Therefore "MULT" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

A uniform visa is valid for all Member States and therefore "Schengen States" is entered under the heading "valid for".

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The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of first intended entry (in this example 01.04.10) until the date of the end of validity of the visa (in this example 30.09.10).

In this example the holder is allowed to enter the territory of Member States several times. Therefore "MULT" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

A uniform visa is valid for all Member States and therefore "Schengen States" is entered under the heading "valid for".

**UNIFORM MULTIPLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA ISSUED
FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSIT**



Type of visa: the short stay visa bears the identification code "C".

The duration of the stay allowed by a multiple-entry C visa issued for the purpose of transit and valid for less than 6 months depends on the transit time necessary for each transit.

In this example the visa is valid for 4 months and the duration of the accumulated transits allowed is 24 days.

In this example the holder is allowed to enter the territory of Member States several times. Therefore "MULT" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

The mention "TRANSIT" is added in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

A uniform visa is valid for all Member States and therefore "Schengen States" is entered under the heading "valid for".

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The single ATV allows the holder to transit through the international transit area of an airport of one Member State (the Netherlands in this example) and therefore "Netherlands" is entered in the heading "valid for".

An ATV does not allow the holder to enter the territory of the Member States and therefore the heading "duration of stay" should be filled in by "XXX".

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EXAMPLE 3C: DUAL AIRPORT TRANSIT VISA (ATV) FOR TRAVELS VIA AIRPORTS IN TWO MEMBER STATES



Type of visa: an ATV bears the identification code "A".

A dual ATV may also allow the holder to transit through the international transit area of airports of different Member States on the outward and the return journey and therefore the names of those Member States are entered under the heading "valid for" (Netherlands and France in this example).

In this example the holder intends to transit through the airports in two Member States. Therefore "02" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of intended airport transit (in the example shown 13.09.10) + period of stay in location of destination outside the territory of the Member States + date of second airport transit (in the example shown 27.09.10), + 15 days of "period of grace" unless such a period is not granted in accordance with the Visa Code, Article 26 (2), 2nd paragraph.

An ATV does not allow the holder to enter the territory of the Member States and therefore the heading "duration of stay" should be filled in by "XXX".

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A multiple ATV allows the holder to several transits through the international transit area of airports of a Member State and therefore the code of that Member State is entered under the heading "valid for" (Netherlands in this example).

The duration of the validity of the visa is calculated as follows: date of first intended airport transit + six months.

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EXAMPLE 3E: MULTIPLE AIRPORT TRANSIT VISA (ATV), VALID FOR ALL MEMBER STATES



Type of visa: an ATV bears the identification code "A".

A multiple ATV valid for all Member States allows the holder to several transits through the international transit area of airports of all Member States and therefore "Schengen States" is entered under the heading "valid for".

In this example the holder intends to transit through the airports in several Member States several times. Therefore "MULT" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

The duration of the validity of the visa is calculated as follows: date of first intended airport transit + six months.

An ATV does not allow the holder to enter the territory of the Member States and therefore the heading "duration of stay" should be filled in by "XXX".

EXAMPLE 4: VISA D = VISA FOR A LONG STAY



Visas for stays exceeding 90 days in any 180 day period (D visas or long-stay visas) are national visas issued by one of the Member States in accordance with its national law or Union law.

Such visas are issued using the uniform format for visas as set out in Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95, specifying the type of visa with the letter 'D' in the heading. They shall be completed in accordance with the relevant provisions of Annex VII 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).

Long-stay visas shall have a period of validity of no more than one year. If a Member State authorises an third country national to stay for more than one year, the long-stay visa shall be replaced before the expiry of its period of validity by a residence permit.

Third country nationals who are holders of a valid long-stay visa - type "D" - issued by one of the Schengen states may travel visa free to the territory of other Schengen Member states. Such a visa also allows them to stay on the territory of the other Schengen states for a maximum of 90 days within a period of 180 days. All this, of course, within the period of validity indicated on the visa.

For travelling to the Schengen area: D visa delivered by Bulgaria, Romania, Cyprus and Ireland however don't have any visa free value.