LONG STAY VISA (VISA D)

When is it issued?
A long-stay visa is issued to a foreigner who wishes to settle for a long term or permanently in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Stay duration
A long-stay visa of up to 6 months and a right to stay of up to 180 days is issued to foreigners who wish to settle for a long term or permanently in the Republic of Bulgaria (under article 15, paragraph 1 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act)

A long-stay visa with a validity term of up to one year and a right to stay up to 360 days may be issued to foreigners who perform science research or are students under tuition programmes for up to one year, post-graduate or trainee students, foreigners sent on assignment by a foreign employer for the performance of specific tasks, related to control and coordination of a tourist services contract as well as foreigners sent on assignment by a foreign employer for implementing investments under the Investment Promotion Act (under article 15, paragraph 2 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act).

Definition
The long-stay visa entitles the holder to multiple entries in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria within its validity term.

The long-stay is cancelled on issuing a permit for stay by the authorities for administrative control of foreigners.

Application
The application for issuing a long-stay visa is submitted only in the diplomatic and consular missions at the permanent place of residence of the applicant or the missions accredited in the state of the applicant's permanent residence. Information on the diplomatic and consular missions for all countries is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs https://www.mfa.bg/en/

Persons staying legally in a third country, different from the country of their permanent residence, may, as an exception, apply in this third country after explaining the reasons thereof and if their return to the state of permanent residence is guaranteed.

Requirement for an interview with the applicant
No exception shall be made from the requirement for a personal interview when applying for a long-stay visa.

Documents to be presented by the applicant
When applying for the issue of a long-stay visa the applicant shall present the following documents:

- Visa application form
- A regular foreign travel document
- Copies of the pages of the foreign travel document with the personal information and the visas laid and/or copies of the permits for stay possessed

- Recent passport-size color photograph
- Original documents and two copies thereof substantiating the application:
    - Certificate issued by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Bulgaria
    - Verification from the Naval Academy - Varna
    - Proof of the financial resources possessed for subsistence and accommodation.

Other requirements
In order to obtain long-stay permission the person should have a home, obligatory health insurance, sufficient subsistence means, without resorting to the social assistance system, amounting to at least the minimum monthly wage or the minimum pension according to Bulgarian law for the period of stay**.**

Initial application
On the initial application for permission for stay the persons who are over the age of 18, with the exception of the stateless persons, shall present a previous convictions certificate issued by the state whose citizens are or by the state of their customary residence.
For more information about Visa issues and Residence permit see the information on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs https://www.mfa.bg/en/

Non-EU citizens are required to register at Varna Migration Office within five days after their arrival to Bulgaria.