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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.