

Documentation guidelines for individual tourist visa applications

The following is a non-exhaustive list of some of the most common mistakes when filling out the application form and preparing supplementary documentation, and is meant merely as a guide to applicants, in order to avoid a delay in the processing of your application due to incorrect or missing documentation.

Application form:

Signature: The application form must be signed both in field 37 and in the signature field at the bottom of the application form. Both fields marked “place and date” should be filled out with the same place and date. For applicants under the age of 18, both parents must sign the application form (unless one parent has sole custody, in which case this must be carefully documented with legalized documents).

Photo: The photo must be less than 6 months old and of good resolution. If the quality does not meet the requirements, a new photo will be requested. For photo requirements, please click [here](#).

Supplementary documentation:

Insurance: The insurance policy must mention that the insurance covers “Schengen”, and not only “Denmark.”

The insurance should cover a minimum of 30.000 Euro (300.000 RMB) specifically for “medical expenses” (sometimes written as “medical reimbursement.”) An insurance that only covers “accidental injury”, “accidental death”, “repatriation” etc. is insufficient.

If the validity period of the insurance is defined in “Beijing time”, the insurance may be invalid by the time of departure due to the 6-7 hour time difference between Beijing and Schengen. Therefore, it is highly recommended, and often necessary, to buy insurance for at least one extra day past the planned date of return.

Itinerary: The itinerary should reflect applicant’s actual travel plan – including specific tourist spots – and should not be a standard-itinerary provided by a travel agency. Applicants should be familiar with the details of the itinerary, as the embassy may call applicants to ask questions regarding the trip. It is important that the itinerary matches both hotel and flight reservations.

Employment letter: Employment letters should be signed, not only stamped, by the company/organization. Applicants cannot sign the employment letter themselves (unless they are the legal representative of the company).

Retired applicants should enclose a copy of their retirement certificate

Legalized documents: Children under the age of 18 who will travel without one or both parents must enclose a legalized notary certificate of family relation or proof of guardianship and a legalized notary certificate of consent signed by the non-travelling parent(s); a document without legalization by the MFA is insufficient. Also, for minors it is very important that applicant’s parents both sign the application form personally.

Combining family visit and tourism: If the applicant is going on a combination of a family/friend visit and a tourist trip, the lists for family visit and tourism should be combined to show the purpose of the entire trip.

Supporting documentation: Applications are assessed individually according to the documents provided by the applicant. To strengthen their profile, applicants can choose to enclose proof of property or car ownership, or documentation of previous travels abroad.