

Article 5.
(Visa at the border)

(1) In exceptional cases, the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: Border Police) may issue a visa to an alien at the border. In that case, in accordance with Article 36. Paragraph (5) of the Law, the alien is issued a short-term stay visa (Visa C) for a single entry for up to 15 days or an airport transit visa (Visa A) for a transit with one day validity.

(2) Reasons for issuing a visa at the border may be the following:

- a) Issuing a visa for security reasons for Bosnia and Herzegovina – if there is a written request from the Service for Foreigners (hereinafter: Service) submitted to the Border Police,
- b) Issuing a visa for humanitarian reasons – includes emergency medical interventions and medical evacuations, the participation of specialised teams in humanitarian find and rescue actions during natural and other disasters etc.,
- c) Issuing visas for serious professional reasons – includes members and associates of foreign delegations attending official meetings by invitation of domestic institutions, foreign businessmen and representatives of companies attending official meetings by invitation of domestic institutions or companies, members of sport clubs, associations and representations participating in international sport competitions by invitation of sports federations etc.,
- d) Issuing a visa for unforeseeable and urgent personal reasons – this includes death or a sudden serious illness of immediate family members, attending a funeral of immediate family members, care of a minor child etc.

(3) The application for the issuance of a visa at the border is submitted personally to the Border Police at the border crossing to the team leader or the police officer replacing him. Border crossings where visas at borders can be issued are prescribed by a decision of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(4) Besides the application for issuing visas at the border, the alien shall make a written statement on the reasons for an urgent entry into Bosnia and Herzegovina and reasons why a timely visa application was not possible, to the Diplomatic-Consular Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: DCO BIH).

(5) The team leader of the Border Police at the border crossing or the police officer replacing him shall estimate and determine if there are reasonable grounds for issuing a visa at the border, evidence of the impossibility to submit a timely visa application to the competent DCO BIH, reasons for an urgent stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as guarantees for the return to the country of origin or the usual place of residence.

(6) The team leader of the Border Police may demand that reasons from paragraph (2) of this Article be supported by relevant documentation.

(7) An official record shall be made by the police officer issuing the visa for every case of issuing a visa at the border, and which is also listed in the report of the team leader and in the list of issued visas at border crossings.