

**Article 19**  
**(General entry conditions)**

- (1) An alien may enter BiH if he or she has a valid passport or other identification document that he or she may use for crossing the State border of BiH, provided that its validity does not expire on the day of entry into BiH (a valid travel document).
- (2) In addition to the main general requirements referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, the alien must meet the following basic general requirements for entry into BiH:
- a) that he/she is in possession of a valid visa for entry or stay in or transit through the territories of BiH, the validity of which does not expire on the day of entry into BiH, if he or she does not enter BiH with a travel document issued the country whose nationals are exempted from the obligation of obtaining visas [Article 12 (*Exemption from the obligation of obtaining visas*)]; or
  - b) that he/she is in possession of a residence permit prescribed by this Law.
- (3) In addition to the basic general requirements prescribed by paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article, for entry into BiH the alien must also fulfill other general requirements for alien entry into BiH, as follows:
- a) that he/she has the sufficient means to support himself/herself during the time of intended stay in and exit from BiH, including also health care means or proof that he/she is able to obtain them legally, which is proved as stipulated in Article 23 of this Law (*Evidence of the existence of means of subsistence*) of this Law,
  - b) that he/she is in possession of documents or that he/she may provide information on the basis of which it can be reasonably concluded what the purpose and conditions of the intended stay in BiH are, if possible and necessary;
  - c) that he/she is in possession of an entry visa, if so required, of a neighboring country of his/her destination or a neighboring country through the territory of which he/she continues the travel,
  - d) that he/she is in possession of a vaccination certificate, if coming from the territory on which there is epidemics of a contagious disease,
  - e) that no expulsion measure, cancellation of stay or prohibition of entry to BiH territory has been imposed against him/her, provided that the period of the imposed measure or the prohibition are still in force,
  - f) that he/she has not been registered in the records of competent authorities as an offender and in particular as an international offender,
  - g) that there are no reasons other than those referred to in sub-paragraphs e) and f) of this paragraph, indicating that his/her presence in the territory of BiH would constitute a threat to national security of BiH, legal order, public order and peace, public health in BiH or international relations of BiH.
- (4) The aliens who are pursuant to Article 21 of this Law exempt from an obligation of obtaining a visa for entry into the territory of BiH and therefore do not have to meet the requirement prescribed in paragraph (2), must meet other general requirements for entry provided by paragraph (3) of this Article while entering BiH.
- (5) The aliens who must be in possession of a visa in order to enter BiH, must also meet other general requirements for entry provided by paragraph (3) of this Article while filing an application for issue of their visas.
- (6) When so being required by reasons of protecting national security of BiH, legal order, public order and peace or public health in BiH or other reasons arising from the international obligations of BiH, in

addition to the entry requirements prescribed by paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this Article, the Council of Ministers may prescribe additional requirements for alien entry into BiH.

(7) The required minimum amount of funds for sustenance referred to in paragraph (3) item a) of this Article shall be regulated by a bylaw.