

**Article 36**  
**(Issuing authority and place of issue)**

- (1) Visas shall be issued by the BiH Diplomatic and Consular Representation offices (hereinafter referred to as: BiH DCRs).
- (2) An alien shall have the obligation to obtain a visa prior to their entry to BiH and shall file a visa application in person, when summoned by the authority referred to in the preceding paragraph.
- (3) Prior to the visa issue, a BiH DCR shall in case of issue of a long term visa (Visa D) and in other cases provided hereunder, request the prior consent from the Service.
- (4) An appeal to the decision refusing the application for visa issuance may be lodged with the MoFA, via BiH DCR, within 15 days of the receipt of the decision.
- (5) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article, where required for reasons of national security, humanitarian, serious professional or personal reasons, at the border post the Border Police may issue a short-term stay visa (Visa C) for a single entry of 15 days or a transit visa (Visa B) or an airport transit visa (Visa A) .
- (6) At the border post, the visa referred to in paragraph (5) of this Article may be issued only on condition that:
  - a) the alien, notwithstanding the requirement of Article 19 (*General entry conditions*), paragraph (2), has met the basic and other general requirements for entry into BiH referred to in Article 19, paragraphs (1) and (3) of this Law,
  - b) the alien has proved that he/she was unable to file a visa application in advance, and
  - c) the alien has produced one or more documents proving an imperative reason for entry into BiH and providing guarantees concerning his/her return to the country of origin or the county of habitual residence.
- (7) In the event that the visa has been issued at the border post, the Border Police may order that the alien be allowed to enter BiH only at a designated border crossing.
- (8) An appeal to the decision refusing, i.e. rejecting the application for visa renewal may be lodged with the Ministry within three days of the receipt of the decision. An appeal does not prolong the execution of the decision.