

Visa Application Process (Exempt Countries)

From 1st May 2024 Identita will make the following changes in the VISA application process for VISA exempt countries.

| Over 12 weeks course | All students must apply for a study VISA prior to arrival via the Extended Service. | |
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| Under 12 weeks course | Students can enter with their exemption and will be eligible to apply for an extension if they decide to extend their course. | |

- IMP The current visa extension procedure will remain in place for students that wish to extend their course. VISA extensions will only be made if purpose of travel will be to STUDY.
- VISA exempt students that do not have a VFS office in their country may enter with their exemption and apply for a VISA extension upon arrival in Malta.
- By applying for a visa via the extended service the student can use the 90-day VISA exemption after end of course.

List of VISA Exempt Countries:

| Albania* | Andorra | Antigua and Barbuda | Argentina |
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| Australia | Bahamas | Barbados | Bosnia and Herzegovina* |
| Brazil | Brunei Darussalam | Canada | Chile |
| Colombia | Costa Rica | Dominica | El Salvador |
| North Macedonia* | Georgia | Grenada | Guatemala |
| Holy See | Honduras | Israel | Japan |
| Kiribati | Malaysia | Marshall Islands | Mauritius |
| Mexico | Micronesia | Moldova | Monaco |
| Montenegro* | New Zealand | Nicaragua | Palau |
| Panama | Paraguay | Peru | Samoa |
| San Marino | Serbia* | Seychelles | Singapore |
| Solomon Islands | South Korea | St Kitts and Nevis | St Lucia |
| St Vincent and the Grenadines | Timor-Leste | Tonga | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Tuvalu | Ukraine* | United Arab Emirates | United States of America |
| United Kingdom | Uruguay | Vanuatu | Venezuela |



* - The VISA exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports.

All highlighted countries have at least 1 open VFS Office and can apply for their VISA application via the Extended service.

