

NETHERLANDS SEAFARERS/BLE CARPET VISA

Blue Carpet Visa is for seamen applicants who intend to enter the Schengen space to join a ship that is (or will be) in a Schengen port, or to land with the aim of joining another ship that is (or will arrive) in a Dutch Port. Blue Carpet Applications (Seaman Transit) can also be submitted without appointment between 0900 to 0930 hrs. (Mon to Fri).

Documents	Particulars
Passports	* Original Passport with atleast 6 months validity and atleast 2 blank pages.
	* Original old passport booklets if any
Photographs	* 3 photographs each
	* White background; Glossy finish; 80% face coverage with a little shoulder to be seen; Eyes and face to be clearly visible; Dimensions: 45mm x 35mm
Covering Letter	* A covering letter per individual / family/ company addressed to The Visa officer, The Netherlands Embassy
	* The Covering Letter should brief the profile of the applicants and the purpose of travel with travel dates
	* Covering Letter should be printed on the company letterhead
Itinerary / Air tickets	* Travel Itinerary with travel dates, details of Charter flights/Shipping Vessel.
Purpose of Travel / Accommodation	* Letter from applicant's local employer: Written and signed on official paper, containing personal information of applicant and purpose of travel.
	*A copy of the applicant's contract with the shipping company.
	*Letter of guarantee from principal / shipping agency in the Netherlands: Written and signed on official paper, containing personal information of applicant and purpose of travel (full name, place and date of birth, passport number, number of seaman's book, position of the seafarer on the boat, date and airport of entry into the Schengen area, name of the boat, port of boarding).
	* A copy of the seaman's book with all used pages
	*Labour agreement/employment contract: Contract with the navigation company / ship in order to board the ship.
Disclaimers	* Residency permits if applicable: If the applicant is not a national of the country in which he/she applies for the visa, proof of valid residence status (such as re-entry permit or residency permit).
	* The above list of documents are the standard requirements for the visa application. The Embassy / Consulate/ High Commission/ Application Centres hold the rights to demand further documents for verification.
	* BPVS offers Visa Facilitation services to our customers against a Service Fee
	* BPVS at no stage guarantees the outcome of any visa application. The decisions on the Visa applications would be at the sole discretion of the respective Embassy/ Consulate / High Commission

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