

Instructions for Issuing Certificate of Visa Exemption
for Persons of Vietnamese Origin
Resettling in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland
for stays of up to 90 days in Vietnam

I. Eligibility:

- Persons of Vietnamese origin
- Spouses and children of persons of Vietnamese origin residing in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

II. Dossiers:

1. For persons of Vietnamese origin:

- a. One completed Application Form (forms provided),
- b. Two recent passport photographs (size 4x6, with white background, direct look, without glasses or headwear), one of which should be attached to the form.
- c. Foreign passport or any other ID form in lieu of passport whose validity must exceed the entry date to Vietnam by six months. A copy of the passport and ID documents must also be submitted for record at the Embassy.
- d. One of the following documents determining Vietnamese origin (if applicable):
 - Certificate of Vietnamese citizenship,
 - Copy or excerpts of the Presidential Decree granting the holder of Vietnamese citizenship,
 - Copy or excerpts of the Presidential Decree relieving the holder of Vietnamese citizenship,
 - Certificate of Relief of Vietnamese citizenship,
 - Current or previous Vietnamese passport (s),
 - Current or previous Vietnamese Identity Card(s),
 - Birth Certificate (Original or Copy),
 - Most recent Voting Registration Card,
 - Household Book,
 - Travel Document issued before 1975,
 - Vietnamese Identity Card issued before 1975,
 - Birth Certificate or Excerpts of Birth Register issued before 1975,
 - Documents issued by a foreign authority confirming the Vietnamese origin or the original Vietnamese nationality of the holder.

A photocopy of the relevant document is required for record at the Embassy.

- c. In case of failure to produce the above mentioned documents, one of the following documents should be submitted instead:
 - Guarantee by an association of Vietnamese residents registered and recognised by the British or Irish Government.
 - Guarantee by a Vietnamese citizen.

No certification is required for these documents.

2. For foreign passport holders who are spouses and children of a Vietnamese citizen or a person of Vietnamese origin, dossiers for visa exemption include the following:

- a. One completed Application Form for a Certification of Visa Exemption,

- b. Two recent photographs (size 4x6, with white background, without glasses or headwear), one of which should be attached to the Application Form,
- c. Foreign passports whose validity must exceed the date of departure from Vietnam by six months. A photocopy of the passport is also required for record,
- d. Dossiers determining the relationship with a Vietnamese citizen or a person of Vietnamese origin residing abroad include one of the following:
 - Marriage Certificate,
 - Birth Certificate,
 - Certificate for Parental Relationship,
 - Permission for Adoption

One photocopy of each document is required for record at the Embassy.

III. Re-issue of Certificate for Visa Exemption (in cases of loss, expiry of the certificate or expiry of the attached passport):

- A Completed Application Form for re-issue is required if the initial application was lodged at the Embassy of Vietnam in London. No other documents are necessary.
- In case of the previous application being made at another post/mission, applicants must complete the entire process as detailed above.

IV. Process:

- Application can be lodged in person or by post.
- It takes seven working days to process an application, excluding posting time.