

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Electronic Travel Declaration?

Electronic Travel Declaration (Declaration) is an online form that must be submitted by Foreign nationals starting from September 1, 2025 for planned entry and stay in the Republic of Latvia.

Declaration must be filled out by a person - a citizen of any country, except a member state of the European Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a country of the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation or the Federative Republic of Brazil, who does not have a visa or residence permit issued by the Republic of Latvia (hereafter referred to as a Foreign national).

The Declaration must be submitted by a Foreign national at least 48 hours before entering the Republic of Latvia.

Declaration is not considered an entry permit.

2. What is the purpose of the Declaration?

Requirement to submit the Declaration is outlined in Section one of Article 4.⁴ of the Immigration Law of the Republic of Latvia.

The purpose of the obligation to submit the Declaration is to collect information on arriving Foreign nationals who have acquired the right to travel within the Schengen area in another country, as well as to support the capabilities of state security and law enforcement institutions to timely identify and prevent risks to state and public security.

In cases where the aforementioned risks are identified, the competent state institutions will use the existing legal instruments to prevent the threat posed, including restricting the person's ability to enter Latvia.

3. What kind of information is required?

Foreign nationals will be required to declare following information:

1. personal information;
2. information on passport used for travel;
3. purpose of travel (entry);
4. planned time and place of stay;
5. travel route;
6. contact information;
7. elected positions held by the person or their relatives;
8. candidacy in elections;
9. current or former status of state or local government official;
10. service in the armed forces, intelligence or security services, border guard, customs or internal affairs, justice or foreign affairs (including diplomatic) services.

4. How are my data used?

Access to the data provided in the Declaration is granted to the State Police and State Border Guard of Republic of Latvia to ensure compliance with the obligation to submit Declaration. State security institutions also have access to the data to perform functions specified in the regulatory enactments governing their activities.

5. Who must submit the Declaration?

Declaration must be submitted by all Foreign nationals, except citizens of the member states of European Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation or the Federative Republic of Brazil, who enter the Republic of Latvia and who do not have a visa or residence permit issued by the Republic of Latvia.

6. Which countries citizens are exempt from submitting the Declaration?

The obligation to submit the Declaration does not apply to citizens of Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America.

7. When should I submit the Declaration?

The Declaration must be submitted no later than 48 hours before entering the Republic of Latvia.

8. Does the Declaration guarantee entry?

No, submitting the Declaration is a separate obligation of a Foreign national, which is not related to the right of entry. Submitting a Declaration does not replace the need for other entry prerequisites – the presence of an appropriate/valid travel document and the right to enter.

9. Can I submit the Declaration on behalf of another person?

Each Foreign national must provide the information required in the Declaration personally. As an exception, for example, in the case of minors or persons with limited legal capacity, legal representatives – the minor's parents, guardians or other duly authorized persons, may submit the information.

10. What should I do if I want to make corrections to my Declaration?

Correction of a submitted Declaration currently is not possible. If it is necessary to clarify the submitted data (for example, the type or time of entry has changed), a new Declaration must be submitted.

11. Which web browser should be used to submit the Declaration?

Google Chrome, Apple Safari, Microsoft Edge or Mozilla Firefox should be used to submit the Declaration.

Submitting the Declaration in web browsers embedded within other applications (WebView), for example, Telegram, is not supported.

12. Where to turn in case of further questions?

For questions about entering Latvia, please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website:
<https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/entry-latvia>

For questions about border crossing, please contact the State Border Guard via their website:
<https://www.rs.gov.lv/en/border-crossing> or by phone: +371 67913300

To report system operation issues, please contact the Information Centre of the Ministry of the Interior by email at pd@ic.iem.gov.lv

Please note that the Information Centre of the Ministry of the Interior does not provide consultations regarding entry requirements or the process of monitoring declaration submissions.