

Visa Information (World Championships)

ISSUANCE AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Please visit the Visa Navigator site to establish if a visa is required for you to enter the Republic of Korea.

Go to <https://www.visa.go.kr> ⇒ click VISA NAVIGATOR ⇒

⇒ Select continent and country ⇒ Select purpose of visit and duration of stay

PASSPORT

All participants of the 18th FINA World Championships Gwangju 2019 must carry a passport issued by a government agency or a travel document that is equivalent to a passport to enter the Republic of Korea.

* Passports must be valid at least six months beyond the dates of your trip.

VISA-FREE ENTRY

The following countries may enter the Republic of Korea without a visa.

Countries Authorized for Visa-free Entry (General passport)

Continent	Country
Asia	BAHRAIN, BRUNEI, CYPRUS, HONG KONG, H.K 'CI' ID, ISRAEL, JAPAN, KAZAKHISTAN, KUWAIT, MACAO, MALAYSIA, OMAN, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, THAILAND, TURKEY, U.A.E,
North & South America	ANTIGUA BARBUDA, ARGENTINA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DOMINICA commonwealth, DOMINICA REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GRENADA, GUATEMALA, GUYANA, HAITI, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, ST. KITTS-NEVIS, ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT, SURINAM, TRINIDAD TOBAGO, U.S.A., URUGUAY, VENEZUELA

Europe	ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BOSNIA HERCEGOVINA, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH, DENMARK, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, HOLY SEE, ICELAND, IRELAND, ITALY, LATVIA, LIECHTENSTEIN, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALTA, MONACO, MONTENEGRO, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, RUSSIA, SAN MARINO, SERBIA, SLOVAK, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, SERBIA & MONTENEGRO
Oceania	AUSTRALIA, FIJI, GUAM, KIRIBATI, MARSHALL ISLANDS, MICRONESIA, NAURU, NEW CALEDONIA, NEW ZEALAND, PALAU, SAMOA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, TONGA, TUVALU
Africa	BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, SEYCHELLES, SOUTH AFRICA, SWAZILAND, TUNISIA

VISA APPLICANTS

Participants whose country of citizenship is not included in the Visa Waiver Agreement should apply for a visa at an embassy or consulate.

Participants in countries where there are no Korean embassies or consulates in their country will be allowed entry into the Republic of Korea. In these cases, the participant must have a valid visa invitation letter in order to receive an entry permit upon their arrival into airport or port of entry.

(The official airports are Incheon International Airport, Gimpo International Airport and Muan International Airport)

For countries that require a visa to enter the Republic of Korea, and for countries that do not have a Korean embassy or consulate, please refer to the list of embassy or consulate of the Republic of Korea by country.

1) Application Location

•Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Korea

Region	Type	Location
East Asia/ Oceania	Embassy	Nepal, New Zealand, East Timor, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Brunei, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, Japan, China, Cambodia, Thailand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Philippines, Australia
	Consulate General	Kobe, Guangzhou, Nagoya, Niigata, Mumbai, Sapporo, Shanghai, Shenyang, Sendai, Sydney, Xi'an, Osaka, Yokohama, Wuhan, Chengdu, Chennai, Qingdao, Ho Chi Minh, Hong Kong, Fukuoka, Hiroshima
North & South America	Embassy	Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Mexico, United States, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Uruguay, Chile, Canada, Costa Rica, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Panama, Paraguay, Peru
	Consulate General	New York, Los Angeles, Montreal, Vancouver, Boston, Sao Paulo, San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago, Atlanta, Toronto, Honolulu, Houston
Europe	Embassy	Vatican, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Russia, Romania, Belgium, Belarus, Bulgaria, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Slovakia, Ireland, Azerbaijan, United Kingdom, Austria, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Italy, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Portugal, Poland, France, Finland, Hungary
	Consulate General	Milan, Barcelona, Vladivostok, St. Petersburg, Almaty, Irkutsk, Istanbul, Frankfurt, Hamburg
West Asia	Embassy	Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Yemen, Oman, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Egypt, Qatar, Kuwait, Tunisia
	Consulate General	Dubai, Jeddah
Africa	Embassy	Ghana, Gabon, Nigeria, South Africa, Rwanda, Madagascar, Mozambique, Senegal, Sudan, Angola, Ethiopia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania

※ For more information, please refer to the diplomatic missions of the Republic of Korea's visa portal (visa navigator).

https://www.visa.go.kr/openPage.do?MENU_ID=10106

2) Applicant

- The person requiring a visa to enter the Republic of Korea

- Representative of each swimming federation or person authorized on behalf of the participant

3) Eligible Applicants

- C-1 (Short-Term News Coverage)

- A person dispatched from a foreign newspaper, broadcasting channel, journal, and other media to cover/report news

- A person to cover and report news under contract with foreign media

- A person to stay for a short period of time to establish a branch in ROK

- Required document

- Visa Application Form (Form 17 or Visa Portal Application Electronic Form)

- Passport

- Visa Invitation Letter from the Organising Committee

- Color Photograph (3.5cm x 4.5cm)

- Certificate of Employment

※ Media participants

1. All media participants must obtain a C-1 Visa

2. Media participants from visa-waived countries have two options.

- receive a C-1 from a Korean embassy or consulate

- bring a valid visa invitation letter and receive a C-1 Visa upon arrival to the Republic of Korea (airport or port of entry). This option is also applied to those media participants who do not have a Korean embassy or consulate in their country.

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- C-3 (Short Term Visit)

Those who are going to stay for a short period of time for purposes such as tourism, transit, visiting relative, conference, culture and art, common training, religious ceremony, collecting academic data, or other similar reasons (must not be for profit)

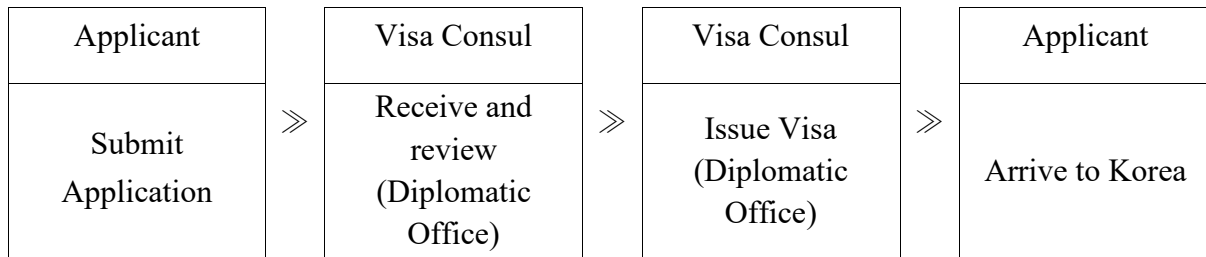
- Required document

- Visa Application Form (Form 17 or Visa Portal Application Electronic Form)

- Passport

- Visa Invitation Letter from the Organising Committee
- Color Photograph (3.5cm x 4.5cm)

5) Visa Application Process



※ For further information, please contact the visa consul of the country of your residence (jurisdiction).

※ List of Visa Free Entry Status and Korean Embassy/Consulate by Country

Country	Visa Free Entry (General Passport)	Visa Free Entry (Official or Diplomatic Passport)	Embassy / Consulate Present
AFGHANISTAN	No	No	Yes
ALBANIA	Yes	Yes	No
ALGERIA	No	Yes	No
ANDORRA	Yes	Yes	No
ANGOLA	No	Yes	Yes
ANTIGUA-BARBUDA	Yes	Yes	No
ARGENTINA	Yes	Yes	Yes
ARMENIA	No	Yes	No
AUSTRALIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
AUSTRIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
AZERBAIJAN	No	Yes	Yes
BAHAMAS	Yes	Yes	No
BAHRAIN	Yes	Yes	Yes
BANGLADESH	No	Yes	Yes
BARBADOS	Yes	Yes	No

Country	Visa Free Entry (General Passport)	Visa Free Entry (Official or Diplomatic Passport)	Embassy / Consulate Present
BELARUS	No	Yes	Yes
BELGIUM	Yes	Yes	Yes
BELIZE	No	Yes	No
BENIN	No	Yes	No
BHUTAN	No	No	No
BOLIVIA	No	Yes	Yes
BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA	Yes	Yes	No
BOTSWANA	Yes	Yes	No
BRAZIL	Yes	Yes	Yes
BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN	Yes	Yes	No
BRITISH NATIONAL OVERSEAS	Yes	Yes	No
BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZEN	Yes	Yes	No
BRITISH PROTECTED PERSON	Yes	Yes	No
BRITISH SUBJECT	Yes	Yes	No
BRI-VIRGIN IS.	No	No	No
BRUNEI	Yes	Yes	Yes
BULGARIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
BURKINA FASO	No	No	No
BURUNDI	No	No	No
CAMBODIA	No	Yes	Yes
CAMEROON	No	No	Yes
CANADA	Yes	Yes	Yes
CANARY IS.	No	No	No
CAPE VERDE	No	Yes	No
CENTRAL AFRICA	No	No	No
CHAD	No	No	No
CHILE	Yes	Yes	Yes
CHINA P. R.	No	Yes	Yes
HONG KONG, CHINA	Yes	Yes	Yes
MACAU, CHINA	Yes	Yes	No

Country	Visa Free Entry (General Passport)	Visa Free Entry (Official or Diplomatic Passport)	Embassy / Consulate Present
CHINESE TAIPEI	Yes	Yes	No
COLOMBIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
COMOROS	No	No	No
CONGO D R	No	No	Yes
CONGO P. R.	No	No	No
COOK IS.	No	No	No
COSTA RICA	Yes	Yes	Yes
COTE D'IVOIRE	No	No	Yes
CROATIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
CUBA	No	No	No
CYPRUS	Yes	Yes	No
CZECH	Yes	Yes	Yes
DENMARK	Yes	Yes	Yes
DJIBOUTI	No	No	No
DOMINICA	Yes	Yes	No
DOMINICAN REP.	Yes	Yes	Yes
EAST-TIMOR	No	No	Yes
ECUADOR	Yes	Yes	Yes
EGYPT	No	Yes	Yes
EL SALVADOR	Yes	Yes	Yes
EQUATOR-GUINEA	No	No	No
ERITREA	No	No	No
ESTONIA	Yes	Yes	No
ETHIOPIA	No	No	Yes
FIJI	Yes	Yes	Yes
FINLAND	Yes	Yes	Yes
FRANCE	Yes	Yes	Yes
FRE-POLYNESIA	No	No	No
GABON	No	Yes	Yes
GAMBIA	No	No	No
GEORGIA	No	Yes	No

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GERMANY F.R	Yes	Yes	Yes
GHANA	No	No	Yes
GIBRALTAR	No	No	No
GREECE	Yes	Yes	Yes
GREENLAND	No	No	No
GRENADA	Yes	Yes	No
GUADELOUPE	No	No	No
GUAM	Yes	Yes	No
GUATEMALA	Yes	Yes	Yes
GUINEA	No	No	No
GUINEA BISSAU	No	No	No
GUYANA	Yes	Yes	No
HAITI	Yes	Yes	No
HOLY SEE	Yes	Yes	Yes
HONDURAS	Yes	Yes	Yes
HUNGARY	Yes	Yes	Yes
ICELAND	Yes	Yes	No
INDIA	No	Yes	Yes
INDONESIA	No	Yes	Yes
IRAN	No	Yes	Yes
IRAQ	No	No	Yes
IRELAND	Yes	Yes	Yes
ISRAEL	Yes	Yes	Yes
ITALY	Yes	Yes	Yes
JAMAICA	Yes	Yes	No
JAPAN	Yes	Yes	Yes
JORDAN	No	Diplomatic Passport Only	Yes
KAZAKHSTAN	Yes	Yes	Yes
KENYA	No	No	Yes
KIRIBATI	Yes	Yes	No
KUWAIT	Yes	Yes	Yes

Country	Visa Free Entry (General Passport)	Visa Free Entry (Official or Diplomatic Passport)	Embassy / Consulate Present
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	No	Yes	No
LAOS	No	Yes	Yes
LATVIA	Yes	Yes	No
LEBANON	No	Yes	Yes
LESOTHO	Yes	Yes	No
LIBERIA	Yes	Yes	No
LIBYA	No	No	Yes
LIECHTENSTEIN	Yes	Yes	No
LITHUANIA	Yes	Yes	No
LUXEMBOURG	Yes	Yes	No
MACEDONIA	No	No	No
MADAGASCAR	No	No	Yes
MALAWI	No	No	No
MALAYSIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
MALDIVES	No	No	No
MALI	No	No	No
MALTA	Yes	Yes	No
MARSHALL ISLANDS	Yes	Yes	No
MAURITANIA	No	No	No
MAURITIUS	Yes	Yes	No
MEXICO	Yes	Yes	Yes
MICRONESIA	Yes	Yes	No
MOLDOVA	No	Yes	No
MONACO	Yes	Yes	No
MONGOLIA	No	Yes	Yes
MONTENEGRO	Yes	Yes	No
MOROCCO	Yes	Yes	No
MOZAMBIQUE	No	Yes	Yes
MYANMAR	No	Yes	Yes
NAMIBIA	No	No	No
NAURU	Yes	Yes	No

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NEPAL	No	No	Yes
NETHERLANDS	Yes	Yes	Yes
NEW CALEDONIA	Yes	Yes	No
NEW ZEALAND	Yes	Yes	Yes
NICARAGUA	Yes	Yes	Yes
NIGER	No	No	No
NIGERIA	No	No	Yes
NIUE	No	No	No
NORWAY	Yes	Yes	Yes
OMAN	Yes	Yes	Yes
PAKISTAN	No	Yes	Yes
PALAU	Yes	Yes	No
PALESTINE	No	No	No
PANAMA	Yes	Yes	Yes
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	No	No	Yes
PARAGUAY	Yes	Yes	Yes
PERU	Yes	Yes	Yes
PHILIPPINES	No	Yes	Yes
POLAND	Yes	Yes	Yes
PORTUGAL	Yes	Yes	Yes
PUERTO RICO	No	No	No
QATAR	Yes	Yes	Yes
REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO	No	No	No
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN	No	No	No
ROMANIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
RUSSIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
RWANDA	No	No	Yes
SAMOA	Yes	Yes	No
SAN MARINO	Yes	Yes	No
SAOTOME-PRINCIPE	No	No	No

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SAUDI ARABIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
SENEGAL	No	No	Yes
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	Yes	Yes	No
SEYCHELLES	Yes	Yes	No
SIERRA LEONE	No	No	No
SINGAPORE	Yes	Yes	Yes
SLOVAK	Yes	Yes	Yes
SLOVENIA	Yes	Yes	No
SOLOMON IS.	Yes	Yes	No
SOMALIA	No	No	No
SOUTH AFRICA	Yes	Yes	Yes
SPAIN	Yes	Yes	Yes
SRI LANKA	No	No	Yes
ST. KITTS-NEVIS	Yes	Yes	No
ST. LUCIA	Yes	Yes	No
ST. VINCENT	Yes	Yes	No
SUDAN	No	No	Yes
SURINAM	Yes	Yes	No
SVALBARD AND JAN MAYEN I.	No	No	No
SWAZILAND	Yes	Yes	No
SWEDEN	Yes	Yes	Yes
SWITZERLAND	Yes	Yes	Yes
SYRIA	No	No	No
TAJIKISTAN	No	Yes	No
TANZANIA	No	No	Yes
THAILAND	Yes	Yes	Yes
TOGO	No	No	No
TOKELAU	No	No	No
TONGA	Yes	Yes	No
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO	Yes	Yes	Yes
TUNISIA	Yes	Yes	No

Country	Visa Free Entry (General Passport)	Visa Free Entry (Official or Diplomatic Passport)	Embassy / Consulate Present
TURKEY	Yes	Yes	Yes
TURKMENISTAN	No	Diplomatic Passport Only	Yes
TUVALU	Yes	Yes	No
U.A.E	Yes	Yes	Yes
UGANDA	No	No	Yes
UKRAINE	No	Yes	Yes
UNITED KINGDOM	Yes	Yes	Yes
UNITED STATES	Yes	Yes	Yes
URUGUAY	Yes	Yes	Yes
USA-VIRGIN IS.	No	No	No
UZBEKISTAN	No	Diplomatic Passport Only	Yes
VANUATU	No	Yes	No
VENEZUELA	Yes	Yes	Yes
VIETNAM	No	Yes	Yes
YEMEN	No	No	Yes
ZAMBIA	No	No	No
ZIMBABWE	No	No	Yes