Data protection notice for the Visa Information System (VIS)

Introduction

The Visa Information System (VIS) is a europe-wide electronic information system used for exchanging visa data between the member states of the Schengen area. It is used for identification, verification and performing biometric comparisons of fingerprints.

Data protection notice

The **Migration and Passport Office** is responsible for the national VIS System.

Access to the fingerprints and photographs of applicants (VIS data) is restricted to authorized officials. The **Migration and Passport Office** is authorized to process the VIS data and to enter, query or modify it in the system. The **National Police** is also authorized to query a person's VIS data to verify their identity or the authenticity of a visa, or to confirm that the conditions for entry or residence in the territory of Liechtenstein are met.

The data is stored for **five years** and can be accessed by VIS countries during this period. This period begins with

- the expiry date of the visa
- the date of the decision to refuse the visa application
- the date of the decision to amend the visa

If a person acquires Liechtenstein citizenship, their VIS data and links to their spouse or children must be deleted immediately.

Transfer of VIS data to third countries or international organizations

In **individual cases**, the following VIS data may be transferred to third countries or international organizations, in particular for the purpose of **return**:

- Surname, maiden name, first name, gender, date of application, place and country of birth;
- Current nationality and nationality at the time of birth;
- Type and number of the travel document, issuing authority, date of issue and expiry date;
- Place of residence;
- For minors: surname and first name of the holder of parental authority or guardian.

Rights of a data subject in relation to data processed in the VIS

In accordance with Art. 19 of the Visa Information System Regulation (VISV; LGBl. 2011 No. 503), the person has the right to access, rectify and erase the data:

1) *If a person asserts their right to be **informed** or to **rectification** and **erasure** of data in the N-VIS or C-VIS, they must prove their identity and submit a written request to the Migration and Passport Office.*
2) *The Migration and Passport Office will either process the request itself, if it has recorded the data in N-VIS, or in agreement with the country that transmitted the data to C-VIS.*
3) *The Migration and Passport Office registers the requests.*
4) *If a person asserts their right to rectification and erasure data in C-VIS that was not recorded by Liechtenstein, Liechtenstein must contact the country that recorded the visa data within fourteen days and forward the request to them. The Migration and Passport Office shall inform the person concerned that the request has been forwarded.*
5) *The Migration and Passport Office shall process requests of information, rectification and erasure without delay.*
6) *The Migration and Passport Office shall immediately confirm in writing to the person concerned that it has corrected or deleted the data or that it is not prepared to correct or delete the data; if the Migration and Passport Office is not prepared to correct or delete the data, it must state the reasons for this.*[1]

A **modal letter** can be downloaded from the VIS website of the Migration and Passport Office.

The Data Protection Authority is responsible for supervising the processing of VIS data in the Principality of Liechtenstein.

For further information, please refer to the **general data protection notice of the Migration and Passport Office.**

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[1] Translated via DeepL; Please note that only the German version is legally binding.