

List of Visa Exemption Agreements between Vietnam and other countries

(As of February 2nd, 2009)

Vietnam has signed agreements on visa exemption with 55 countries (56 agreements), of which 54 agreements has entered into effect while 2 agreements has not been in force.

1. Visa exemption agreements concluded with the following countries are currently effective.

- Exemption of visa includes exemption of visa for entry, exit and transit.
- The duration of stay subject to visa exemption begins from the date of entry.
- Contents of visa exemption agreed upon between Vietnam and respective countries are as follows:

	Country	Contents of Visa Exemption
1	Argentina	<i>(Agreement was signed on September 14, 1999 and entered into effect on November 13, 1999.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the Duration of stay not exceeding 90 days.- Exemption of visa is granted to members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations and their families' members who bear diplomatic passports or official passports with the duration of stay not exceeding 60 days; they are liable to complete required procedures at competent authorities of the receiving country within 60 days from the date of their entry. This provision is not applicable to private servants.
2	Albania	<i>(Exchange of notes was carried out on September 29, 1956 and the notes entered into effect on October 1, 1956.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports, or group passports for official

		mission.
3	Algeria	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on June 30, 1994 and entered into effect on January 2, 1995.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the duration of stay not exceeding 90 days; in case the duration of stay exceeds 90 days, they are liable to complete required procedures of visa application for temporary stay or registration of residence in accordance with the regulations of the host country. - Fee for issuance of visa for stay or registration of residence is gratis for members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and their families' members forming parts of their households. The duration of visa is valid until the last date of their tenure. - Visa fee is gratis for bearers of ordinary passports.
4	Afghanistan	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on December 28, 1987 and entered into effect on February 26, 1988.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports. - Visa fee is gratis for bearers of ordinary passports.
5	Bangladesh	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on May 11, 1999 and entered into effect on July 10, 1999.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa with the stay duration of up to 90 days is granted to citizens of Vietnam bearing diplomatic passports or official passports and citizens of Bangladesh bearing diplomatic passports or international passports with "official" seal. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts or representative mission at international organizations and their spouse and children under 18 years old bearing diplomatic passports or official passports (or the names of their children are written in the parents' passports), with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days; provided that their entry are notified in advance through diplomatic channel. These people are liable to complete necessary procedures for residence in accordance with the

		<p>regulations of the host country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children under 18 years old of members of diplomatic missions or consular posts bearing ordinary passports are entitled to exemption of visa like their parents (provided that it is confirmed by a note of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular posts or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of their respective country.
6	Belarus	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on October 25, 1993 and entered into effect on November 24, 1993.)</i></p> <p>Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports. Children under 7 years old are not necessarily required to have their photo attached in the passports of their parents or any adults accompanying them.</p>
7	Brazil	<p><i>(Exchange of official letters was carried out on November 16, 2004 and the notes came into effect on February 12, 2005.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, representative mission at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports. They are liable to complete procedures for residence registration at competent authorities of the host countries.
8	Brunei	<p><i>(Exchange of notes, effective on November 1, 1997.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 14 days. <p><i>(Brunei conveyed a note to Vietnam, effective on August 1, 2007.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to Vietnamese citizens bearing ordinary passports still valid for up to 6 months, provided that the stay duration does not exceed 14 days. <p><i>(Vietnam conveyed a note to Brunei, effective on August 8, 2007.)</i></p>

		- Exemption of visa is granted to citizens of Brunei bearing ordinary passports still valid for up to 6 months, provided that the stay duration does not exceed 14 days.
9	Bulgaria	<i>(Exchange of notes, effective on June 1, 1996.)</i> Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports or ordinary passports for official mission, and bearers of any of the above-mentioned passports when they travel in group tours.
10	Cambodia	<i>(Agreement was signed on November 30, 1979 and entered into effect on the date of its signing.)</i> Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports, or diplomatic, official laissez passezs; there is no provision on concrete duration of stay subject to exemption of visa. <i>(Agreement was signed on November 4, 2008 and entered into effect on December 4, 2008.)</i> Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports. The stay duration does not exceed 14 days.
11	Chile	<i>(Agreement was signed on October 22, 2003 and entered into effect on June 25, 2005.)</i> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, representative mission at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports (or the children's names are printed in their parents' passports).
12	China	<i>(Agreement was signed on February 14, 1992 and entered into effect on March 15, 1992; Exchange of notes was carried out on August 16, 2004.¹)</i> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic

¹ This Agreement is not applicable to Hong Kong and Macao.

		<p>passports or official passports or ordinary passports for official mission (also granted to their spouse and teenage children who accompany them and share their same passports of any of the above-mentioned three types of passports); there is no provision on concrete duration of stay.²</p> <p>- Visa fee is gratis for members of families (including spouse, children and parents) of officials, administrative or technical staff of diplomatic missions or consular posts of the two countries who visit their relatives working as officials or staff of a representative mission of their respective country in the other country.</p>
13	Cuba	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on August 31, 1981 and currently effective.)</i></p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to Vietnamese citizens bearing diplomatic passports or official passports, or ordinary passports for official mission or sea-crew passports and Cuban citizens bearing diplomatic, service or official passports or maritime passports.</p> <p>- Visa fee is gratis for bearers of other passports.</p>
14	Czech	<p><i>(Exchange of notes was carried out on December 15, 1999 and entered into effect on February 13, 2000.)</i></p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days.</p> <p>- Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, and their families' members forming parts of their households and bearing diplomatic passports.</p>
15	Dominica	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on August 30, 2007 and entered into effect on September 29, 2007.)</i></p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days.</p> <p>- Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and representative mission at international organizations on the</p>

² At present, China applies stay duration of 30 days.

		territories of the other Contracting Party. This provision is also applicable to their families' members who bear diplomatic passports or official passports.
16	Ecuador	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on August 20, 2007 and entered into effect on September 19, 2007.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic, official or special passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended for a period of up to 90 days on the basis of a written request by the concerned diplomatic mission or consular posts. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, as well as their families' members (including spouse, children dependent on their parents) bearing diplomatic, official or special passports
17	France	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on October 6, 2004 and entered into effect on July 1, 2005.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports with the stay duration not exceeding 3 months within 6 months from the date of their first entry. In case of entry into France after transiting the territories of one or more States parties to the Convention of implementation of Schengen Agreement dated June 19, 1990, the stay duration of 3 months begins from the date of entry at the outer border used for determination of space of free movement established among these States.
18	Hungary	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on May 4, 1993 and entered into effect on August 1, 1993.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the duration of stay not exceeding 90 days. The duration of stay may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions, consular posts, commerce agencies or representative missions at international organizations and their spouse, teenage children who live together with them and bear diplomatic passports or official

		<p>passports.</p> <p><i>(Exchange of notes on granting favorable conditions for bearers of ordinary passports, effective on August 1, 1993.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visa shall be issued for gratis within 7 working days to bearers of ordinary passports for official mission, provided that the nature of official mission of their trip is confirmed in a note of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam or Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary.
19	India	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on September 9, 1994 and entered into effect on March 23, 1995.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations and their spouse, children who live together with them and bear diplomatic passports or official passports are entitled to exemption of entry visa and grant of residence visa valid during the whole tenure on the basis of a written request of the concerned representative mission.
20	Indonesia	<p><i>(Exchange of notes was carried out on August 19, 1998 and the notes came into effect on September 19, 1998.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 14 days. - Members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and their spouse or children accompanying them and bearing diplomatic passports or official passports are liable to obtain visa before departing for their tenure. - Visa is issued for gratis to bearers of ordinary passports who are invited to join ASEAN activities organized by ASEAN Secretariat or Governmental agencies or organizations. <p><i>* Agreement signed on June 26, 2003 and brought into effect on December 4, 2003:</i></p>

		<p>Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days, provided that their passports are still valid for up to 6 months. The stay duration shall not be extended.</p> <p><i>* The note of the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated January 19, /2004 notified as follows:</i></p> <p>Starting form January 2, 2004, Vietnamese citizen (whether they bear any passports) are entitled to enter Indonesia without visa, with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days. The stay duration shall not be extended.</p>
21	Iran	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on May 2, 1994 and entered into effect on June 1, 1994.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports with the stay duration of up to 1 month (30 days). The duration of stay may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of entry visa is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports, provided that it is notified one month before their entry. After their entry, they are liable to obtain residence cards at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the host country.
22	Iraq	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on June 13, 2001 and entered into effect on December 1, 2001.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular posts. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, representative missions at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.
23	Japan	<p><i>(Exchange of notes was carried out on March 8, 2005 and entered into effect on May 1, 2005.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic

		<p>passports or official passports who are assigned to exercise diplomatic or consular function or other official mission of the Government with unlimited stay duration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports assigned for other purposes (excluding the purpose of working, immigration, practice of professional career or other paid jobs) with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days.
24	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	<p><i>(Exchange of notes.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports and group passports for official mission (effective on October 1, 1956). - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports for official mission (effective on April 1, 1966).
25	Republic of Korea	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on December 15, 1998 and entered into effect on January 13, 1999.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The duration of stay may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. In case a bearer of diplomatic or official passport wishes to stay for over 90 days, they are liable to apply for visa in advance and visa shall be issued for gratis. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts or representative missions at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.
26	Kyrgyzstan	<p><i>(Succession of agreement on movement conditions previously signed between Vietnam and the former Soviet Union on July 15, 1981.)</i></p> <p>Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports or ordinary passports for official mission (with any purposes of entry).</p>
27	Laos	<p><i>(Agreement on exemption of visa for bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports was signed on July 17, 1977;</i></p>

		<p><i>Exchange of notes was carried out in 1993; Cua Lo Arrangement signed in 1999 and Vientiane Arrangement signed in 2002 provide for exemption of visa for bearers of ordinary passports for official mission.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports. There is no provision on concrete duration of stay.³ - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports for official mission (the seal indicating official mission is AB seal for Vietnam and SERVICE seal for Laos and valid up to one year), which means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports for official mission with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days from the date of entry; + Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports for official mission (whether they are from any of economic entities and organizations having legal personality) for implementing contracts of commerce, labour, investment or cooperation projects. Project owners or employers are liable to complete procedures of residence registration within 30 days from the date of their entry in accordance with the current regulations of respective countries. The duration of residence shall be granted in conformity with the duration of the signed contract of labour. + Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports for official mission who are pupils, students or researchers within programmes of cooperation between the two Governments or state enterprises of the two countries. The duration of residence shall be granted in conformity with the duration of the cooperation programme. (Agreement signed on March 5, 2004 and effective on July 1, 2004.) - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports still valid up to 6 months with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days; the stay duration may be considered for extension in special cases. Those who wish to stay for over 30 days are liable to apply for visa in advance of their entry; the stay
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³ At present, Laos applies stay duration of up to 30 days.

		duration may be extended.
28	Malaysia	<p><i>(Exchange of notes, effective on November 25, 2001.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of any passports, provided that the stay duration does not exceed 30 days and their entry is for any of the following purposes: tourism; participation in news or press activities; official mission; visit of relatives; commerce negotiation; investment; participation in sport activities; participation in conferences or workshops. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts who bear diplomatic passports or official passports and their families' members holding diplomatic passports or official passports. The names of these people shall be notified to the host country 14 days before their entry.
29	Mexico	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on December 6, 2001 and entered into effect on February 4, 2002.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports. These people are liable to complete procedures for residence within 30 days from the date of their entry in accordance with the regulations of the host country.
30	Moldova	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on February 28, 2003 and entered into effect on May 23, 2003.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. <p>Exemption of visa is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, representative missions at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports. These people are liable to complete procedures for residence registration after</p>

		their entry in accordance with the laws of the host country.
31	Mongolia	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on January 7, 2000 and entered into effect on February 6, 2000.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days; the stay duration may be extended in case of <i>force majeure</i> and at the written request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. In case of having intention to stay for over 90 days, these people are liable to obtain visa before their entry and visa shall be issued for gratis. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports. - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports, whose entry is on the basis of an invitation letter of a member of diplomatic mission or consular posts and endorsed by the concerned representative mission. The invitation letter shall be written in the language of the country of arrival or in the English language. - Visa is issued for gratis to bearers of ordinary passports within one to two working days.
32	Montenegro	<p><i>(Agreement⁴ was signed on June 5, 2000 and entered into effect on September 1, 2000.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.

⁴ The Agreement was concluded with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and currently is effective to Serbia and Montenegro.

33	Morocco	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on November 18, 2004 and entered into effect on December 19, 2004.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic, official or special passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa is granted to members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic, official or special passports with the stay duration of up to 90 days. These people are liable to complete required procedures of protocol registration within 90 days after their entry.
34	Mozambique	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on April 4, 2008 and entered into effect on February 9, 2009.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts as well as their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.
35	Myanmar	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on June 22, 1998 and entered into effect on August 11, 1998.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular posts. - Members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations or commerce representative offices and their families' members are liable to obtain visa before their entry.
36	Nicaragua	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on March 13, 1983 and is currently effective.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic, service or official passports.

		- Visa fee is gratis for bearers of other passports.
37	Pakistan	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on January 31, 2007 and entered into effect on March 2, 2007.)</i></p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended by each party at a written request of concerned diplomatic mission or consular posts.</p> <p>- Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports who are members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions of international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports (including their spouse, children under 18 years old). These people are liable to complete required procedures of residence registration within 90 days from the date of their entry.</p>
38	Panama	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on September 5, 2002 and entered into effect on November 4, 2002.)</i></p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to Vietnamese citizens (not residing in Panama) bearing diplomatic passports or official passports and citizens of Panama (not residing in Vietnam) bearing diplomatic, official, special or consular passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days.</p> <p>- Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts who are Vietnamese citizens bearing diplomatic passports or official passports or citizens of Panama bearing diplomatic, official, special or consular passports and the family members forming parts of their households.</p>
39	Paraguay	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on March 8, 2007 and entered into effect on October 26, 2008.)</i></p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post.</p>

		<p>- Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to citizens bearing diplomatic passports who are members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations on the territory of the other Party and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports (including their spouse, children).</p>
40	Peru	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on February 24, 2006 and entered into effect on June 2, 2006.)</i></p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports issued by Vietnam and bearers of diplomatic or special passports issued by Peru with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post.</p> <p>- Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations on the territory of the other Party and their families' members bearing diplomatic, official or special passports.</p>
41	Philippine	<p><i>(Memorandum of Understanding was signed on January 20, 1997 and entered into effect on February 19, 1997.)</i></p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days. The stay duration may be extended at an official request.</p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, representative missions at international organizations (as well as their families' members) bearing diplomatic passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days. These people are liable to complete required procedures at the competent authorities of the host country within 30days from the date of their entry. Their entry shall be notified in advance through diplomatic channel.</p> <p><i>(Memorandum of Understanding was signed on December 17, 1998 and entered into effect on February 16, 1999.)</i></p> <p>- Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic</p>

		<p>mission or consular post.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, representative missions at international organizations as well as their families' members bearing official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days. These people are liable to complete required procedures at the competent authorities of the host country within 30 days from the date of their entry. - Exemption of visa is granted to citizens of either Party working at the ASEAN Secretariat and bearing ordinary passports when enter the territory of the other Party to join ASEAN activities, provided that the stay duration does not exceed 15 days. - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports who are invited to join ASEAN activities organized by the ASEAN Secretariat or Governmental agencies or organizations, provided that the stay duration does not exceed 15 days. <p><i>(Exchange of notes on visa exemption for bearers of ordinary passports on the basis of reciprocity, effective to Vietnamese citizen on January 1, 2000, and to citizens of the Philippines on April 1, 2000.)</i></p> <p>Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports with the stay duration not exceeding 21 days, provided that their passports are still valid for up to 6 months and they have return air ticket or air ticket for leaving for another country.</p>
42	Rumania	<p><i>(Exchange of notes, effective on December 1, 1956.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports or group passports for official mission or ordinary passports for official mission. There is no provision on concrete duration of stay.⁵ - Visa fee is gratis for bearers of ordinary passports.
43	Russia	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on October 20, 1993 and entered into effect on February 20, 1994; note of modification to the Agreement came into effect on January 2, 2005.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic

⁵ At present, Rumania applies stay duration of up to 90 days.

		<p>passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended for another period of up to 90 days on the basis of appropriate reasons or official request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, or representative mission at international organizations, and members of other agencies or organizations on the territories of either country in accordance with the agreement between the two Governments, as well as their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.- Bearers of sea-crew who are sailors on ships of either party may come to or leave their ships and stay on the territories of other party without visa. In case they travel on the territories of the other party by other transportation means, they are entitled to exemption of visa, provided that the purpose of their travel and their destination is recorded in their sea-crew passports.- Exemption of visa is granted to air-crew members who are citizens of the two countries, provided that the stay duration does not exceed 30 days and the following conditions are satisfied:<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ They carry out duties on flights of designated airlines or other flights operated by the airlines of the two countries, or special flights, or chartered flights operated on personal airplanes registered by either party.+ They bear passports, crew identity card and their names are on the crew list.- The diplomatic mission, consular posts and competent authorities of either Party are liable to issue visa for gratis to citizens of the other Party.- Visa shall be issued for gratis to people visiting members of diplomatic missions or consular posts on the basis of letters of invitation (endorsed by the concerned representative mission) within 3 working days. The visa is valid for two times of entry and exit, and the duration does not exceed 3 months.
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44	Serbia	<p><i>(Agreement⁶ was signed on June 5, 2000 and entered into effect on September 1, 2000.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.
45	Singapore	<p><i>(Exchange of notes, effective on May 10, 1997.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vietnam exempts visa for citizen of Singapore bearing diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days, or during the whole tenure of official mission for members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and their families' members. - Singapore exempts visa for citizens of Vietnam bearing diplomatic passports or official passports. <p><i>(Exchange of notes on exemption of visa for bearers of ordinary passports, effective for Vietnamese citizens on November 10, 2003, and for citizens of Singapore on December 1, 2003)</i></p> <p>Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days, provided that their passports are still valid for up to 6 months and they have return air tickets or air ticket for leaving for another country, and enough financial capacity to cover their expenditure during their stay, and other necessary conditions for traveling to another country, including visa.</p>
46	Slovakia	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on October 16, 2006 and entered into effect on February 24, 2007.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days.

⁶ The Agreement was signed with Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and currently is effective to Serbia and Montenegro.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to citizens of either Party who bear diplomatic passports and are members of diplomatic missions or consular posts or representative missions of international organizations on the territories of the other Party and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports. They are liable to complete procedures for residence registration within 90 days from the date of their entry. - Either Party extends favorable consideration in the issuance of visa to bearers of official passports on the basis of the note of the diplomatic mission or consular post of the other Party.
47	South Africa	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on May 24, 2007 and entered into effect on June 23, 2007.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days from the date of their entry. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports who are members of the diplomatic mission or consular posts on the territories of the other Party and members of the families of the above-mentioned people bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.
48	Sri Lanka	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on July 21, 2003 and entered into effect on September 19, 2003.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts or representative missions at international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.
49	Thailand	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on March 12, 1997 and entered into effect on May 10, 1997; Protocol on Modification to the Agreement was signed on February 20, 2004 and entered into</i></p>

		<p><i>effect on the date of its signing.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts or representative mission at international organizations and their spouse, and children accompanying them and bearing diplomatic passports or official passports. They are liable to complete procedures for residence registration at the host country within 30 days from the date of their entry. <p><i>(Agreement signed on May 9, 2000 and effective on July 9, 2000.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of ordinary passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days.
50	Turkey	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on January 26, 2007 and entered into effect on June 7, 2007.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports issued by Vietnam and bearers of diplomatic, official or special passports issued by Turkey with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to citizens of either Party who are members of the diplomatic mission or consular posts on the territories of the other Party, as well as their families' members bearing any of the above-mentioned passports. These people are liable to complete procedures for residence registration at the competent authorities of the host country within 90 days from the date of their entry.
51	Tunisia	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on June 26, 2007 and entered into effect on January 20, 2009.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to Tunisian citizens bearing diplomatic or special passports and Vietnamese citizens bearing diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days.
52	Ukraine	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on October 21, 1993 and entered into</i></p>

		<p><i>effect on December 6, 1993.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. The stay duration may be extended at the request of the concerned diplomatic mission or consular post. - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of crew passports with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions at international organizations and their spouse, parents and other persons who are supported by them and bear diplomatic passports or official passports.
53	Uruguay	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on November 19, 2007 and entered into effect on June 15, 2008.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to citizens who are members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions of international organizations and their families' members bearing diplomatic passports. They are liable to complete procedures of residence registration within 90 days from the date of their entry.
54	Venezuela	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on May 24 2006 and entered into effect on November 17, 2006.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions, consular posts or representative missions of international organizations and their spouse, children and parents bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.

2. Agreements signed with Angola and Brazil have not come into effect.

	<i>Country</i>	<i>Contents of visa exemption</i>
1	Angola	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on April 3, 2008 and has not come into effect.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports; with the stay duration does not exceed 30 days for each entry, and may be extended one time for a similar period. - Exemption of visa during the whole tenure is granted to members of diplomatic missions or consular posts as well as their families' members bearing diplomatic passports or official passports.
2	Brazil	<p><i>(Agreement was signed on November 24, 2008 and has not come into effect.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exemption of visa is granted to bearers of official passports with the stay duration not exceeding 90 days from the date of their entry. - Members of diplomatic missions or consular posts or representative missions at international organizations are entitled to enter without visa and to obtain residence visa valid during the whole tenure.

Note: Besides, Vietnam has unilaterally exempt visa for the following people.

1. Officials and staff of ASEAN Secretariat are exempted from visa by Vietnam with the stay duration not exceeding 30 days, whether they bear any passports.

(Circular No. 04/2002/TTLT/BCA-BNG dated January 29, 2002 guiding the implementation of Decree No. 21/2001/NĐ-CP dated May 28, 2001 on concrete provisions for implementing the Ordinance of entry, exit and residence of foreigners in Vietnam.)

2. Since July 1, 2004, citizens of Japan and citizens of the Republic of Korea, whether they bear any passports,⁷ have been exempted from visa for entry into or exit from Vietnam, with the stay duration not exceeding 15 days, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

+ They bear appropriate passports issued by competent authorities of Japan or the Republic of Korea and still valid for up to 3 months from the date of their entry;

+ They have tickets for boarding transportation means to return or travel to another country;

+ They are not in the list of persons not permitted to enter Vietnam.

(Decision No. 09/2004/QĐ-BNG dated June 30, 2004 by the Minister of Foreign Affairs promulgating Temporary Regulations on exemption of visa for citizens of Japan and citizens of the Republic of Korea.)

3. Since May 1, 2005, citizens of Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden, whether they bear any passports and their entry is for any purposes, have been exempted from visa upon their entry into or exit from Vietnam with the stay duration not exceeding 15 days, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

+ They bear appropriate passports issued by competent authorities of the country of which they are citizens and their passports are still valid for up to 3 months from the date of their entry;

+ They have tickets for boarding transportation means to return or travel to another country;

+ They are not in the list of persons not permitted to enter Vietnam.

(Decision No. 808/2005/QĐ-BNG dated April 13, 2005 by the Minister of Foreign Affairs promulgating Regulations on exemption of visa for citizens of Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden.)

4. Since January 1, 2009, citizens of Russia, whether they bear any passports and their entry is for any purposes, have been exempted from visa upon their entry into or exit from Vietnam with the stay duration not exceeding 15 days, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

⁷ In fact, it is mainly granted to bearers of ordinary passports because Japan and the Republic of Korea already entered into agreement with Vietnam on exemption of visa for bearers of diplomatic passports or official passports.

+ They bear appropriate passports issued by competent authorities of the country of which they are citizens and their passports are still valid for up to 3 months from the date of their entry;

+ They have tickets for boarding transportation means to return or travel to another country;

+ They are not in the list of persons not permitted to enter Vietnam.

(Decision No. 3207/2008/QĐ-BNG dated December 10, 2008 by the Minister of Foreign Affairs promulgating Regulations on exemption of visa for citizens of the Federation of Russia bearing ordinary passports./.)