

## **Seamen Transit Schengen Visa C Requirements (Maximum 5 Days)**

1. Visa Application form fully completed and signed by the applicant
2. Two recent passport-size coloured photos with white background
3. Original passport valid for at least three months after the expiration of the visa, plus 2 copies of the identification page and 1 copy of all visa pages
4. Original old passport plus 1 copy of the identification pages and all visa pages (Original needs to be presented during interview)
5. 1 copy of ID card and 1 complete copy of Hukou (Originals need to be presented during interview)
6. Seaman book (original plus 1 copy)
7. Recent health certificate as well as 1 copy of it (Legalized by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
8. Contract or letter of appointment both in English and Chinese, with the letter head of the Chinese company stating address, telephone/fax number of company, position and salary of the applicant, how long he/she works for the company, purpose and duration of travel, including signature with title, full name and seal of the company
9. Proof of medical insurance covering the journey into Schengen territory with a minimum coverage of 30,000 Euro (Original plus 1 copy)
10. Application in the form of invitation from the Shipping Company which will clearly state the following:
  - a. Seaman's full details (full name, nationality, DOB, Passport number, Rank)
  - b. Date of arrival in Greece/Schengen
  - c. Date of recruitment of applicant
  - d. Local shipping/manning agency
  - e. Vessel's name, vessel's register number, flag and IMO number
  - f. The estimated arrival date of the vessel at the port of recruitment
  - g. The estimated departure date of the vessel from the port of recruitment

11. Invitation in the form of GR law 1599/1986, with the verification of signature is requested that the seaman will be recruited and that the shipping company will cover all living expenses and all possible repatriation expenses in case the recruitment fails.

12. The form needs to be signed by the applicant in person in Chinese

**ATTENTION:** You are advised to contact the Consulate prior to your application for the additional documents per category. Consulate General of Greece Shanghai maintains the right to ask for further documents if necessary.