

**New rules
of issuing visas to citizens of states-participants of "Eurovision-2012" song contest, and
stateless persons permanently residing in those states, intending to travel to the Republic of
Azerbaijan in connection with the song contest**

In accordance with the Decree of President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated February 10, 2012, "On the facilitation of visa procedures for foreigners and stateless persons, travelling to the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with "Eurovision-2012" song contest to be held in Baku":

The citizens of the states-participants of "Eurovision-2012" song contest and stateless persons, permanently residing in those states, who intend to travel to the Republic of Azerbaijan in connection with the contest, can obtain their visas at the sections of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan at the international airports of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

One of the following documents is considered to be the basis for issuing a visa:

- An official invitation letter issued by the Organizing Committee of "Eurovision-2012" song contest;
- A document, confirming the accreditation in accordance with the relevant rules of the European Broadcasting Union;
- A ticket or a document, confirming the acquisition of the ticket for concerts of "Eurovision-2012" song contest.

The above-mentioned persons can apply in the following period of time to obtain their visas:

- The persons travelling in accordance with the official invitation letter issued by the Organizing Committee of "Eurovision-2012" song contest, as well as the participants and members of delegations accredited in accordance with the relevant rules of the European Broadcasting Union - from April 15 until June 1, 2012;
- Journalists and members of the fan club, accredited in accordance with the relevant rules of the European Broadcasting Union, as well as the persons, who obtained ticket for the concerts of "Eurovision-2012" song contest - from May 10 until June 1, 2012.

Note: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan informed the diplomatic representations and consulates of the Republic of Azerbaijan abroad of the new rules on facilitation of visa procedures for persons coming to Azerbaijan in connection with "Eurovision-2012" international song contest.