

# VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchanges of notes at Warsaw July 27 and August 5, 1938*  
*Entered into force August 5, 1938; operative September 1, 1938*  
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Department of State files

*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
E.III.686/SZ/27

MR. AMBASSADOR:

With reference to the Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated October 18, 1937, No. E. III.686/SZ/27, and the note from the United States Embassy dated October 27, No. 83, regarding visa fees, I have the honor to propose to Your Excellency the following:

## I

1. The fee for a visa entitling American nationals to any number of entries into Poland during a period of twelve months from the date of issuance of the visa, provided that the passport remains valid for that period, shall be zlotys 25, or the approximate equivalent thereof in the currency of the country in which the Consulate of the Republic of Poland issuing the visa is located.

2. The fee for a transit visa entitling American nationals to one transit through Polish territory will be zlotys 2.50 or the approximate equivalent thereof in the currency of the country in which the Consulate of the Republic of Poland issuing the visa is located.

## II

3. The fee for a non-immigrant visa entitling Polish citizens to any number of entries into United States territory during a period of twelve months from the date of the issuance of the visa, provided the passport remains valid for that period, shall be \$4.75 or the approximate equivalent thereof in the currency of the country in which the United States Consulate issuing the visa is located.

4. Transit certificates entitling Polish citizens to one transit through United States territory shall continue to be issued gratis by United States Consulates.

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It is understood that the possession of a visa will not affect the bearer's complying with the entry regulations and the requirement that he shall possess a passport valid for at least two months from the time of the desired entry. It is also understood that a single fee will be charged for visaing family passports including the bearer's wife and minor children.<sup>1</sup>

It is to be understood that the above regulations will be applicable to citizens of the Philippine Islands proceeding to Poland, and to Polish citizens proceeding to the Philippine Islands.

In the event that Your Excellency approves the above proposals, this note and the note of Your Excellency confirming your approval will constitute an arrangement which will become effective as of September 1, 1938.

Accept, Mr. Ambassador, the expression of my deep consideration.

J. BECK

WARSAW, July 27, 1938

His Excellency

Mr. ANTHONY J. DREXEL BIDDLE  
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the  
United States of America  
at Warsaw*

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*The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

No. 254

WARSAW, July 27, 1938

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of July 27, No. E.III.686/SZ/27, reading as follows:

[For text of Polish note, see above.]

Permit me to inform Your Excellency that the terms of the above arrangement are acceptable and to confirm Your Excellency's statement to the effect that the present note and Your Excellency's note of July 27, 1938, previously referred to, will constitute an arrangement which will enter into force on September 1, 1938.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A. J. DREXEL BIDDLE, JR.

His Excellency

Colonel JÓZEF BECK  
*Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Warsaw*

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<sup>1</sup>For interpretation of this paragraph, see exchange of notes verbales, *post*, p. 273.

*The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

No. 256

## NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, with reference to the Ministry's note No. E.III.686/SZ/27, of July 27, and the Embassy's identic note of even date by which a visa fee agreement has been concluded between Poland and the United States to become effective on September 1, 1938, has the honor to inform the Ministry, for purposes of clarification, that the meaning of the first sentence of the fifth paragraph of the Ministry's note is interpreted by the United States Government as follows:

"It is understood that the agreement will not affect the necessity of complying with the regulations governing the entry of aliens and the requirement that they shall possess travel documents valid for sixty days beyond the termination of the period of the desired entry."

An early confirmation of the above interpretation of the sentence in question by a similar note verbale will be greatly appreciated.

WARSAW, July 27, 1938

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Warsaw

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*The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

E.III.686/39/2

## NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to acknowledge to the Embassy of the United States the receipt of its Note Verbale No. 256 of July 27, 1938, and to advise it that it has taken note of the Embassy's interpretation of point 4 paragraph 2 of the arrangement it being understood from this text, insofar as it concerns the entry of Polish nationals into the territory of the United States of America, that the arrangement does not affect the necessity of complying with regulations governing the entry of aliens and of being in possession of documents valid for sixty days from the date of termination of the desired entry.

WARSAW, August 5, 1938

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Warsaw