

FOREIGNERS IN ICELAND

THE ADMISSION OF FOREIGNERS TO ICELAND

Though not necessary at present, it is safer for every foreigner who intends coming to Iceland to be in possession of a valid passport, to prove his identity, if required. But there is for the time being no obligation for the subjects of any country to have their passports viséd.

According to Law No. 10, May 18th, 1920, respecting the control of aliens, the government can forbid foreigners to settle in Iceland or reside there:

1. If they cannot prove or make it appear probable that they are capable of procuring the means of livelihood for themselves and their dependants without receiving poor relief during the first two years of their stay in Iceland;
2. if they are suffering from a contagious disease, in consequence of which the Head of the Medical Profession (the Landlæknir) may consider it advisable to forbid them to settle in the country;
3. if they do not state or if they misstate the business that brought them to Iceland;
4. if they have come to Iceland for the purpose of engaging in activities which by the Minister of Justice are considered unlawful, dishonourable, or dangerous to the State or the public, or if their business is at all of such a nature that their stay in the country may be looked upon as dangerous or detrimental to the interests of the State or the public;
5. if they have been expelled from another country for reasons mentioned under 4;
6. if, in the country where they resided before, they have been found guilty of some act regarded as dishonourable by the general public, or if they are wanted by the police there for breaking the law.