

Quick start guide

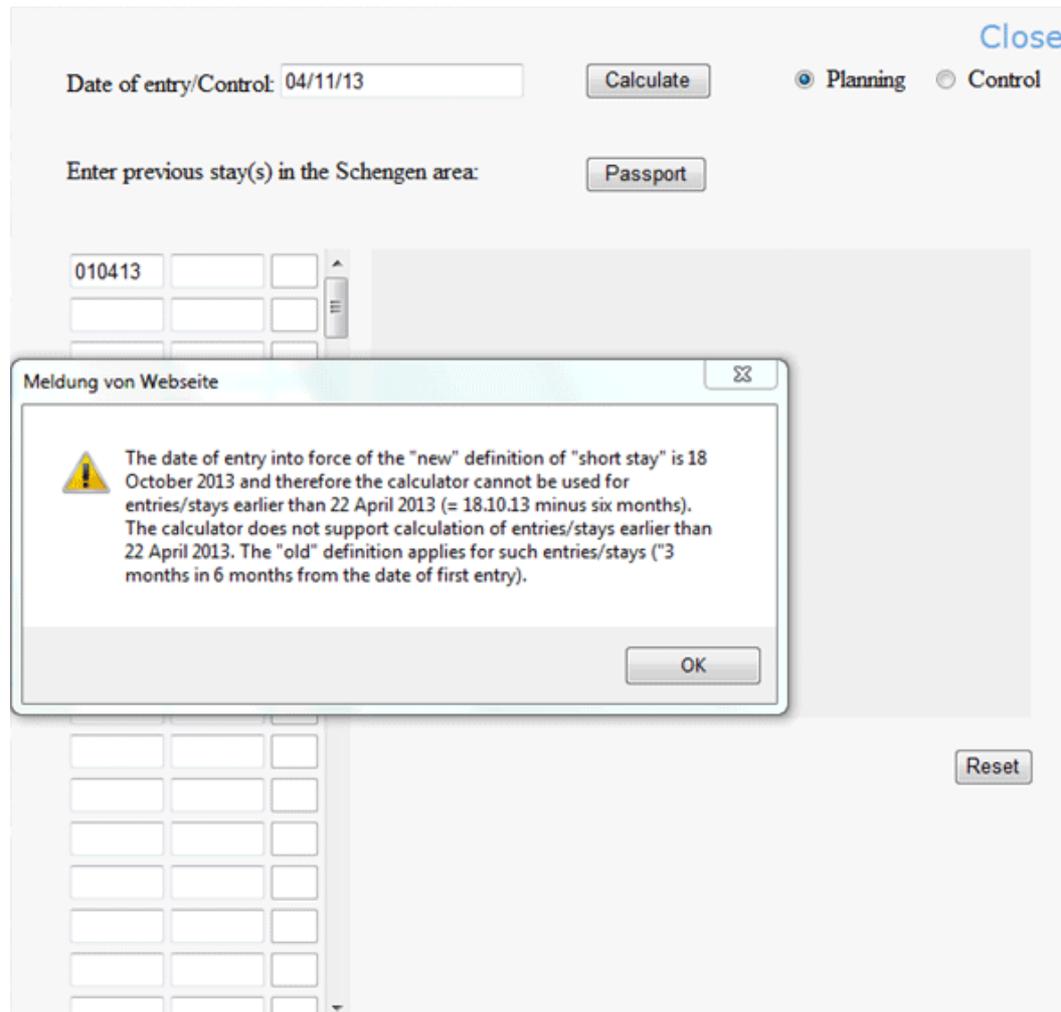
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At present, the short-stay calculator is only available in English.

Remark

The calculator cannot take into account entry and exit dates earlier than 22th April 2013. An error message will appear if an earlier date is insert.

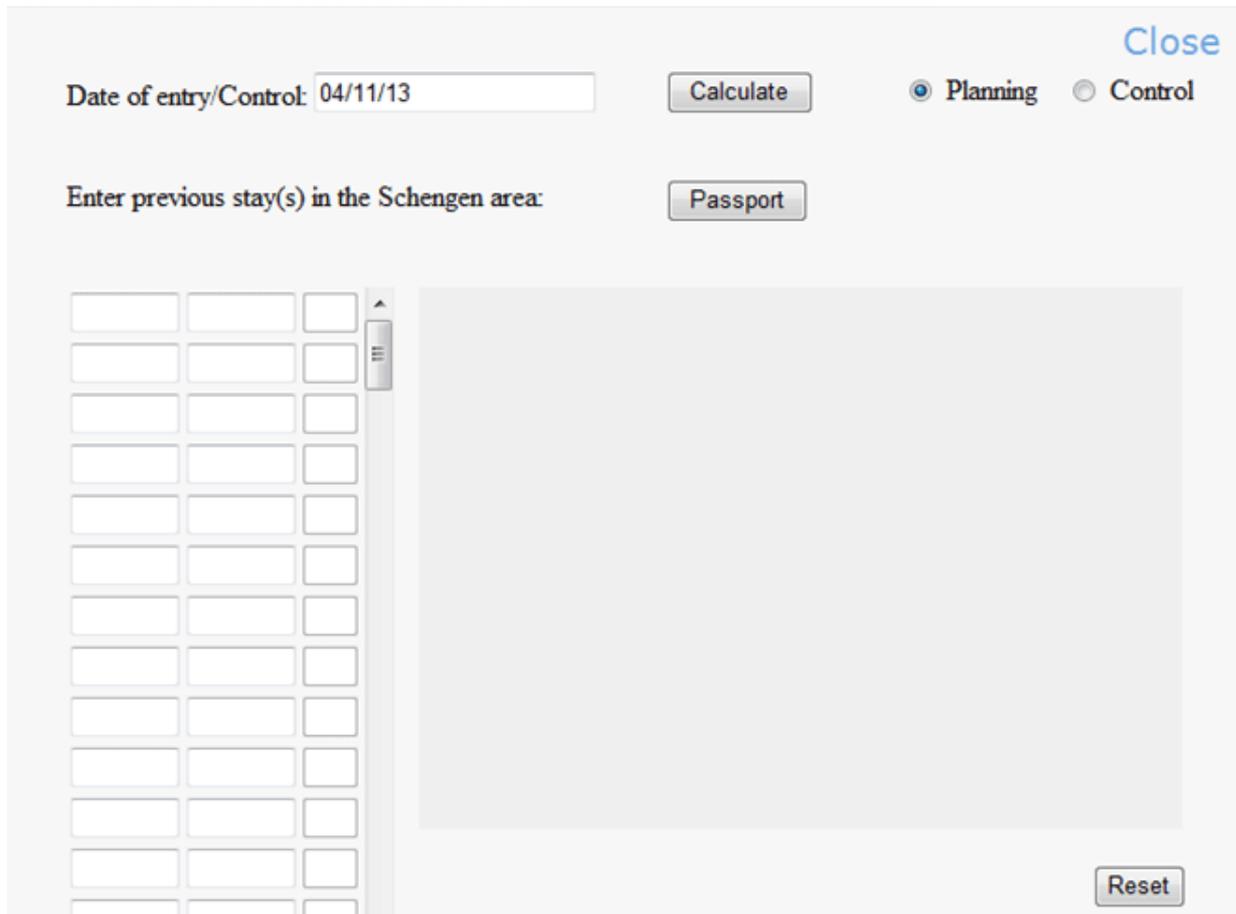
Example: 01.04.2013



The screenshot shows a web-based calculator interface. At the top right, there is a "Close" button. Below it, the "Date of entry/Control:" field contains "04/11/13". To the right of this field are "Calculate" and "Control" radio buttons, with "Planning" selected. Below this, the "Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:" field is empty, with a "Passport" button to its right. A grid of input fields is visible, with the first cell containing "010413". A modal dialog box titled "Meldung von Webseite" is overlaid on the interface. It contains a warning icon and the following text: "The date of entry into force of the 'new' definition of 'short stay' is 18 October 2013 and therefore the calculator cannot be used for entries/stays earlier than 22 April 2013 (= 18.10.13 minus six months). The calculator does not support calculation of entries/stays earlier than 22 April 2013. The 'old' definition applies for such entries/stays ('3 months in 6 months from the date of first entry')." An "OK" button is at the bottom right of the dialog. A "Reset" button is located at the bottom right of the main interface.

Using the short-stay calculator

No software needs to be installed in order to use the short-stay calculator. Simply click on the link to launch the tool.



The screenshot shows a web-based calculator interface. At the top right is a "Close" link. Below it, there is a text input field labeled "Date of entry/Control:" containing the date "04/11/13". To the right of this field is a "Calculate" button. Further right are two radio buttons: "Planning" (which is selected) and "Control". Below these is another text input field labeled "Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:" with a "Passport" button to its right. The main area of the interface is a large grid of empty input boxes, organized into three columns and approximately 15 rows. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the grid. At the bottom right of the interface is a "Reset" button.

Important options and commands for the use of this tool

"Planning" and "Control" options

Planning Control

"Planning" option:

Enables all users to calculate the number of days available/still remaining for a given stay within the Schengen Area for:

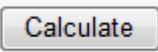
- Third-country nationals subject to a visa obligation and
- Third-country nationals not subject to a visa obligation.

"Control" option:

Enables all users to determine whether third-country nationals, regardless of visa obligation status, have exceeded the maximum stay of 90 days in any 180-day period within the Schengen Area.

Click on the circle to the left of the word "Planning" or "Control" to select the desired option.

"Calculate" command

A rectangular button with rounded corners and a light gray background, containing the word "Calculate" in a dark gray sans-serif font.

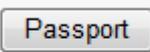
Click on this button to begin the calculation.

"Reset" command

A rectangular button with rounded corners and a light gray background, containing the word "Reset" in a dark gray sans-serif font.

Click on this button to delete all date entries.

"Passport" command – this command is not needed to use the short-stay calculator

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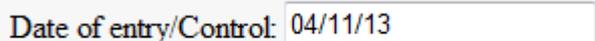
There is no need to click on this button since it is not required for calculation of stays.

Entering and deleting entry and departure dates as well as the control date

After launching the short-stay calculator tool, dates may be entered / deleted / edited.

Entering / editing / deleting the control date

The current date will always appear automatically in the control date field.

A text input field with a light gray border and background, containing the text "Date of entry/Control: 04/11/13".

The entry format is: DD/MM/YY:

- DD: Day
- MM: Month
- YY: Year

There are two ways to edit or delete the automatically displayed date:

1. Position the mouse pointer over the date field, press the left mouse button and press the delete button
2. Double-click on the date field and delete button

After clicking on the "Reset" button, the current date will once again be displayed.

Plausibility of the control date

An error message will appear if the entered date is not plausible.

Respect chronological order of the dates

It is important that dates be entered in chronological order, starting with the oldest date at the top and moving downwards to the most recent date.

The short-stay calculator does not automatically take the order of date entries into account when making the calculation.

If dates have not been entered in chronological order, clicking on the "Calculate" button will display an error message.

The screenshot shows a web-based calculator interface. At the top right is a "Close" link. Below it, there is a "Date of entry/Control:" label followed by a text input field containing "04/11/13" and a "Calculate" button. To the right of the "Calculate" button are two radio buttons: "Planning" (which is selected) and "Control". Below this is the label "Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:" followed by a "Passport" button. The main area contains a table with three columns for dates and a third column for a numerical value. The first row contains "23/04/13", "25/05/13", and "33". The second row contains "24/06/13", "12/09/13", and "81". The third row contains "20/09/13", "04/05/13", and "-1". Below these are several empty rows. To the right of the table is a grey error message box with the text: "The stay with entering date 20/09/13 is later than the exit date 04/05/13. Calculation of stay is not possible". At the bottom right of the interface is a "Reset" button.

23/04/13	25/05/13	33
24/06/13	12/09/13	81
20/09/13	04/05/13	-1

The stay with entering date 20/09/13 is later than the exit date 04/05/13
Calculation of stay is not possible

Plausibility of the entry and departure dates

If an entry or departure date is not plausible, clicking on the "Calculate" button will display an error message.

Example: 30.02.2014

The screenshot shows a web application interface with the following elements:

- Date of entry/Control:** A text input field containing "04/11/14" and a "Calculate" button.
- Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:** A "Passport" button.
- Planning/Control:** Radio buttons for "Planning" (selected) and "Control".
- Close:** A blue link in the top right corner.
- Table:** A table with a first row containing "300214" and several empty cells.
- Reset:** A button in the bottom right corner.

An error message dialog box is displayed in the foreground, titled "Meldung von Webseite". It contains a yellow warning icon and the text: "The date 30/02/14 is not a valid date." Below the message is an "OK" button.