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GENERAL INFORMATION

Official name:	Slovak Republic (SR)
Established:	January 1 st 1993
Capital:	Bratislava
Political system:	parliamentary democracy
Memberships:	1993 – UN and V4; 2004 – European Union and NATO; 2007 – Schengen Area
Location:	Central Europe
Area:	49 035 sq km
Official language:	Slovak
Currency:	euro
Population:	5 450 017 inhabitants (March 2019)
Ethnic groups:	80.7 % Slovak, 8.5 % Hungarian, 2 % Roma, 0.6 % Czech, Other (8,2 %)
Time zone:	CET (Central European Time) GMT + 1
International dialling code:	+421
Country code:	SK
Driving:	right-hand traffic
Internet domain:	.sk
Voltage:	220 V/50 Hz

Climate:	Temperate climate zone with four seasons. Average temperature is approximately -2 °C in winter and +21 °C in summer. The coldest month is January and the hottest months are July and August.
Average gross monthly salary:	EUR 1 023 (March 2019)
Minimum gross monthly salary:	EUR 520 (March 2019)
Unemployment rate:	4,88 % (May 2019)
Income tax:	natural person 19 %
	21 %

Statistical data available from: www.statistics.sk.

This information brochure was published by the Migration Information Centre of the International Organization for Migration (MIC). The MIC provides foreign nationals residing in Slovakia with individual legal, social and labour counselling, Slovak language and socio-cultural orientation courses, supports their integration in the labour market and community life.

The aim of this brochure is to provide a brief overview of information regarding Slovakia and basic orientation prior to the arrival to Slovakia and your first steps in the new country. It will give you an overview of practical advice as well as important reminders of obligations regarding your residence in Slovakia resulting from the legal system of the Slovak Republic.

The brochure is primarily designed for third country nationals, i.e. countries which are not European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) member states, or Switzerland.

In the further text you will find terms in masculine (e.g. foreigner, applicant). These terms cover both female and male persons.

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ENTRY AND RESIDENCE IN SLOVAKIA

Slovak Republic is part of the Schengen Area within which free movement of persons, goods, services and capital applies. If you do not need a visa to enter Slovakia, you were granted a Schengen visa or you hold a temporary or permanent residence in Slovakia, you can cross the internal state borders of individual Member States without undergoing any border or customs control. It also means that you can enter Slovakia through another Schengen state without the necessity to arrange a transit visa.

When you do not need a visa

If you are a national of one of the following countries, you can travel to Slovakia based on a valid travel document and stay here without a visa for a maximum period of 90 days within any 180-day period: Albania (holders of biometric passports), Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina (holders of biometric passports), Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, North Macedonia (holders of biometric passports), Georgia (holders of biometric passports), Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Kiribati, Macau, Malaysia, Marshal Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova (holders of biometric passports), Monaco, Montenegro (holders of biometric passports), New Zealand, Nicaragua, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia (holders of biometric passports),

Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Taiwan (holders of a passport containing an ID card number), Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Ukraine (holders of biometric passports), United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Vatican City (Holy See) and Venezuela.

When you need a visa

If you are not a national of any of the above mentioned countries or EU/EEA/Swiss national, you will need **Schengen visa** for entry and for a short-term stay in Slovakia for a maximum period of 90 days. The Schengen visa application is submitted in person at the diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic abroad. The application has to be submitted together with:

- Filled in Schengen visa application form,
- Valid travel document,
- Colour photograph (3 × 3.5 cm),
- Document proving purpose of the journey,
- Return ticket,
- Documents proving accommodation,
- Proof of financial means which cover the period of your stay,
- Document proving your health insurance, (international travel insurance valid for the entire territory of the Schengen Area for the entire length of stay),
- In specific cases invitation verified by the Foreign Police Department.

An administrative fee of EUR 35 – 60* has to be paid for the visa application.

If you have already been granted residence in Slovakia and you need a visa to enter the territory of the Schengen Area, you may

apply for a **national visa**. A national visa is issued under similar conditions as a Schengen visa. The national visa application is submitted at the diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic accredited for the country of your citizenship or of your residence. There is an administrative fee of EUR 9.50* for issuing the national visa.

You may obtain further information at the Slovak diplomatic mission accredited to your country or on the website of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic www.mzv.sk.

Do you want to check if you need a visa to enter the Slovak Republic? Use the VISA CHECK –

<http://mic.iom.sk/visacheck/en/home> web application to check SR entry requirements according to the country of origin. The application also enables you to find out what type of residence permit you need to study, work or start a business in Slovakia.

If you intend to stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic for a period longer than 90 days in any 180-day period, it is necessary to apply for one of the following residence types. A residence permit represents a certain form of a “long-term visa” and while valid it entitles you to stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic, as well as in the entire Schengen Area and travel freely abroad and return back to the Schengen Area without the need to arrange another visa.

Temporary Residence

A temporary residence entitles you to stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic and travel abroad and back within the period for which it was granted. It is always granted for only one specific

purpose and only exceptionally entitles you to perform other activities as well. It may be granted for the purpose of business, employment, seasonal work, studies, special activity (lecturing, sports, artistic, volunteering activity etc.), research and development, family reunion or performing professional duties by civilian units of the armed forces, to a person with acknowledged status of a Slovak Living Abroad or to a person with acknowledged long-term residence in another EU Member State. The EU Blue Card is also considered as temporary residence. For the first time temporary residence may be granted for various periods depending on the purpose for which it was granted and may be extended repeatedly.

The application for temporary residence must be submitted at the diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic accredited to the country of your citizenship or the country of your residence. You may also submit the application at the Foreign Police Department competent according to your place of residence, if:

- You reside in Slovakia based on a valid residence permit;
- You reside in Slovakia based on a national visa;
- You reside in Slovakia based on a granted tolerated residence;
- You are a citizen of a country not requiring a visa;
- You hold the Certificate of a Slovak Living Abroad.

The application for temporary residence with the purpose of intra-corporate transfer has to be submitted at the diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic.

Submitting an application does not entitle you to reside in Slovakia and if the residence permits is not granted to you within 90 days from your entry to Slovakia or until the expiry of your visa you will have to leave Slovakia.

The application must be submitted in person on the official form in Slovak language (available also on the MIC web site www.mic.iom.sk). The application must be submitted together with:

- **Valid passport;**
- Two colour **photographs** (3 × 3.5 cm);
- **Document proving the purpose of residence;**
- **Certificate of No Criminal Record;**
- **Document on accommodation** in Slovakia for a minimum of 6 months or for the entire stay, when applying for temporary residence for a shorter time;
- **Document on financial coverage of your residence** in the amount of monthly life minimum for each month of your residence, if the length of residence exceeds 1 year amounting to 12-times the monthly life minimum; in case of a minor this amount reduces by half;
- **Financial coverage of business activity** (applicable only for temporary residence for the purpose of business) documented by a bank account balance confirmation set up for the purpose of business amounting to 20-times the monthly life minimum in case of a sole trader and amounting to 100-times the monthly life minimum in case of an executive of a commercial company;
- **Administrative fee** in the form of a fee stamp (in the amount of EUR 33 to 232*, depending on the purpose of residence).

The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application. All documents issued abroad must be officially authenticated (apostille or superlegalization) and if they are in a foreign language they must be officially translated to Slovak language.

The authorities will issue a decision within 90 days (in some within 30 days) from the date of submitting your complete application.

After being granted temporary residence, in most cases you must:

- Enter Slovakia within 180 days from its granting, otherwise its validity will expire, Report the beginning of your residence at the Foreign Police within 3 working days from your entry to the territory of the SR;
- Conclude a health insurance policy within 3 working days from collecting the residence document;
- Within 30 days from collecting the residence document, submit at the Foreign Police a document on your health insurance in Slovakia;
- Within 30 days from collecting the residence document, submit at the Foreign Police a medical report not older than 30 days, confirming you do not suffer from a disease endangering public health;
- Reside in the territory of the SR for more than half of the length of the granted temporary residence in a calendar year; this is not applicable in the case of exercising mobility in another Member State or in case you have been granted temporary residence permit of a Slovak Living Abroad.

You will find more information on residence as well as of relevant exceptions when applying for it along with your obligations resulting from being granted residence in Slovakia on our MIC website www.mic.iom.sk.

Permanent Residence

Permanent residence entitles you to stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic (SR) within the period for which it was granted,

and to perform activities almost in the same scope as the citizens of the SR. It entitles you to travel abroad and back, work, do business, study or have access to health care and social security. There are 3 types of permanent residence: permanent residence for five years, permanent residence for unlimited time period and a long-term residence.

Permanent residence for 5 years

You may apply for permanent residence for five years, if you are:

- A spouse of a citizen of the SR with permanent residence in the territory of SR or a dependent relative in the direct line of a citizen of the SR with permanent residence in the territory of SR;
- An unmarried child under the age of 18 entrusted to personal care of a foreigner who is the spouse of a citizen of the SR with permanent residence in the territory of SR;
- An unmarried child under the age of 18 of a foreigner with permanent residence for 5 years or a child under the age of 18 entrusted to personal care of a foreign national with permanent residence for 5 years;
- A dependent child over the age of 18 of a foreigner with permanent residence, who may not take care of himself/herself due to a long-term unfavourable health condition.

Permanent residence for five years may be also granted to you, if it is of interest to the SR.

In specific cases, the Ministry of Interior of the SR may grant permanent residence for five years even without meeting these requirements (e.g. to a stateless person, witness, or for reasons worthy of special consideration).

The application for permanent residence for five years may be submitted at the competent Foreign Police Department according to the place of your residence or at the diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic accredited to the country of your citizenship or the country of your residence.

You may submit the application at the Foreign Police Department only if:

- You reside in Slovakia based on a valid residence permit;
- You reside in Slovakia based on a national visa;
- You reside in Slovakia based on a Schengen visa granted by another Member State on the basis of a representation agreement between the SR and another Member State on granting Schengen visas;
- You reside in Slovakia based on a granted tolerated residence;
- You are a citizen of a country not requiring a visa; or
- You hold the Certificate of a Slovak Living Abroad.

At the diplomatic mission, you will be interviewed for the purpose of preliminary assessment of your application.

The application must be submitted in person on the official form in Slovak language. The application must be submitted together with:

- Valid **passport**;
- Two colour **photographs** (3 × 3.5 cm);
- **Document proving purpose of the application**, e.g.: Marriage Certificate issued in Slovakia and proof of the spouse's permanent residence in Slovakia (i.e. valid ID card);
- **Criminal Registry Extract** from the country of your origin and the countries where you resided in the last 3 years for more than 90 days during 6 consecutive months;

- **Document on financial coverage of your residence** in Slovakia in the amount of 12-times the statutory life minimum;
- **Document on your accommodation** in Slovakia;
- **Administrative fee** in the form of a fee stamp (in the amount of EUR 165.50. You are exempt from the fee, if you are a spouse of a Slovak citizen, or his/her dependent relative in direct line)*.

The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application. All documents issued abroad must be officially authenticated (apostille or superlegalization) and officially translated to Slovak language.

The authorities will issue a decision within 90 days from the date of submitting your complete application. There is an administrative fee of EUR 4.50* for issuing the residence document (i.e. ID card).

Submitting an application for permanent residence for five years does not entitle you to reside in Slovakia. Until you obtain the permanent residence, you are entitled to stay in Slovakia only on basis of a valid visa, another residence, or within the visa-free regime.

After being permanent residence for 5 years, you must:

- Enter the territory of Slovakia within 180 days from its granting;
- Inform the competent Foreign Police Department about the beginning of your residence within 3 working days from your arrival to Slovakia;
- Conclude health insurance policy within 3 working days from collecting the residence document at the latest;
- Within 30 days from collecting the residence document, submit at the Foreign Police a medical report confirming you do not suffer from a disease endangering public health not applicable in case of change in the type or purpose of residence or in case

of a foreign national with a residence in another Union Member State.

The Foreign Police will cancel your permanent residence for five years, if you apply for benefits in material need!

You will find more information on permanent residence for 5 years as well as of relevant exceptions when applying for it along with your obligations resulting from being granted residence in Slovakia on our MIC website www.mic.iom.sk.

Permanent residence for an unlimited time period

You may apply for permanent residence for an unlimited time period, if:

- you have held the permanent residence for five years at least for a period of 4 years,
- you are a child under the age of 18 of a foreigner with permanent residence for an unlimited time period.

Application for permanent residence for an unlimited time period

The application for permanent residence for an unlimited time period must be submitted in person on the official form in Slovak language at the competent Foreign Police Department according to the place of your residence. You have to do so no later than the last day of validity of your current residence. The application must be submitted together with:

- Valid **passport**;
- Two colour **photographs** (3 × 3.5 cm);

- **Document on financial coverage** of your residence in Slovakia in the amount of 12-times the statutory life minimum;
- **Document proving your health insurance;**
- **Criminal Registry Extract** from the country of your origin and the countries where you resided in the last 3 years for more than 90 days during 6 consecutive months (applicable only for a child over the age of 14 and under the age of 18 of a foreigner with permanent residence for an unlimited time period).

The Foreign Police may ask you to submit a document on your accommodation and an affidavit confirming that the reasons for permanent residence still last.

The authorities will issue a decision within 90 days from the date of delivering your complete application. The fee for submitting an application for permanent residence permit is EUR 165,50. There is an administrative fee of EUR 4.50* for issuing the permanent residence document (i.e. ID card).

Your permanent residence for five years is considered legal in the territory of Slovakia until the decision on your application for permanent residence for an unlimited time period is issued.

The Foreign Police will cancel your permanent residence for an unlimited time period, if you apply for benefits in material need!

Long-term residence

You may apply for long-term residence for an unlimited time period, if:

- you have legally resided in Slovakia for at least 5 continuous years directly prior to the submission of your application;

- you have had a 5-year legal uninterrupted residence in the territory of an EU Member State as a Blue Card holder and have resided in Slovakia as a Blue Card holder for at least 2 years directly prior to the submission of the application;
- your long-term residence previously expired due to obtaining long-term residence in another EU Member State, due to the fact that you resided outside the territory of the SR for a period of 6 years, or due to the fact that you resided outside the territory of the EU for 12 or 24 consecutive months.

The application for long-term residence must be submitted in person on the official form in Slovak language at the competent Foreign Police Department according to the place of your residence. You have to do so no later than the last day of validity of your current residence. The application must be submitted together with:

- Valid **passport**;
- Two colour **photographs** (3 × 3.5 cm);
- **Document proving fixed and regular income**;
- **Document proving your health insurance**.

The authorities will issue a decision within 90 days from the date of delivering your complete application. There is an administrative fee of EUR 4.50* for issuing the permanent residence document (i.e. ID card).

Your residence is considered legal in the territory of Slovakia until the decision on your application for long-term residence is delivered.

In general

You are obliged to leave the country no later than the last day of validity of your permanent residence. If the Foreign Police rejected your application for permanent residence for an unlimited time period, or cancelled your permanent residence you are obliged to leave the country within 30 days from validity of the decision.

Tolerated residence

You may apply for tolerated residence, if you find yourself in the situation when you cannot leave Slovakia and at the same time, you do not meet the conditions for granting another type of residence. It is granted for a maximum of 180 days and it is possible to apply for a repeated extension. Tolerated residence entitles you to reside in the territory of the Slovak Republic during the period for which it was granted and you may also work. However, it does not entitle you to do business.

You may apply for tolerated residence, if:

- you are a minor child found in the territory of the Slovak Republic;
- it is required due to respect of your private and family life and you do not endanger state security or public order (you must submit a Criminal Registry Extract from the country of your citizenship and from the countries where you resided in the last 3 years for more than 90 days during 6 consecutive months);
- it results from international commitments of the SR.

The Police will not accept the application, if you are in an asylum granting procedure.

The application for tolerated residence must be submitted in person, on the official form in Slovak language at the competent Foreign Police Department according to the place of your residence. The application must be submitted along with its written justification and documents proving the reasons for granting tolerated residence. When applying for tolerated residence, there is an administrative fee of EUR 99.50* and EUR 33* when applying for its extension.

The criminal authority applies for tolerated residence on your behalf, if:

- you are a victim of human trafficking and at least 18 years of age;
- you were illegally employed under particularly exploitative working conditions or if you are an illegally employed minor person, provided that your presence in the territory of Slovakia is inevitable for the purpose of criminal proceedings.

Remaining

Is an institute that may be approved, if you are staying in Slovakia for specific reasons preventing your departure, while not having a valid visa or residence permit. You may remain in Slovakia until cessation of these reasons. However, remaining in the territory of the SR is not considered as residence based on the Law on Residence of Foreigners in the SR. This means that while remaining in the territory of the SR, you are not entitled to apply for an invitation verification, for the granting of temporary or permanent residence, to work, or do business. You may remain in the territory of the SR during:

- Existence of obstacles to administrative expulsion;
- Provision of institutional care linked with urgent health care;
- Existence of a quarantine measure;
- Act of detention, custody, enforcement of imprisonment or enforcement of house arrest;
- Period for departure;
- Detention;
- Preparation of an assisted voluntary return;
- Performance of actions to obtain a travel document, which is not possible to ensure even through the diplomatic mission of your home country;
- Preparation and execution of administrative expulsion, or return according to a specific regulation.

In the case of institutional care or quarantine measure, you may remain in the territory of the SR only if these were provided or ordered while your residence in Slovakia was still legal. At the same time, you must leave the territory of the SR within three days from termination of the institutional care or quarantine measure.

employment). In other cases, you may also be employed on basis of a contract performed out of the employment relationship.

You can find detailed information on individual methods of employment on MIC website www.mic.iom.sk.

Single permit

So-called single permit is a new type of temporary residence for the purpose of employment and will simplify employment of foreign nationals in Slovakia. It is issued on basis of the confirmation on the possibility to fill in a vacancy.

In case of a single permit it is therefore sufficient to apply for temporary residence for the purposes of employment, whereas it is not necessary for you or for your future employer to apply at the competent labour office for a Work Permit. However, your future employer must report a job vacancy the competent Labour Office at least 20 working days before applying for temporary residence for the purpose of employment.

It is also possible to report a job vacancy by means of the labour market internet wizard on www.istp.sk.

If within 20 working days of reporting a job vacancy it was not possible to fill it in with a job applicant listed in the register of job seekers, your employer may issue you a written promise of employment or conclude a contract of employment.

If a vacancy is on the employment shortage list in districts where unemployment rate is less than 5% and the employer does not

employ more than 30% of non-EU foreigners under this exemption, after the employer reports the vacancy at the Labor Office you do not have to wait 20 working days before applying for temporary residence for the purpose of employment. You can submit the application for temporary residence for the purpose of employment immediately, the Labor Office will not examine the situation on the labor market and the Foreign Police will issue a decision on your application within 30 days of receiving a confirmation of the possibility of filling a vacancy from the Labor Office.

The employer is not required to report the vacancy, if:

- The working position is included in the shortage professions list in a district with unemployment rate lower than 5 %;
- Based on this exception, the employer does not employ more than 30% of third country nationals from the entire number of employees.

In this case, you may apply for temporary residence for the purpose of employment and the Labour Office will not assess the situation in the labour market.

More information on the application process for temporary residence for the purpose of employment can be found on www.mic.iom.sk.

When you do not need a work permit or confirmation on the possibility to fill in a vacancy

In Slovakia, you may be employed without a work permit, confirmation on the possibility to fill in a vacancy, or confirmation on the possibility to fill in a vacancy which corresponds to a highly qualified employment if:

- a) you were granted **permanent residence** in the territory of SR,
- b) you were granted temporary residence of a third country national with acknowledged **long-term residence in another EU Member State**, after 12 months from the beginning of the stay in the territory of SR,
- c) you were granted a **temporary residence for the purpose of a family reunion**,
 - after 12 months of continuous residence in the territory of SR from being granted temporary residence for the purpose of family reunion,
 - if you are a family member of a Blue Card holder or
 - if you are a family member of a person sent to the Slovak Republic within an intracorporate transfer,
 - if you are a family member of a person temporarily employed by an employer in the Slovak Republic on the basis of the mobility of an employee or a researcher
 - if you are a family member of a third country national pursuant to letter f),
- d) you are a **family member of an EU Member State national** and you are entitled to reside in the territory of SR,
- e) you were granted **temporary residence for the purpose of study**, if your work does not exceed **10 hours per week** or **20**

hours per week, if you are a university student or the equivalent number of days or months in a year,

- f) If you were granted **temporary residence for the purpose of research and development** and
 - you perform research or development on basis of a hosting agreement or
 - your pedagogical activity in employment relation does not exceed 50 days in one calendar year in total,
- g) you were granted temporary residence as third country national with acknowledged status of a **Slovak Living Abroad**,
- h) you are an **asylum seeker** and your employment is possible under special regulations,
- i) you were granted **asylum**,
- j) you were granted **subsidiary protection**,
- k) you were granted a **temporary shelter**,
- l) if your employment relation or secondment does not exceed **30 days in one calendar year** and
 - you are a teacher, academic employee, university teacher, scientific, research or development worker **participating in a professional scientific event** or
 - a performing **artist** taking part in the artistic event,
- m) on basis of a business contract you secure **delivery of goods or services**, or you deliver such goods or services or you carry out **installation works in connection with the delivery of goods, warranty services and repairs, work related to system setup of production facilities, programming work or professional trainings** if your secondment does not exceed **90 days in one calendar year**,
- n) you are accepted for employment relation **based on an international treaty** binding for the SR and which stipulates that a work permit is not required for acceptance of a third country national into employment relationship,
- o) you are a **family member of a diplomatic mission member**, of

- an **employee of consular office, or of an employee of inter-governmental organisation** based in the territory of the Slovak Republic, provided the international treaty made on behalf of the Government of the Slovak Republic guarantees reciprocity,
- p) you are a **member of a rescue unit** and provide assistance on the basis of interstate treaty on mutual assistance in the mitigation of the effects of accidents and natural disasters and in the cases of humanitarian assistance,
 - q) you are a **member of the armed forces or of a civilian unit of the armed forces** of a dispatching state,
 - r) you are performing **professional practice** or professional training under special regulations in **schools or school facilities**,
 - s) you have **successfully completed your secondary school or university studies** in SR,
 - t) you will be **employed for an assigned period for the purpose of increasing your employment skills** for a maximum period of **1 year** (internship),
 - u) you will be **employed for an assigned period for the purpose of training**, for a maximum of 6 consecutive weeks in a calendar year, in the case of an employment with workforce shortage and you have submitted an application for temporary residence for the purpose of employment for the same working position,
 - v) you were **dispatched by an employer with registered seat in a EU Member State** within the provision of services provided by such employer,
 - w) you are a **partner** in a company, or a **statutory body** of a company, or a **member of a statutory body** of a company that performs activities on behalf of the company that was provided investment aid, by performing activities, during a period for which the decision on the approval of the investment aid was issued for,
 - x) for a company that was provided investment aid, by performing activities, you **secure delivery of goods or services, or**

you deliver such goods or services or you carry out installation works, warranty services and repairs, work related to system setup of production facilities, programming work or professional trainings, during a period for which the decision on the approval of the investment aid was issued for,

- y)** you are **employed in an international public transport company** and assigned to perform work by a foreign employer,
- z)** you perform **activity for a legal person who has been issued significant investment certificate**, and
 - you manage such legal person or its organizational unit or
 - you have an exceptional professional knowledge, skills, abilities or know-how that are necessary for running a company, research techniques or management if performing of this activity **does not exceed a total of 90 days per calendar year**,
- aa)** if you are **accredited in the media**,
- ab)** your **tolerated residence** has been **extended** because you were a **victim of human trafficking**,
- ac)** you were granted **tolerated residence due to respect of your private and family life**,
- ad)** you were granted **tolerated residence due the fact you were illegally employed** under particularly exploitative working conditions or if your presence in the territory of Slovakia is inevitable for the purpose of criminal proceedings,
- ae)** you perform **clerical activities** on behalf of a registered church or religious society,
- af)** you were granted national visa and a
 - **working holiday program** approved the Government applies to you,
 - you are involved in the realization of a film project in the Slovak Republic or
 - it is an interest of the Slovak Republic, which was approved by the Slovak government,

- ag)** you temporarily work with an employer in the Slovak Republic on the basis of mobility
 - from an employer in an EU Member State as part of an intra-corporate transfer or
 - you conduct research and development under a hosting agreement, or your teaching activity does not exceed a total of 50 days per calendar year,
- ah)** your work performance for all employers does not exceed 20 hours per week or the corresponding number of days or months per year, if you are a university student staying on the territory of the Slovak Republic on the basis of mobility,
- ai)** you provide training for the Business Services Center, if the duration of your employment relationship with the Business Services Center does not exceed a total of 90 days per calendar year.

In the above mentioned cases, your employer will only report a vacancy (you do not need to wait a set number of days) and you can be employed automatically on the basis of the residence permit which will be or has been issued to you. However, in most cases prior to the commencement of employment, you are required to obtain temporary residence for the purpose of employment. In the cases referred to in paragraphs m), v), x), y) and z) you do not need to hold temporary residence for the purpose of employment within 90 days of the beginning of your residence in Slovakia, if you meet general conditions for entry into the country and you have fulfilled the obligation to report the place, beginning as well as the expected length relevant to Foreign Police Department within 3 days from entering the SR.

More information on individual possibilities of employment can be found on www.mic.iom.sk.

DOING BUSINESS

Almost every profit-making activity you wish to perform beyond the employment relationship is considered entrepreneurship and you need to obtain a license for it. The most common way of doing business is:

- on basis of a Trade License as **sole trader** (as natural person),
- by means of a **limited liability company** (as legal person).

Sole Trading

Each applicant for a Trade License must meet the following conditions for pursuing a trade:

- **General conditions** (must be met at all times), minimum 18 years of age, legal capacity, clean criminal record
- **Specific conditions** (must be met depending on the type of business), professional or other qualification for a trade.

Types of trades and the conditions for conducting trade

- **Unregulated trades:** it is sufficient to meet the general conditions, proof of professional or other qualification is not necessary.
- **Regulated trades:** aside from the general conditions, you need to prove professional qualification, in most cases by a certificate proving you have undertaken a specific education or training in the field you would like to focus on.
- **Craft trades:** aside from the general conditions, you need to prove professional qualification by submitting a certificate

of completed education and the length of experience in the relevant field.

If you are a citizen of a Member State of the EU/EEA/Swiss Confederation, you may prove your professional qualification by submitting the recognition of professional experience or the recognition of professional qualification.

Further conditions for conducting trade

In addition to the listed conditions, depending on your citizenship, eventually on whether you have already been granted some type of residence, there are certain obligations to be met prior to starting your business. These might include appointing an Authorised Representative, acquiring a Trade License, acquiring a temporary residence permit for the purpose of business and registering with the Commercial Register. If you are a:

- **Third country national and you were granted permanent residence in Slovakia, you must:**
 - » Obtain a Trade License,
- **Third country national and you were granted temporary residence in Slovakia for the purpose of business, you must:**
 - » Obtain a Trade License and
 - » registering with the Commercial Register is not necessary if you have permanent residence in an EU/OECD Member State),
- **Third country national and you have not been granted residence in Slovakia, you must:**
 - » Obtain a Trade License,
 - » Obtain a temporary residence for the purpose of business and

- » Register with the Commercial Register (not necessary if you have permanent residence in an EU/OECD Member State).
- **Citizen of a Member State of the EU/EEA/ Swiss Confederation, you must:**
 - » Register your residence in Slovakia and
 - » Obtain a Trade License.

If conducting a trade requires professional or other qualification (specific conditions) and you do not meet these specific conditions for conducting a craft trade or regulated trade, or if you meet these conditions but still do not have residence in the territory of the SR or a residence permit, you must appoint an Authorised Representative.

Administrative fees *

- Application for temporary residence for the purpose of business at the Foreign Police Department: EUR 232
- Application for temporary residence for the purpose of business at a diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic abroad: EUR 240
- Issuance of a Trade License – fee for a line of business which is an unregulated trade: EUR 5
- Issuance of a Trade License – fee for a line of business which is an unregulated trade, if the application is signed by electronic signature: without fee
- Issuance of a Trade License – fee for a line of business which is a craft trade or regulated trade: EUR 15
- Issuance of a Trade License – fee for a line of business which is a craft trade or regulated trade, if the application is signed by electronic signature: EUR 7.50
- Registration of a natural person entrepreneur with the Commercial Register: EUR 150

- Electronic submission of application for registration of a natural person entrepreneur with the Commercial Register: EUR 75.50

Limited liability company

Limited liability company (Ltd) is a company whose registered capital consists of pre-determined contributions of its members. The minimum value of company's registered capital must be at least EUR 5,000. The minimum of contribution of a member is EUR 750. The contribution can be made in cash and in-kind (e.g. land, technologies, production equipment etc). Before submitting an application for registration with the Commercial Register at least 30% of each contribution in cash has to be paid (in case of only one founding member the full amount of registered capital has to be paid). However, the total value of paid contributions in cash together with the value of contributions in-kind has to be at least EUR 2,500. A member is liable for the company obligations up to the amount of his/her unpaid contribution.

Limited liability company may be established by one person and it can have a maximum number of 50 members. A member is liable for the company obligations up to the amount of his/her unpaid contribution registered in the Commercial Register.

Establishment of Ltd

You can establish Ltd by **memorandum of association** (in case of more than one member) or a **foundation deed** (in case of only one member). In both cases the signatures have to be authenticated by a notary. When establishing Ltd you have to define a **legal name** of the company, **line of business** and its **seat**.

Obtaining Trade License

Following the establishment of Ltd, you have to obtain the **Trade License** (as in the case of sole trading). See chapter *Sole Trading* for the procedure and conditions for obtaining the Trade License.

Granting of residence when establishing Ltd

If you have not yet been granted temporary residence in Slovakia, after obtaining Trade License you will have to apply for **temporary residence for the purpose of business**. The application has to be submitted on the official form in Slovak language (available also on the MIC website www.mic.iom.sk). You will be granted temporary residence only if you are an executive of Ltd (it is not sufficient to be a member of Ltd).

Commencing Ltd business

Ltd is established **on the day of its registration with the Commercial Register**. After registering Ltd with the Commercial Register, the Ltd can start conducting business. The application for registration of Ltd in the Commercial Register has to be submitted on the official form in Slovak language (available also on the MIC website www.mic.iom.sk).

When submitting the application for registration with the Commercial Register, you have to also attach your residence permit for the territory of Slovakia (not applicable if you are an EU or OECD Member State national). The application for registration with the Commercial Register has to be submitted at the competent Register Court, this being the District Court according to the seat of the Ltd. The application for registration has to be submitted within 90 days from the establishment of Ltd or from the delivery of a Trade License. In case of registering a new executive (who does not yet have any type of residence in Slovakia) to an existing

Ltd, the person authorised to act on behalf of the company must notify the Commercial Register of the change within 30 days from obtaining the temporary residence.

Administrative fees *

- Application for temporary residence for the purpose of business at the Foreign Police Department: EUR 232
- Application for temporary residence for the purpose of business at a diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic abroad: EUR 240
- Registration of Ltd with the Commercial Register: EUR 300.
- Electronic registration of Ltd with the Commercial Register: EUR 150

CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION IN SLOVAKIA



It is possible to study at public, private and church schools in Slovakia. There is a ten-year compulsory school attendance in Slovakia. It starts at the age of 6 and ends at the end of a school year in which the child reaches the age of 16. If you intend to settle down in Slovakia with children younger than 16 years of age, you will have to register them in one of the schools.

Nurseries

If you have a child from the age of 6 months to 3.5 years and you are employed, you can place your child in a nursery. The nursery is a facility which helps employed parents with child care at an early age. Only few facilities are established by municipality, most of the nurseries are private facilities. The fees in state facilities start at EUR 200 a month, in private nurseries at EUR 300. It is possible to use the nursery services for up to several hours a day or only from time to time in special cases. You can find the list of state and private nurseries on the website www.detskejasle.org.

Kindergartens

Parents can place a child from the age of 2 to 6 years in a state or private pre-school facility – kindergarten. You may place your child in a state kindergarten if you have a registered residence in

the given borough. The amount of fee for the stay of a child in state kindergartens is determined by the founder (municipality) whereas the maximum basic fee is up to EUR 14.90 a month. Meals are paid separately in the amount of approximately EUR 1 a day. Parents also contribute by means of one-off contribution the fund for various trips, repairs, toys etc. The amount of contribution is approved by the parents' association. If it is not possible to place a child in state kindergarten for capacity reasons or because of not meeting admission requirements, parents can enrol their child in private kindergarten or church kindergarten. However, these kindergartens determine the fees for a child themselves corresponding to the quality of services offered (e.g. education in foreign language, focus on art, sports). These fees are often several times higher than the fees in state kindergartens. You can find the list of state and private kindergartens on the website www.cvtisr.sk.

Primary schools

A child enters primary school (ZŠ) at the age of 6 years. Primary education includes 9 years of compulsory school attendance at primary school. Primary school is divided into two levels: grades from 1–4 and grades from 5–9.

At the end of the 5th grade pupils may apply to study at an eight-year grammar school. This is a combination of primary and secondary school and ends with the school leaving examination.

Secondary schools

Pupils who complete the 9th grade of primary school continue their studies at secondary school. Admission requirements for study at secondary school are determined by the individual secondary school. Generally, pupils have to take written admission

examination and the grades from primary school are also taken into consideration. Students choose a secondary school according to their interests and professional aims. Study at state and church secondary schools is free of charge. The amount of tuition at private schools is determined by the individual school. Main types of secondary schools are:

Secondary grammar school

Secondary grammar school offers a four-year study which is focused on gaining general knowledge and it is primarily suitable as a preparation for university study. There are secondary grammar schools focusing on languages, sports, art or mathematics. There are also bilingual secondary grammar schools—e.g. German, Russian, Italian, Spanish and English. Bilingual study lasts mostly five years. At the end of the study, students must pass the school leaving examination—graduation, which then serves as a document on completing the education and it is a condition for admission to university.

Secondary vocational schools

Business school

Secondary business school offers four-year economic study which also ends with the school leaving examination. Part of the study is focused also on practical accounting work. You can study in Slovak language but there are also bilingual business schools. Some private business schools also provide the opportunity to study externally. The length of this type of study is 2–4 years.

Hotel school

Secondary hotel school offers specialised study of hotel management and practical activities of a cook and waiter. After three years students obtain vocational certificate. If the student decides

to continue with the study, he/she can obtain the school leaving certificate after further two years.

Other vocational schools

Other vocational schools offer 2–5 year study of different specialisations through which students get theoretical knowledge but also special skills suitable for practical work. Education at secondary vocational schools is primarily focused on the pursuit of a profession and professional activities in various fields and can also prepare students for further study. These are: pedagogical schools, nursing schools, technical schools (e.g. electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, transport, geodetic etc.)

Higher education

School of higher education is a top educational, scientific and artistic institution, whose main mission is to contribute to a knowledge society. Precondition for admission to the university study is successful completion of a secondary school, completed by the school leaving examination and passing the admission examinations. Some schools of higher education also take into account grades from the secondary school. Study may be in the form of full-time study or external study. First admission to public schools of higher education is generally free of charge. Some forms of study are subject to a charge (e.g. external) or exceeding the standard length of study or studying in language other than Slovak. Study at private schools of higher education is subject to a charge and conditions for admission of candidates (except for the necessity of completing the secondary education) are determined by the individual school of higher education. The amount of tuition needs to be checked at a specific school.

A list of universities, faculties and study programs in Slovakia may be found on the web site www.portalvs.sk/en/.

The study consists of the following levels:

- Bachelor's study (1st level of university study). It takes two to three years and at the end the student earns a Bachelor's degree (Bc.).
- Master's/Engineer's study (2nd level of university study). You can start this study only after earning a Bachelor's degree. It takes four to six years, it is divided into 8–12 academic terms and student earns Master's (Mgr.) or Engineer's degree (Ing.) at the end of the study.
- Postgraduate study (3rd level of university study). You can start this level of study only after earning a Master's or Engineer's degree. This study ends with dissertation defence and earning PhD degree. This study can take up to five years. List of universities in Slovakia: www.portalvs.sk/sk

Foreign students and international scholarships

From the academic year 2014/2015 full-time study in the Slovak language in the standard length of study at public schools of higher education is free of charge regardless of nationality. Tuition for other forms of study or study in a language other than Slovak are determined individually by each school of higher education. In the case of students under international treaties, tuition and fees associated with the study shall be governed by the provisions of these treaties. If you are foreign national and you intend to come to Slovakia to study at a school of higher education, you have the opportunity to get a scholarship of the Slovak Government within

the framework of the aid to developing countries. This programme is part of a development aid of the Slovak Republic and it is a programme and a project activity of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic informs by the end of February the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the sending country about the conditions of university study in Slovakia and about the number of scholarships that can be granted to a specific country for the next academic year. If you are interested in the scholarship of the Slovak government, enquire at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the country of your origin for information about the current offer of scholarships at particular fields of study and about the number of offered scholarships. Study application accompanied by supporting documentation shall be submitted electronically via the portal www.vladnestipendia.sk. After submitting the application and the assessment of the document on completion of study, the selection committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter "Ministry of Education of SR") decides on the granting of the scholarship.

Scholarship is granted for a standard length of university study in Slovakia (5 to 6 years). However, each year you must meet the conditions for registration into the next year of study. Scholarship holder is granted:

- monthly scholarship (EUR 280 for bachelor's and master's study, EUR 330 for postgraduate study);
- accommodation in a dormitory and meals in student canteens for the same price as for Slovak students;
- scholarship of the Slovak government for 10-month language and professional preparation in case that the applicant did not

complete study at secondary school in Slovakia or at secondary school abroad with lessons of Slovak language;

- compulsory public health insurance in Slovakia. The scholarship holder is at all times of study and receiving of scholarship, bound to have public health insurance in Slovakia.

Scholarship holder can also gain extra scholarship for good grades in the amount of EUR 50 (EUR 170 for a postgraduate student). The student is exempt from administrative fees for granting of temporary residence for the purpose of study.

You can find further information, admission conditions and number of scholarships offered for the given year on the website of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic www.minedu.sk or on www.vladnestipendia.sk.

Language education for foreigners

If you want to study Slovak or another foreign language, you can attend a course at a language school. Some language schools have a network of schools throughout the country, others offer their services locally.

Most language courses are conducted in groups of about ten persons with one lecturer, usually 2 × 90 minutes a week. However conversation courses of 1 × 90 minutes a week are also available. During summer school holidays, in July and August, language schools offer short-term intensive courses. Individual modules of courses are completed by language school examinations. Language schools offer the possibility to take examinations based on which it is possible gain an internationally recognized certificate. You can find the list of language schools and their current course offers on the website www.kurzy.education.sk.

Foreign students who were granted scholarship for university study in Slovakia are provided with an intensive course of Slovak language before the actual start of their study.

There is also a possibility to arrange a course of foreign language with a private teacher. Prices differ from teacher to teacher.

Group, free of charge, open courses of Slovak language are provided by MIC IOM.

Retraining courses

There are various types of retraining courses in which you can gain qualification in various fields. These courses are charged, their duration, intensity and costs vary. Some companies provide their employees with partial or full reimbursement of the training course fee.

If you are a permanent or temporary residence holder or you have been granted tolerated stay, you may apply for the allowance of a chosen course at IOM Migration Information Centre. You may obtain more information on how to get the allowance directly at MIC IOM, by e-mail at mic@iom.int or by telephone on our information helpline **0850 211 478**.

HEALTH CARE



Health care in Slovakia is provided on basis of public health insurance or individual (commercial) health insurance, or health insurance of a foreigner in another Member State of the EU/EEA Swiss Confederation. Also, the extent of health care provided depends on the type of health insurance. Each foreign national staying in Slovakia must have some type of health insurance valid in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

Urgent health care

Urgent health care is urgent care provided in case of a sudden change of health conditions which is directly endangering life or any of the vital functions. It is also a health care provided during child delivery. Everybody under any circumstances is always entitled to urgent health care. Urgent health care is provided free of charge.

Public health insurance

Public health insurance policyholders are provided health care services and connected services laid under the conditions stipulated by law. All policyholders have the right to receive the same health care covered by public health insurance, even if they pay health insurance advance payments of different amounts. Policyholders pay contributions into public health insurance regardless of needing health care or not.

Compulsory public health insurance

The obligation to pay health insurance arises at birth or if you have a permanent residence in the territory of Slovakia

The exceptions are:

- if you are employed abroad and you have health insurance in the country where you work;
- if you are performing self-employment activity and you have health insurance in the territory of the country where you are performing this activity;
- in case of a long-term stay abroad (more than six months) and you have health insurance in the foreign country;
- is a dependent family member of a person who is subject to the legislation of another Member State under special regulations.

In these cases, you can conclude only commercial health insurance in Slovakia.

You have an obligation to pay public health insurance even if you do not have permanent residence in Slovakia. This applies in case that you do not have health insurance in any other Member State of the EU/EEA Swiss Confederation and you are:

- employed by an employer whose registered seat or permanent business premises are in Slovakia;
- a self-employed person;
- an asylum seeker;
- a student from another EU Member State or a foreign student studying at a school in the Slovak Republic on the basis of an international treaty or a pupil or student who is a Slovak Living Abroad while studying at a school in the Slovak Republic;

- minor foreign national staying in the territory of the Slovak Republic without a legal representative or person responsible for the care of the minor and who is provided care in the facility where you are placed on basis of a court decision;
- a foreign national detained in the territory of the SR;
- in detention or serving prison sentence;
- a dependent family member who was born to the policyholder in another EU Member State;
- a dependent family member who is defined as such by the legislation of the Member State of his residence;
- a dependent child younger than 18 years of age with a residence permit in the territory of the SR, who has at least one legal representative, or a natural person to whose care he/she was entrusted based on a court decision, with public health insurance in the territory of the SR.

Registration with health insurance company

Public health insurance is currently administered by **3 health insurance companies** (Dôvera, Union, Všeobecná zdravotná poisťovňa). You can **choose freely** in which health insurance company you will conclude the insurance policy; however, you can be insured in only **one** health insurance company and you may change this company once a year. You have to submit the **application** for public health insurance in health insurance company within eight days from the day the fact establishing the commencement of public health insurance occurred. The health insurance company will acknowledge the application and provide you with the **insurance policyholder number and a card**, which you will produce when visiting a doctor. In connection with the granting of temporary or permanent residence in the territory of SR health insurance must be concluded no later than 3 working days from the receipt of a residence document.

What is covered by health insurance company from public health insurance

If you have public health insurance policy, the health insurance company covers only certain extent of health care.

The health insurance company **fully covers**:

- preventive medical check-ups;
- urgent health care (in case of a sudden change of health conditions which is directly endangering life or any of the vital functions);
- medical performance leading to the detection of a disease and determining the diagnosis, curing of the disease, mitigation of its effects, saving of life etc.;
- compulsory vaccination;
- urgent transport of the person to medical facility and between medical facilities;
- health care related to clandestine child deliveries.

Fully or partially covers:

- medication provided within hospital care,
- medical instruments provided within hospital care,
- dietetic food provided within hospital care.

Certain extent of health care is **covered** by public health insurance **only partially** (e.g. dental care). This means that if the insurance company covers certain service only partially, you pay the rest directly to the health care provider.

If you do not have any health insurance you have to **pay the full amount** for health care provided.

Individual (commercial) health insurance

The extent of health care provided to individual health insurance policyholders is determined by the **contract** with the health insurance company. The extent of health care provided is determined solely by the contract and the insured person does not have any further rights apart from the ones defined in the contract.

This type of insurance can be an equivalent to the compulsory insurance covering basic health care (e.g. if you are not entitled to participate in public health insurance), or supplementary insurance (for premium health care), or combination of both options.

If you cannot conclude the policy within public health insurance, you have an option to conclude commercial health insurance. Commercial health insurance is provided by several health insurance companies; however, it is important to find out what processes the health insurance covers and under what circumstances you can claim it. Before you conclude commercial health insurance, the health insurance company may require examination of your health condition and depending on its results the sum of health insurance is determined.

There is no legal entitlement to commercial health insurance.

Doctors and health care facilities

Every citizen in Slovakia, as well as a foreign national except for certain categories of foreign nationals, e.g. asylum seekers, has the right to choose the health care provider. Every national in Slovakia, as well as foreign national, has the obligation to register with a general practitioner. You may choose the general practitioner at your own discretion. It is suitable to find out if particular general practitioner has a contract with your health insurance company.

Health care is provided mainly at the outpatient departments, health centres, hospitals and emergencies.

Generally, with any health problem but also in case of preventive medical check-ups, you have to **first visit a general practitioner**, who will then, if needed, **recommend you to a particular specialist** at an outpatient department. The exceptions are for instance dentists, gynaecological and psychiatric outpatient departments which you may visit without recommendation of general practitioner. If a specific doctor has a contract with patient's health insurance company, health care is paid for by the health insurance company or, as the case may be (according to the type of services provided), the patient also partially participates on the payment.

You have also an option to choose one of the **private clinics** which you can visit directly. You pay for registration and premium (above standard) services provided. Most of the standard services are paid for by the insurance company.

You have to claim particular social insurance benefits at the locally competent branch of the Social Insurance Company according to the place of your residence in Slovakia, on official forms, which are available directly at the Social Insurance Company or on the website www.socpoist.sk.

Sickness insurance benefit

- **Sickness benefits**

- » it is provided in case that the policyholder was recognised to be temporarily incapable for work due to sickness or injury, or the policyholder has been quarantined;
- » it is paid for a maximum of 52 weeks;
- » employee is entitled to receive the sickness benefit starting from the 11th day of the temporary incapacity for work (until then the employee is provided the replacement income by the employer amounting to 25% of the daily assessment base for the first 3 days of the incapacity, and 55% from the 4th to the 10th day of the incapacity). Entrepreneur and a self-employed person are entitled to receive sickness benefit from the first day of the temporary incapacity for work;
- » the amount of sickness benefit for an employee is 55% of the daily assessment base, in the case of a sole trader or voluntary sickness insured person it is 25% of the daily assessment base during the first 3 days and 55% from the 4th day of temporary incapacity for work, sickness benefit will be reduced by half if the policyholder became temporarily incapable to work due to a condition that was caused by him/her being under the influence of alcohol or other addictive substance.

- **Nursing care benefit**

- » it is provided in case that the policyholder is nursing a sick family member whose medical condition, according to a medical statement, requires care of another person or if the policyholder nurses a child under the age of 10, who has been quarantined (also in other cases);
- » it is paid for a maximum of 10 days;
- » the amount of benefit represents 55 % the daily assessment base.

- **Equalization benefit**

- » it is provided to a mother who is during pregnancy or maternity redeployed to another job that without her fault provides a lower income compared to the income she had before the redeployment;
- » it is provided during pregnancy until the start of maternity leave and after termination of maternity leave until the end of the ninth month following the birth of the child;
- » the amount of benefit represents 55% of the difference between the original average wage and average wage after the redeployment to the new work position.

- **Maternity benefit**

- » it is provided to the policyholder who is pregnant or taking care of a newborn child;
- » it is provided for 34 weeks (37 weeks if the woman is single; 43 weeks if the woman delivered two or more children at once and cares for at least two of them);
- » if the mother does not receive the maternity benefit (any-more), the father taking the child over to his care has the entitlement as well. If the mother is receiving the maternity

- benefit, the father may start receiving the benefits only once the mother ceases to do so;
- » to the father, it is provided for 28 weeks, until the child reaches 3 years of age at the most;
 - » the amount of benefit represents 75 % of the average salary of the policyholder.

Pension insurance benefits

• Old-age pension

An applicant is entitled to old-age pension if he/she meets two conditions simultaneously:

- » he/she has reached retirement age (from 62 to 64 years);
- » he/she has been pension insured for at least 15 years.

It is possible to include in the period of pension insurance also periods of social insurance in the countries, to which the EU coordination regulation applies or, as the case may be, the periods of insurance in the countries with which the Slovak Republic has concluded bilateral agreement on social security.

The amount of pension depends on the number of years of insurance in the Social Insurance Agency, on the average personal wage point and current pension value valid at the time the entitlement to pension arose.

Under certain conditions, the applicant is entitled to an early retirement pension.

• Disability pension

An applicant is entitled to disability pension if:

- » he/she became disabled, i.e. that due to long-term unfavourable health condition his/her capacity to perform a profit-making activity is reduced by more than 40% compared to a healthy person;

- » he/she does not meet the conditions for old-age pension;
- » he/she has not been granted the early retirement pension;
- » he/she has reached sufficient number of years of insurance, depending on the age of the applicant.

It is possible to include in the period of disability insurance also periods of insurance in the countries, to which the EU coordination regulation applies or, as the case may be, the periods of insurance in the countries with which the Slovak Republic has concluded bilateral agreement on social security.

The amount of pension depends on the number of years of insurance in the Social Insurance Company, on the average personal wage point and current pension value valid at the time the entitlement to pension arose, percentage of reduction in the capacity to perform profit-making activity, or, as the case may be, on the fact whether the applicant's disability was caused by him/her being under the influence of alcohol or other addictive substance.

- **Widow's pension**

The entitlement to widow's pension arises after the death of the spouse who was granted old-age or disability pension, or, as the case may be, met the conditions for receiving the old age pension or he deceased due to a work injury or occupational disease.

The benefit is paid throughout the period of one year after death of the spouse. After lapse of this period the widow is further entitled to receive this benefit if she meets special conditions, e.g. taking care of a dependent child, disability or reaching the retirement age.

The benefit amount represents 60% of the spouse's pension to which he was entitled on the day of his death.

- **Widower's pension**

Conditions for the widower's pension and its amount are the same as in the case of widow's pension.

- **Orphan's pension**

The entitlement to orphan's pension arises to a child whose parent deceased and who on the day of his death was receiving old-age or disability pension or, who met the conditions for receiving it, or who deceased due to a work injury or occupational disease.

Entitlement to orphan's pension ceases upon reaching the age of 26 of the child and represents 40% of the pension amount of the deceased parent.

Unemployment insurance benefit

An applicant is entitled to the benefit if he/she has been socially insured for at least 2 years within the last 4 years. The benefit amount represents 50% of his/her average wage and is provided for the support period of 4 or 6 months has been socially insured for at least 2 years within the last 4 years.

The modality of ending the employment relationship does not influence the entitlement for unemployment benefit, its height, nor the period of its provision. Likewise, the entitlement is not influenced by the type of employment relationship (permanent contract/fixed term).

Assistance in material need and One-off benefit in material need

You may apply for assistance in material need at the respective Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family if you find yourself in a situation when your income and the income of members of your

household is below the subsistence minimum level and members of the household are not able to ensure or increase their income by means of work, property rights or other rights to property and by settlement of claims. The amounts of the subsistence minimum level change every year. Material need is determined by assessing the income, assets and the possibility of claims by the members of the household. Previous payment of social insurance contributions is not required for receiving this type of benefit.

- **Assistance in material need**

Assistance in material need is currently provided as a:

- » **benefit in material need**

- › it is designed to secure basic living conditions;
- › the amount of the benefit is EUR 64.70* per month in case of an individual (it increases depending on the number of household members) however the amount is conditional upon the activity of an adult household member who is employable, therefore may be reduced in certain circumstances;

- » **protection allowance**

- › it is designed to secure personal expenses of a household member who does not have the possibility to secure or to increase his/her income by working;
- › the amount of the benefit is EUR 14.20* per month;

- » **activation allowance**

- › it is designed to support obtaining, preservation, deepening or promotion of knowledge, professional skills, practical experience and work habits to increase the chance of employment in the labour market;
- › the amount of the benefit is EUR 132,40/66,20* per month;

- » **dependent child allowance**
 - › it is designed to promote education, training and overall development of a child in the household, which fully fulfils compulsory school attendance;
 - › the amount of the benefit is EUR 18.10* per month;
- » **housing allowance**
 - › is designed to partially cover the costs related to housing;
 - › the amount of the benefit is EUR 55.80* per month.
- **Special allowance**
 - » special allowance may be applied for by a person who has been long-term unemployed, prior to becoming employed was receiving assistance in material need and started to work;
 - » the entitlement arises only if the person will receive not less than the minimum monthly wage and the maximum of 3 times the minimum wage and the household member of which the person is, stops to receive assistance in material need;
 - » the allowance is provided for the period of 6 months in the amount of EUR 63.07* per month.
- **One-off benefit in material need**
 - » one-off benefit in material need is designed to partially cover exceptional expenses of the members of the household who are receiving assistance in material need;
 - » it is primarily intended to provide necessary clothing, underwear, footwear, necessary household accessories such as bed, table, chairs, refrigerator, stove, cooker, heater, fuel, washing machine, duvets, bed linen, common kitchen cookware, emergency medical expenses or school supplies;

- » is provided in the amount of up to 3 times the subsistence minimum for one adult person.

Assistance in material need and one-off benefit in material need are provided in cash, in kind or in a combined form.

ATTENTION! If you have a permanent residence, the application for the benefit in material need is a reason to have your residence cancelled.

The application for the benefit in material need is submitted at the locally competent Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence in Slovakia. The application for the one-off benefit in material need is submitted at the municipal office according to the place of your residence. Application forms are also available on the MIC website www.mic.iom.sk.

For the assessment of the entitlement and for an accurate calculation of the assistance in material need, special allowance and one-off benefit in material, please contact the competent Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence, where you will be provided further information.

More information can be found on the MIC website www.mic.iom.sk.

Services free of charge

Free psychological services and crisis intervention

- Department of counselling and psychological services (RPPS) of the Offices of Labour, Social Affairs and Family: www.upsvr.gov.sk
- League for mental health, NGO: www.dusevnezdravie.sk
- Centres of pedagogic-psychological counselling and prevention: www.vudpap.sk/odborny-portal/zlozky-systemu-vychovneho-poradenstva-a-prevencie/

Telephone lines:

- UNICEF Children's Security Line: 116 111
- UNICEF Emergency Line: 0800 500 500
- Confidence Line: 055/622 23 23 for psychological aid
- Hope Line: 055/644 11 55 for family and emergency situations

Legal services

- Legal Aid Centre www.centrumpravnejpomoci.sk
- IOM Migration Information Centre – Free Advice and Services for Foreigners: www.mic.iom.sk

HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION



One of the conditions for granting of residence in Slovakia is to prove that you have secured accommodation.

Document on accommodation is:

- affidavit of a foreign national about property ownership or
- an authenticated lease contract (in which the applicant is indicated as the tenant/one of the tenants; both signatures of the landlord and the tenant must be notarized) or
- an authenticated affidavit of the property owner to provide you with accommodation (the affidavit must include notarized signatures of all property owners) or
- confirmation from an accommodation facility on the provision of accommodation.

When applying for a **temporary residence**, you must submit a document on accommodation in Slovakia for a minimum of 6 months or for the entire stay, when applying for temporary residence for a shorter time. This does not apply for example in case of a residence for the purpose of study at a university, in certain cases of special activity, person with acknowledged long-term residence in another EU Member State, if such person studies at university or performs pedagogical or research activity, research and development, Slovak Living Abroad. In case of a temporary residence for the purpose of employment you must also submit a document from the municipality confirming the accommodation meets criteria defined by the Ministry of Health.

Even when applying for **permanent residence for five years** you must submit a document on accommodation in Slovakia at the Foreign Police that must not be older than 90 days at the time of its submitting. When applying for **permanent residence for an unlimited time period** or **long-term residence**, verify the conditions for residence documenting on www.mic.iom.sk.

When applying for **tolerated stay** the document on accommodation is not necessary.

There is no special housing allowance designed for foreign nationals in Slovakia and the state does not provide any assistance related to securing of accommodation.

Ownership of immovable property in Slovakia **does not entitle** a foreign national to residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

If you have some type of residence in Slovakia, you have several options of accommodation:
renting a property; property ownership; an accommodation facility—hotels, guest houses, hostels and dormitories; for asylum seekers reception camps and accommodation centres of the Ministry of Interior of the SR; integration facilities for asylum holders and children's homes for unaccompanied minors.

Short-term accommodation

Emergency short-term accommodations include **emergency accommodation facilities and shelters**. These are designed for people who are in Slovakia and do not have sufficient funds to secure accommodation.

Shelters for people in need offer emergency accommodation, hot meals, and urgent health care or other services. Shelters are located in district towns and other major towns. They are operated by towns and municipalities, charities or non-profit organisations and each shelter or reception centre has its own regulations. You can obtain contact details of shelters in village halls and municipality offices or through civic association Proti prúdu (Upstream) on the website www.notabene.sk/?distribucne_miesta. or a civic association Vagus (www.vagus.sk).

Hostels, dormitories and lodging houses are relatively cheap and are suitable for a short-term accommodation, as the average price per night per person represents EUR 15 to EUR 20. One room accommodates a number of people, ranging from 2 to 10, depending on the city, price and type of the accommodation. However, it is important to find out if such facility will issue you a confirmation on the provision of accommodation.

Apartments, hotels and guest houses are the most expensive types of a short-term accommodation. Prices of these facilities depend on the quality of services provided and from their location. The most expensive facilities are located in the heart of the capital and tourist resorts. Prices start at EUR 70 per night.

The above mentioned types of accommodation can be found on websites, such as www.booking.com or on Slovak websites also available in several languages, such as www.uby.sk, www.ubytovanie.sk, www.megaubytovanie.sk etc., where you can seek accommodation according to the selected type, location, date, price etc.

Long-term accommodation

If you intend to stay in Slovakia for a long-term period, you have the possibility to either rent or buy a house or a flat.

Renting of immovable property

It is possible to rent only one room of a flat, and by doing so share the residential premises with several persons (such offers are posted on the websites www.spolubyvajuci.sk, www.roommates.sk, www.spolubyvanie.sk etc.), fully furnished or unfurnished flat or a house. When renting a flat the conditions for foreigners are generally the same as those that apply to Slovak nationals. Regardless of your nationality, landlords often require a security deposit in the form of a 1–2 month rent in advance, this also applies to Slovak nationals. Immovable property is rented based on a tenancy agreement usually for a period of 1 year. According to the Civil Code, the notice period of a tenancy agreement is three months.

Purchasing of immovable property

In Slovakia you may purchase a house, a flat or an apartment, regardless of your nationality. Foreign nationals in the territory of the Slovak Republic may acquire immovable property regardless of being or not being granted residence in Slovakia. Barring some exceptions, foreign nationals may acquire almost any type of immovable property.

If you do not have sufficient funds to purchase an immovable property, you have the option to apply for a mortgage. Terms and conditions for granting a loan are determined by each bank individually. Some banks require holding Slovak citizenship or permanent residence, entitling you to obtain a loan and in others

it is possible to obtain a loan under almost identical conditions as Slovak citizens. Usually, it is necessary to submit a contract of employment, bank account statements, payslips or a work permit. Some banks require a credit report from the credit register of a specific country. Permanent residence in Slovakia is not necessary, but may be an advantage.

When searching for the right property to buy or to rent you may contact one of the real estate agencies listed on the website of the National Association of Real Estate Agencies www.narks.sk. The commission of an estate agent usually equals to the monthly rent, and ranges from EUR 1,300 to EUR 2,000 in case of purchase of an immovable property, depending on the size of the purchased immovable property and scope of services the real estate agency intermediates.

The process of acquisition of an immovable property by foreign nationals is a complicated administrative process. You may find further information on the process of acquisition as well as other related information on the IOM Migration Information Centre website, in the section Accommodation (www.mic.iom.sk/en/social-issues/housing).

TRAVEL



It is possible to enter Slovakia from abroad by plane, bus, train, ship or car. Some parts of Slovakia are connected with neighbouring countries also by cycling routes.

Border crossings

Slovak Republic became a Schengen Area Member State on 21. 12. 2007. As of this date the borders of Slovakia and the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria and Poland are formed by the internal borders of the Schengen Area and no border inspections are performed here. Border crossings with Ukraine remain in operation and together with airports they form the external borders of the Schengen Area. Current border crossings between Slovakia and Ukraine are: Čierna nad Tisou, Maťovské Vojkovce, Ublá, Veľké Slemence a Vyšné Nemecké. Further information is available on the website of the Ministry of Interior www.minv.sk.

Transport in Slovakia

Air transport

SR has 5 international airports with continuous operation. These are: Bratislava Airport, Košice Airport, Poprad Airport, Sliač Airport and Žilina Airport. You may find the information on their operation, flights and current situation on the website www.slovak-airports.net.

Train and bus transport

SR has an extensive and well interconnected network of bus and train lines within the country and also with abroad. Information on routes and timetables of regional, coach and train connections and connections with neighbouring countries are available on www.cp.sk.

Bus transport

Connection between towns and villages is ensured through sub-urban lines. Tickets for these lines can be bought directly in the bus from the driver. Coaches connect towns and cities in greater distances. You may find information on specific lines and prices of tickets directly at the bus station or with the carrier. Tickets for these lines can be bought directly in the bus from the driver. Some tickets for the long-distance lines with a seat reservation may be bought in advance at the bus station or through internet: www.cp.atlas.sk/bus/spojenie.

Train transport

Passenger train transport is operated by the state-owned Railways of the Slovak Republic (ŽSR) and several private transportation companies. ŽSR offer the possibility of transport by passenger trains, express trains or first-class trains.

Passenger trains operate over shorter distances and they connect bigger towns with nearby villages. A ticket can be bought in advance at the train station or directly in the train from a conductor. Express trains operate over longer distances and they connect bigger Slovak towns. Fastest way of rail transport over long distances is by the Intercity train, that calls only in selected cities. It is recommended to buy a ticket with seat reservation in advance at the train station or through internet on the website www.slovakrail.sk, www.zsr.sk, www.regiojet.sk.

Public transport

In large cities it is possible to travel using the lines of public transport. For the transport by bus, trolleybus or tram it is necessary to have the valid pre-paid travel ticket (PCL) or to buy a single route ticket. Fares and transport conditions in individual cities vary. Necessary information on routes, fares and timetables in cities with public transport, are available on the website www.imhd.sk, information on public transport in Bratislava directly on www.dpb.sk.

Driving Licence and Motor Vehicle

Conditions for driving a motor vehicle in Slovakia depend on the country in which your driving licence was issued, as well as on the fact whether you are residing in Slovakia on basis of granted visa/visa free regime or if you hold some type of residence. In general, a holder of a valid driving license qualifies to drive a motor vehicle in Slovakia if his/her driving license was issued in:

- a European Economic Area (EEA) a Member State,
- a state that is party to the Geneva or Vienna Convention (the "Convention").

Valid international license issued under the Convention, which may be used only in combination with a valid driving license qualifies you to drive a motor vehicle in Slovakia. Both driving licenses must be issued, in the same state of the Convention.

Driving license issued in other than an EEA or the Convention Member State, does not qualify the driver to drive a motor a vehicle in Slovakia.

Driving a motor vehicle with a foreign driving licence

If you are a third country national (outside the EEA), generally it applies that you can drive a motor vehicle in Slovakia with a driving licence issued in a country of the Convention and/or with an international driving licence until you do not apply for temporary or permanent residence in Slovakia. After being granted temporary or permanent residence in Slovakia you are entitled to use your original driving licence for further 185 days. After this period you may apply for the replacement of your driving licence for the Slovak driving licence within a 60-day period. If you miss this deadline, your original driving licence expires. In this case, you have the possibility to apply for a **renewal** of the licence, but until it is renewed, your original driving licence is invalid.

You may also apply for the replacement of your driving licence if it was issued in an EEA Member State. If you do not apply for the replacement, you qualify to drive a motor a vehicle in Slovakia with you original driving license even after registration of your residence.

Replacement of a driving licence

If you were granted temporary or permanent residence in Slovakia and you want to drive a motor vehicle also after 185 days from being granted residence permit, **you have to** apply for the replacement of your driving licence for the Slovak driving licence at the Police Authority. You have to apply for the replacement at the respective District Police Corps Directorates within 60 days after the 185-day period of being granted residence permit expired. After the expiry of the 60-day period your driving licence in Slovakia becomes invalid.

If you do not apply for the replacement or renewal of your driving licence and you intend to drive in Slovakia, you have to apply for a new driving licence.

We recommend you to contact the competent District Traffic Inspectorate of the Police Corps for specific conditions of validity and replacement of the driving licence.

Obtaining a driving licence in Slovakia

If you do not qualify for replacement/renewal of driving licence, you must apply for a new driving licence. However as a foreign national you can obtain a driving licence only if you have permanent or temporary residence in Slovakia for a period of at least 185 days in the calendar year in which you are applying for a driving licence. The application is submitted at the respective competent District Traffic Inspectorate of the Police Corps of the Slovak Republic.

You can obtain the driving licence if:

- you reached the age required for driving motor vehicles of particular group or sub-group,
- you are residing in the territory of the Slovak Republic for more than 185 days in a calendar year,
- you are medically and mentally fit to drive a motor vehicle,
- you have taken required training for driving a motor vehicle at a driving school,
- you have demonstrated your professional competence to drive a motor vehicle during a test,
- you have met other conditions required for driving certain groups and sub-groups or types of motor vehicles.

If you want to apply for issuing of a driving licence you have to submit documents proving you have fulfilled conditions required for its granting, you have to prove your identity and fill in required forms if they are introduced for this purpose. You are also required to have a photograph taken for the purpose of issuing of the driving licence. You will receive more information during the driving school course that you have to complete prior to obtaining the driving licence.

Vehicle registration in Slovakia

If you have in Slovakia a motor vehicle registered in the country of your origin, you have to register it in the place of your residence after being granted residence in Slovakia. Required documents necessary for the technical inspection and subsequent registration can be collected at the Vehicle Registration department of the Police in the place of your residence.

Following the technical inspection your car will be registered at the Regional Inspectorate at the vehicle registration department.

After the registration, as required by the law, you have to conclude a mandatory liability insurance against the liability for damage caused by the operation of a motor vehicle. In addition to this insurance it is also possible to conclude collision/comprehensive insurance.

Collision/comprehensive insurance of motor vehicles and of trailers is an optional commercial insurance, extent of which is specified in the insurance policy contract. It serves to cover damage or destruction of the vehicle caused by an accident, natural disaster, theft and vandalism. In both cases you can choose the insurance company.

Road traffic rules

- There is a right-hand traffic in Slovakia. Speed limit is 50 km/h in towns and villages, 90 km/h outside towns and villages and 130 km/h on motorways and expressways, 90 km/h on motorways and expressways in towns and villages.
- Zero alcohol tolerance is in force in Slovakia and therefore you must not drive a motor vehicle after drinking alcoholic beverages!
- While driving in Slovakia you must always fasten your seat belt.
- You have to drive with your headlights on during the whole year.
- Winter tires are compulsory for all passenger motor vehicles on all roads covered with continuous layer of snow or ice.
- Slovak motorway toll for passenger motor vehicles is paid in the form of an electronic motorway vignette, which may be purchased on www.eznamka.sk/en.
- Parking in town centres is permitted only in designated areas. Parking cards which have to be visibly placed in the car are used in cities. They can be purchased in news-stands, from vendors or in vending machines.
- Compulsory passenger car equipment include: warning triangle, first aid kit, reflective vest located within easy reach from the driver's seat, spare wheel.
- As a pedestrian you are required to wear reflective features both in and out of towns and villages, if you are walking next to a road.

Car rental

If you are planning to rent a motor vehicle in Slovakia, you may use the services of local or international companies. Contact details of particular car rental information centres may be found for example on the website www.greenpages.sk.

Traffic accident involving a foreign national in Slovakia

In any traffic accident involving a foreign national or a foreign vehicle, Police officer will request you to produce a document proving insurance against liability for damage.

If a foreign national produces an international insurance card, police officer will verify whether it is valid in the territory of the Slovak Republic. Identified data (name, validity and number of the document proving insurance against the liability) are recorded in the road traffic accident report or traffic accident record.

If a foreign vehicle is damaged, Police officer will always issue to the driver a confirmation that the traffic accident was reported and investigated by the Police Corps of the Slovak Republic.

IMPORTANT OFFICES

Foreign Police

Office of the Border and Foreign Police

Ružinovská 1/B

812 72 Bratislava

Contacts for the Foreign Police Departments:

www.minv.sk/?kontakt-na-oddelenia-cudzineckej-policie-pz

Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

Špitálska 8

812 67 Bratislava

Tel.: 02 20 46 30 53

02 20 44 48 97, 02 20 44 48 60 (Section of Employment Services)

www.upsvr.gov.sk

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

List, addresses and contact details of the Offices of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in each district are available at:

www.upsvr.gov.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215

Social Insurance Company

Social Insurance Company, headquarters

29. augusta 8 and 10

813 63 Bratislava 1

Tel.: 0800 123 123 (toll free line – pensions)

+421 906 171 931, +421 2 32 47 19 31 (when calling from outside of Slovakia – pensions)

0906 171 989, 02 32 47 19 89 (informations – others)

+421 906 171 989, +421 2 32 47 19 89 (when calling from outside of Slovakia – others)

0906 171 989 (information and advice centres)

www.socpoist.sk

HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES

Všeobecná zdravotná poisťovňa, a. s.

Ružová dolina 606/10

825 21 Bratislava 26

Postal address: VŠZP, Ondavská 3, 825 21 Bratislava 25

Tel.: 02 20 82 47 48

0850 003 003 (information helpline)

+421 2 20 81 70 03 (from abroad)

www.vszp.sk

DÔVERA zdravotná poisťovňa, a. s.

Cintorínska 5

949 01 Nitra 1

Tel.: 0850 850 850 (customer helpline)

+421 37 77 22 278 (from abroad)

www.dovera.sk

Union zdravotná poisťovňa, a. s.

Karadžičova 10

813 60 Bratislava

Tel.: 0850 111 211 (insurance company)

0850 003 333 (health insurance company)

+421 2 20 81 18 11 (from abroad)

www.union.sk

Criminal Registry of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Slovak Republic

Kvetná 13

814 23 Bratislava

Tel.: 02 55 42 56 49

02 20 83 71 29

02 20 83 71 33

www.genpro.gov.sk/register-trestov-12ad.html

Cadastral Office

Cadastral administration in SR is performed by cadastral departments of district offices. Contacts and addresses of Cadastral Offices are available at:

www.katasternehnutelnosti.sk/category/kontakty/.

Tax Authority

Financial Directorate of the SR

Lazovná 63

974 01 Banská Bystrica

Tel.: 048 43 17 222 (Call centrum)

02 68 27 24 02 (section of Tax Authorities)

Tax Office Bratislava

Ševčenkova 32

850 00 Bratislava

Tel.: 02 682 72 111

www.financnasprava.sk

Contacts of individual Tax Authorities:

www.financnasprava.sk/sk/kontakt/kontakty-na-urady

Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR

Stromová 1

813 30 Bratislava

Tel.: 02 59 37 41 11

02 59 37 49 23 (Centre for Recognition of Documents on
Education)

00421 907 551 404 (information for foreign holders of the
Slovak government scholarship)

www.minedu.sk

Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Hlboká cesta 2

833 36 Bratislava 37

Tel.: 02 59 78 11 11

0906 072 222

Consular Section: Pražská 7, Bratislava

www.mzv.sk

USEFUL CONTACTS AND WEBSITES



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Fire brigade	150
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Police	158
Foreign Police	+421 9610 36 999
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International operator-assisted calls	12 131
Non-stop breakdown recovery and emergency service for drivers	18 128

- www.slovensko.sk
Central public administration portal (available only in Slovak language)
- www.slovakia.travel
information about travelling in Slovakia
- www.slovakiasite.com
tourist guide around Slovakia

- www.statistics.sk
Statistical Office of the SR
- www.vlada.gov.sk
Government Office of the Slovak Republic
- www.sopk.sk
Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- www.saia.sk/en
Slovak Academic Information Agency
- www.stipendia.sk
National Scholarship Program
- www.europa.eu/youth
European portal for youth
- www.portalvs.sk/en
information on study programs and universities in Slovakia
- www.profesia.sk/en
the biggest portal for employment search
- www.istp.sk
Internet guide through the labour market
- www.sbagency.sk/en
Slovak Business Agency

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- Act No. 145/1995 Coll. on Administrative Fees as amended
- Act No. 5/2004 Coll. on Employment Services and on amendments of certain acts as amended
- Act No. 245/2008 Coll. on Upbringing and Education (Schools Act), and on amendment of certain acts as amended
- Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Universities and amendment of certain acts as amended
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- Act No. 461/2003 Coll. on Social Insurance as amended
- Act No. 599/2003 Coll. on Assistance in Material Need and amendments of certain acts as amended
- Act No 8/2009 Coll. on Road Traffic and on amendments of certain acts as amended.

Further information regarding your residence in Slovakia, Slovak citizenship, employment or business, health care, or social security may be personally obtained from the IOM Migration Information Centre staff on the address **Grösslingová 35, Bratislava** or **Poštová 1, Košice**.

You may also contact us by telephone on our information helpline 0850 211 478 (from the entire territory of Slovakia), on phone No. +421 2 52 63 00 23 or +421 55 625 86 62 (also from abroad) or by email at mic@iom.int. Further information may also be found on the MIC website www.mic.iom.sk.

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