

# TEMPORARY RESIDENCE – EU BLUE CARD

The EU Blue Card is a type of temporary residence granted for the purpose of highly qualified employment.

The basic requirements for obtaining an EU Blue Card are a higher professional qualification in the form of **university education**, a salary of at least **1.5 times the salary** in the Slovak economy in the relevant sector and an **employment contract for at least one year**.

The Blue Card shall be issued for a period of **four years** or, if the employment is agreed to for less than four years, for the foreseen employment duration extended by 90 days.

The prospective employer must report a vacancy to the Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic at least **15 working days** before applying for a Blue Card.

The Blue Card cannot be obtained by certain groups of applicants, in particular asylum seekers, asylum or subsidiary protection holders, temporary protection applicants and holders, persons with a temporary residence for the purpose of seasonal employment or for the purpose of research and development, persons with the right of residence or right of permanent residence as family members of EU citizens, or persons with a tolerated residence.

## APPLICATION

The application must be submitted in person on the official form and in the Slovak language.

All the following documents must be submitted with the application; otherwise, it will not be accepted:

1. Valid passport;
2. Two colour photographs (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Employment contract (employment for at least one year and a salary of at least 1.5 times the salary in the Slovak economy in the relevant sector – data is available on the website of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic [www.statistics.sk](http://www.statistics.sk)) or a written promise of employment (in this case, the employment contract must be submitted within 30 days from receiving the EU Blue Card);
4. Decision on the recognition of education;
5. Criminal record statement from the country of the applicant's citizenship and the countries where he/she resided for more than 90 days →

### THE APPLICATION MAY BE SUBMITTED AT:

- The diplomatic mission of the SR accredited to the country of the applicant's citizenship,
- The diplomatic mission of the SR accredited to the country of the applicant's residence,
- The Foreign Police Department competent for the applicant's place of residence if he/she resides in Slovakia legally.
- Holder of an EU Blue Card issued by another EU Member State shall submit his/her application at the Foreign Police Department within 30 days of entering Slovakia.

When submitting the application at the diplomatic mission, the applicant will be interviewed for the purpose of a preliminary assessment of the application.

during six consecutive months in the last three years (not applicable when changing the type/purpose of residence);

#### 6. Proof of accommodation in Slovakia:

- Applicant's notarized affidavit on the ownership of a property; or
- Notarized tenancy agreement (in which the applicant is indicated as the tenant/one of the tenants; both landlord's and tenant's signatures must be notarised); or
- Notarized affidavit of the property owner on the provision of accommodation (signatures of all property owners must be notarized); or
- Confirmation from an accommodation facility (hotel, dormitory) on the provision of accommodation.

#### 7. Administrative fee EUR 250;

#### 8. Administrative fee EUR 6 (for issuing a residence card).

## RENEWAL OF THE EU BLUE CARD

The Blue Card may be renewed, even repeatedly, for up to four years or, if the employment is agreed for less than four years, for the foreseen employment duration extended by 90 days.

Application for a Blue Card renewal must be submitted in person at the competent Foreign Police Department no later than on the last day of the Blue Card validity. It is required that the employment continues and meets legally stipulated criteria (that the purpose for which the Blue Card was granted still exists). At the same time, it is necessary that the employer reports a vacancy to the Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family at least 15 working days before submitting the renewal application (or at the latest on the day of submitting the application if there is no change in employment). The EU Blue Card is considered valid (only) in Slovakia until the decision on its renewal. The application must be submitted together with:

1. Valid passport;
2. One colour photograph (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Employment contract (employment for at least one year and a salary of at least 1.5 times the salary in the Slovak economy in the relevant sector—data is available on the website of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic [www.statistics.sk](http://www.statistics.sk)) or a written promise of employment (in this case, the employment contract must be submitted within 30 days from receiving the EU Blue Card);
4. Decision on the recognition of education (only if this document was not submitted with previous application);
5. Proof of accommodation in Slovakia;
6. Administrative fee EUR 140;
7. Administrative fee EUR 6 (for issuing a residence card).

### IMPORTANT:

- The criminal record statement and the proof of accommodation must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application.
- Public documents issued abroad must be officially authenticated (apostille/consular legalization).
- Documents issued in a language other than Slovak must be translated to Slovak by a certified translator registered in the List of Experts, Interpreters and Translators at the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic [http://bit.ly/SK\\_translators](http://bit.ly/SK_translators)
- Signatures on affidavits, powers of attorney and tenancy agreements must be notarized.
- Photocopies of documents must be notarized.
- We recommend that you do not submit the originals of important documents (e.g. diploma, rental contract) but rather have certified photocopies made which can be handed over to the Foreign Police/diplomatic mission and the originals retained.
- At the Foreign Police, the administrative fees are paid by means of electronic fee stamps (eKolok), which may be bought directly at the Foreign Police Department through a vending machine, or at a post office.
- At diplomatic missions, the administrative fees are paid in cash or by bank transfers (it is recommended to check the method of payment with a specific diplomatic mission of the SR).
- The authorities will issue a decision within 30 days of receipt of a complete application.
- Applying for temporary residence does not entitle the applicant to stay in Slovakia. Until the temporary residence is granted →

# OBLIGATIONS AFTER TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IS GRANTED:

- Arrive in Slovakia within **180 days** of being granted residence.
- Report the beginning of your stay to the Foreign Police within **three working days** of entering Slovakia.
- Sign up for health insurance within **three working days** of receiving the residence card.
- Submit a medical report not older than 30 days confirming that you do not suffer from a disease endangering public health to the Foreign Police within **30 days** from receiving the residence card (if the application was submitted at the diplomatic mission abroad) or from submitting the application (if the application was submitted at the Foreign Police).
- Stay in Slovakia for **more than half of the time** of the granted temporary residence in a calendar year.

Until the temporary residence is granted, the applicant may stay in Slovakia only during the validity of a visa, another residence permit, or under a visa-free regime. Holder of an EU Blue Card issued by another EU Member State is authorised to stay in Slovakia until the decision on his/her application, even after the expiration of the EU Blue Card issued by another EU Member State.