

PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR AN UNLIMITED TIME PERIOD

Application for permanent residence for an unlimited time period

The application must be submitted in person on the official form in Slovak language at the competent Alien 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:

1. **Valid passport,**
2. **Two colour photographs** (3 x 3.5 cm),
3. **Document on financial coverage of your stay in Slovakia** in the amount of 12-times the statutory life minimum,
4. **Document on health insurance,**
5. **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),
6. **Administrative fee** of EUR 165.50 (**not applicable:** a minor under the age of 18),
7. **Administrative fee** of EUR 4.50 for issuing the residence document.

The Alien 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 submitting your complete application.

Your permanent residence is considered legal in Slovakia until the decision on your application for 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 unlimited time period.

You may apply for long-term residence if:

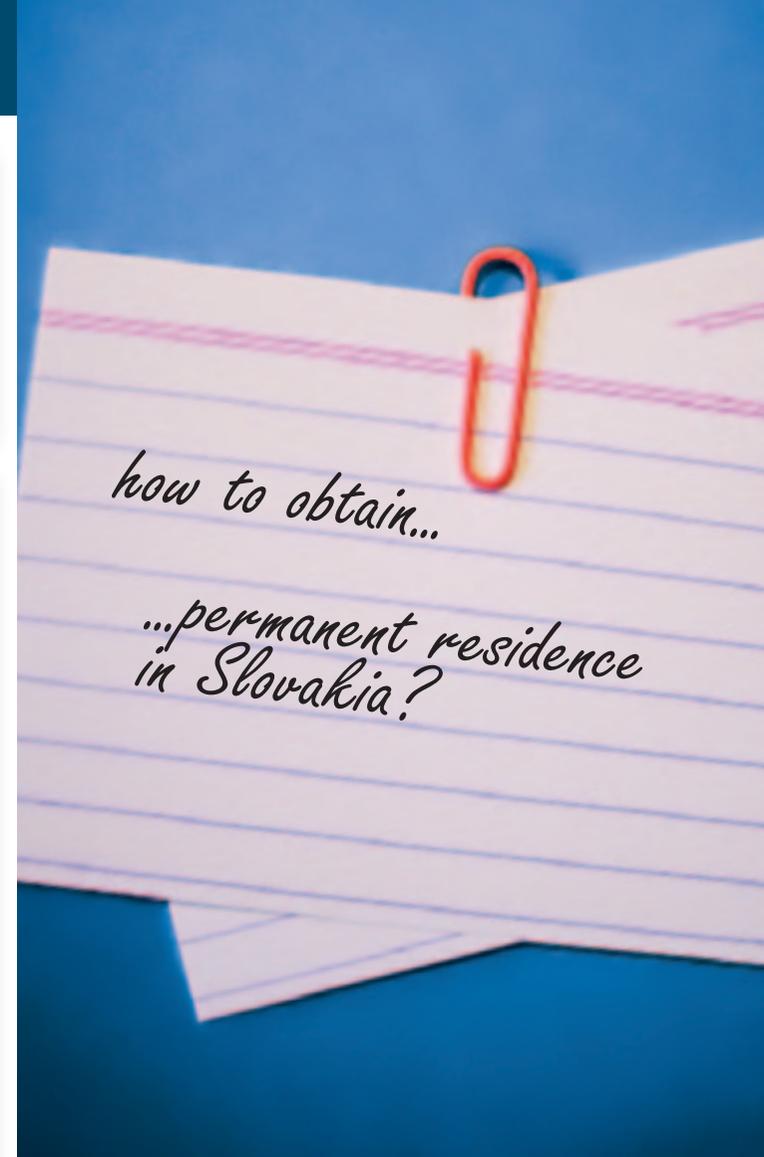
- ✓ you have legally resided in Slovakia for at least 5 years directly prior to the submission of your application,
- ✓ you have had a 5-year legal uninterrupted residence in the territory of an EU Member State as a Blue Card holder and have resided in Slovakia as a Blue Card holder for at least 2 years 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 Slovakia 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 Alien 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:

1. **Valid passport,**
2. **Two colour photographs** (3 x 3.5 cm),
3. **Document proving fixed and regular income,**
4. **Document on health insurance,**
5. **Administrative fee** of EUR 165.50 (**not applicable:** a minor under the age of 18),
6. **Administrative fee** of EUR 4.50 for issuing the residence document.

The authorities will issue a **decision within 90 days** from the date of submitting your complete application.

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



This information may be subject to frequent changes and therefore we recommend verifying it by means of the IOM Migration Information Centre (MIC) information helpline 0850 211 478, by e-mail at mic@iom.int or on our website www.mic.iom.sk.



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HOW TO OBTAIN PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN SLOVAKIA?

There are **3 types of permanent residence**: permanent residence for five years, permanent residence for unlimited time period, long-term residence. Each type of residence is granted under specific conditions.

Permanent residence entitles you to stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic (SR) within the period for which it was granted, to travel abroad and back, work, do business, study, have access to health care and social security.

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

- ✓ A spouse of a citizen of the SR with permanent residence in Slovakia or a dependent relative in the direct line of a citizen of the SR with permanent residence in Slovakia.
- ✓ 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 Slovakia,
- ✓ An unmarried child under the age of 18 of a foreigner with permanent residence for five years or a child under the age of 18 entrusted to personal care of a foreigner with permanent residence for five years.
- ✓ A dependent child over the age of 18, not able to take care of himself/herself due to a long-term unfavourable health condition, of a foreigner with permanent residence.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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.

Application for permanent residence for five years

The application is submitted at a diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic accredited to the country of your citizenship or the country of your residence. If you reside in Slovakia legally, you may submit the application at the competent Alien Police Department according to the place of your residence.

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

1. **Valid passport,**
2. **Two colour photographs** (3 x 3.5 cm),
3. **Document proving the purpose of residence,** e.g.: Marriage Certificate issued in Slovakia and proof of permanent residence in Slovakia of your spouse (i.e. valid ID card),
4. **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** (**not applicable:** a child under the age of 14),
5. **Document on financial coverage of your stay in Slovakia** in the amount of 12-times the statutory life minimum, e.g. bank account balance confirmation, authenticated affidavit of your spouse to provide you with

After being granted permanent residence for five years, you must:

- ✓ **Enter the territory of Slovakia** within 180 days from its granting.
- ✓ **Inform** the competent Alien 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.
- ✓ Within 30 days from collecting the residence document, **submit** at the Alien Police a **medical report** not older than 30 days, **confirming you do not suffer from a disease endangering public health** (**not applicable:** change in the type of residence).

financial and material sureties during your residence, along with a bank account balance confirmation,

6. Document on accommodation in Slovakia, e.g.:

- ✓ an ownership deed or an ownership deed extract
- ✓ an authenticated lease contract and ownership deed extract
- ✓ an authenticated affidavit of the property owner to provide you with accommodation and an ownership deed extract

7. Administrative fee of EUR 165.50 (**not applicable:** spouse and dependent relative in the direct line of a citizen of the Slovak Republic, child under the age of 18),

8. Administrative fee of EUR 4.50 for issuing the residence document.

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.

IOM Migration Information Centre of the International Organization for Migration (MIC) provides third country nationals with **free of charge** counselling and information in various areas of life in Slovakia.

MIC provides the information and counselling by means of:

- ✓ **Personal consultations in Bratislava**, Grösslingová 4, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 - 17, on Wednesday from 13 - 17 and on Friday from 9 - 13
- ✓ **Personal consultations in Košice**, Poštová 1, from Monday to Thursday from 13 - 17 and on Friday from 9 - 13
- ✓ **Email** mic@iom.int
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