

# TEMPORARY RESIDENCE - RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

May be granted to a person performing research and development under a hosting agreement for a maximum period of two years.

The residence is not required for up to **90 days** from the beginning of the stay in Slovakia if the applicant stays in the country legally and reported the beginning of his/her stay to the Foreign Police within three working days of entering the country.

A person with a temporary residence for the purpose of research and development may carry out research activities on the basis of a hosting agreement and is allowed to study and run a business without any limitations. Beyond the scope of a hosting agreement, he/she may teach under an employment contract or a similar agreement for a maximum period of 50 days in a calendar year.

A family member of a person with a temporary residence for the purpose of research and development is entitled to work without further permits after obtaining a temporary residence for the purpose of family reunion.

## 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. **Hosting agreement** (as a document on the purpose of stay and sufficient financial means, the monthly remuneration must be at least in the amount of subsistence minimum for each month of stay (as of 01 July 2023, the subsistence minimum represents EUR **268.88/month**);
4. **Criminal record statement** from the country where the applicant resided for the longest period in the last ten years;
5. Administrative fee **EUR 6** (for issuing a residence card).

### THE APPLICATION MAY BE SUBMITTED AT:

- The diplomatic mission of the SR accredited to the country of the applicant's citizenship, or
- The diplomatic mission of the SR accredited to the country of the applicant's residence, or
- The Foreign Police Department competent for the applicant's place of residence, if he/she resides in Slovakia based on a valid residence permit issued by Slovakia or another EU Member State, a granted tolerated residence (not temporary protection), a granted national visa, if he/she does not need a visa to enter the Schengen Area, or if holding a Certificate of a Slovak Living Abroad.

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

# CHANGE IN THE TYPE/PURPOSE OF RESIDENCE

A change in the type of residence means a change from temporary residence to permanent residence (e.g. in the case of marriage to a Slovak citizen or after five years of a legal and uninterrupted residence in Slovakia).

In practice, this means submitting a new application for permanent residence. The application for a change in the type of residence must be submitted **no later than on the last day of validity** of one's temporary residence. The applicant's stay is **considered authorised (only)** in Slovakia until the decision on his/her application is made.

A person with a temporary residence can perform only activities for which the residence was granted or which the given type of residence allows. If he/she wants to perform a different activity, he/she must apply for a **change in the purpose of the temporary residence** (e.g. from research and development to employment).

This means submitting a new application for temporary residence. The application for a change in the purpose of residence must be submitted **no later than on the last day of validity** of the current temporary residence. The applicant's stay is **considered authorised (only)** in Slovakia until the decision on the new application is made.

When applying for a change in the type/purpose of residence, the applicant must submit all documents required for the residence applied for, except the document proving clean criminal record (if it was submitted with the previous application for residence) and the medical report.

# RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

Temporary residence may be renewed, even repeatedly. Temporary residence for the purpose of research and development may be renewed for a maximum period of three years.

Application for a residence renewal must be submitted in person at the competent Foreign Police Department **no later than on the last day of one's temporary residence validity**. It is required that the applicant still performs research or development activities under a hosting agreement.

Temporary residence of a researcher who wants to stay in Slovakia after completing his/her research with the objective to look for a job or to start running a business, may be renewed for a period of nine months.

The application for the renewal of a temporary residence must be accompanied by a valid travel document, otherwise, the police officer cannot accept the application.

The temporary residence is considered authorised (only) in Slovakia until the decision on its renewal. →

## IMPORTANT:

- The documents 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)
- Photocopies of documents must be notarized.
- We recommend that you do not submit the originals of important documents (e.g. hosting agreement) 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 (eKolak), 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, the applicant may stay in Slovakia only during the validity of a visa, another residence permit, or under a visa-free regime.

The application must be submitted together with:

1. Valid passport;
2. One colour photograph (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Hosting agreement;
4. Proof health insurance;
5. Administrative fee **EUR 6** (for issuing a residence card).

### 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** of receiving the residence card.
- Stay in Slovakia for **more than half of the time** of the granted temporary residence in a calendar year.