

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE – SPECIAL ACTIVITY

May be granted for the time necessary to achieve the purpose of residence, for a maximum period of two years; in case of sports activity based on a professional sports contract, for a maximum period of five years.

The temporary 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 performing artist participating in an artistic event may be employed without further permits, if his/her employment relationship or assignment does not exceed 30 days in a calendar year.

The temporary residence for the purpose of special activity may be granted for the following purposes:

- Lecturing activity;
- Artistic activity;
- Sports activity;
- Internship during university studies outside Slovakia, or within two years from completing university studies outside Slovakia;
- Activity resulting from Slovak Government or EU programs;
- Fulfilling a commitment of Slovakia arising from an international treaty;
- Provision of health care, or accompanying of a person who is being provided health care, if necessary;
- Volunteering activity;
- Activity of a journalist accredited in Slovakia.

A person with a temporary residence for the purpose of special activity is entitled to study, however not entitled to work or do business.

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); →

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.

3. Proof of residence purpose:

- Confirmation from a school or another educational institution on the performance of a lecturing activity;
- Confirmation from a state administration authority or an art agency;
- Professional sports contract or a confirmation from a state administration authority or a sport organisation;
- Confirmation of internship, containing a description of the professional training including the educational objective, duration of the professional training, conditions of placement and internship supervision, internship working time and legal relation between the intern and the hosting organisation;
- Confirmation from a state administration authority or an organisation administering programs approved by the Slovak Government or EU programs or an international treaty;
- Confirmation from a health care facility on the provision of health care, or a document on the necessity of accompanying;
- Agreement with the hosting organisation responsible for the volunteering service program containing a description of the volunteering service program, its duration, conditions of placement and supervision within the volunteering service, time dedicated to volunteering, confirmation of the hosting organisation's statutory body on the financial and material coverage during the volunteering service, and the extent of trainings undertaken by the applicant, if needed;
- Confirmation from a state administration authority on the performance of journalistic activities, or a document on accreditation of a journalist active in the SR.

4. Criminal record statement from the country of the applicant's citizenship and the countries where he/she resided for more than 90 days during six consecutive months in the last three years (not applicable in the case of an applicant younger than 14 years of age and when changing the type/purpose of residence);**5. Proof of accommodation** in Slovakia for at least six months, or for the entire stay if applying for a shorter stay (not applicable to participants in Slovak Government or EU programs and persons fulfilling commitments of the SR arising from an international treaty who will be studying at a university or performing pedagogical or research activities, interns and volunteers):

- 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.

6. Proof of sufficient financial means in the amount of subsistence minimum for each month of residence (as of 01 July 2023, the subsistence minimum represents **EUR 268.88/month**); if the duration of residence exceeds one year, in the amount of 12-times the subsistence minimum (i.e. **EUR 3 226.56**); →**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
- 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. →

in the case of an applicant younger than 18 years of age, half of the amount. It is documented by any of the following:

- Bank account balance confirmation in the name of the applicant; or
- Confirmation of a legal person's statutory body on the provision of sufficient financial means during applicant's residence; or
- Confirmation from a state administration authority or an organisation administering Slovak Government/EU programs or an international treaty, if it contains information on financial coverage of the residence;

7. **Commitment of the hosting organisation** to cover the costs of applicant's administrative expulsion, in the case of an application for a temporary residence due to an internship;
8. **Document confirming the obtaining of a university degree** or ongoing university studies, in the case of an application for a temporary residence due to an internship (applicant's university diploma not older than two years together with the decision on recognition of education, or a confirmation from the university on the applicant's ongoing university studies);
9. Administrative fee **EUR 140**; not applicable to persons younger than 18 years of age, participants in Slovak Government/EU programs and persons fulfilling commitments under international treaties;
10. Administrative fee **EUR 6** (for issuing a residence card).

- 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.
- If applying for a temporary residence for the purpose of sports activity based on a professional sports contract, the applicant is entitled to stay in Slovakia until the decision on his/her application.

CHANGE IN THE TYPE/PURPOSE OF RESIDENCE

A change in the type of residence means the 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).

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 his/her temporary residence (e.g. from special activity to business).

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 special activity 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 one of the special activities. 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 is made. The application must be submitted together with:

1. Valid passport;
2. One colour photograph (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Proof of the residence purpose, identical to the one submitted with the first application (not required if the circumstances proven by the original document remained unchanged);
4. Proof of accommodation in Slovakia (not applicable to an applicant who was granted temporary residence for an internship or volunteering activity);
5. Proof of sufficient financial means;
6. Proof of health insurance;
7. Administrative fee **EUR 50**; not applicable to persons younger than 18 years of age, participants in Slovak Government/EU programs and persons fulfilling commitments under International Treaties;
8. 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 document on health insurance to the Foreign Police within **30 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.