

PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR FIVE YEARS – MARRIAGE WITH A SLOVAK CITIZEN

Permanent residence for five years may be granted to an applicant who is:

- A spouse of a Slovak citizen with permanent residence in Slovakia;
- A dependent relative in a direct line of a Slovak citizen with permanent residence in Slovakia;
- A single child younger than 18 years of age entrusted to the personal care of a person who is a spouse of a Slovak citizen with permanent residence in Slovakia;
- A single child younger than 18 years of age of a person with permanent residence for five years or a child younger than 18 years of age entrusted to the personal care of a person with permanent residence for five years;
- A dependent child older than 18 years of age of a person with permanent residence, unable to take care of himself/herself due to a long-term unfavourable health condition; or
- If it is of interest to the Slovak Republic.

A spouse of a Slovak citizen with permanent residence in Slovakia:

- must have a Slovak marriage certificate; a Slovak marriage certificate can be obtained by getting married in Slovakia or by registering a marriage that took place abroad with the Special Registry Office – either at a Registry Office in Slovakia or at a diplomatic mission of Slovakia abroad;
- in the case of a change of surname upon marriage, a change of surname in the applicant's passport is required before applying for permanent residence for five years.

A person with a permanent residence for five years can apply for permanent residence for an unlimited period after four years.

THE APPLICATION MAY BE SUBMITTED AT:

- The diplomatic mission of Slovakia abroad; 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;
 - a granted national visa;
 - a Schengen visa issued by another EU Member State under a representation agreement in visa issues between Slovakia and the Member State in question;
 - 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. →

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. Registry document (a Slovak marriage certificate is not required if the applicant indicates the place of marriage and the marriage took place in Slovakia or was registered with the Special Registry Office) and if needed another document confirming the eligibility to apply for the residence;
4. Proof of permanent residence of the Slovak spouse (municipality's confirmation on permanent residence or a copy of an identity card);
5. 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);
6. Proof of sufficient financial means in the amount of 12-times the subsistence minimum (as of 01 July 2023, the subsistence minimum represents EUR 268.88/month, i.e. EUR 3 226.56); it is documented by:
 - Bank account balance confirmation in the name of the applicant; or
 - The employer's confirmation on the agreed salary; or
 - The employment contract, employer's confirmation on salary, bank account balance confirmation or document on receiving a pension of the Slovak spouse, together with a notarized affidavit on the provision of financial and material coverage to the applicant during his/her stay in Slovakia;
7. 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.

The applicant must be staying at the same address as the Slovak citizen with whom he/she is uniting (e.g. spouse). If the Slovak citizen has a different address on his/her identity card than the address of the future common place of residence, he/she must register a temporary residence at this address.

- When submitting the application at the Foreign Police, the applicant will be invited for a personal interview. The Slovak citizen with whom the applicant is uniting may be invited for a personal interview as well.

IMPORTANT:

- The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application (not applicable to registry documents, e.g. marriage certificate).
- 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→

8. The application for permanent residence is exempt from the administrative fee payment for spouses of Slovak citizens;
9. Administrative fee **EUR 6** (for issuing a residence card).

OBLIGATIONS AFTER PERMANENT 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.

- 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 90 days** of receipt of a complete application.
- Applying for permanent residence **does not entitle the applicant to stay in Slovakia**. Until the permanent 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.

REASONS FOR CANCELLING PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Permanent residence for five years can be cancelled if:

- The spouses do not live together.
- The marriage terminates within five years from obtaining the permanent residence for five years.
- The person with granted residence applies for assistance in material need.
- The person with granted residence stays abroad for an uninterrupted period longer than 180 days without notifying the Foreign Police Department in writing.
- The person presented false or misleading information, or submitted fake or modified documents, or documents of another person.