

# PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR AN UNLIMITED TIME

Permanent residence for an unlimited time may be granted to an applicant who:

- Has held permanent residence for five years for at least four years;
- Is a child younger than 18 years of age of a person with permanent residence for an unlimited time; or
- Is a child younger than 18 years of age entrusted to the personal care of a person with permanent residence for an unlimited time.

## 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:

1. Valid passport (the application will not be accepted without submitting a valid travel document);
2. Two colour photographs (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. 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); in the case of a child younger than 18 years of age, half of the amount; it is documented by:
  - Applicant's bank account balance confirmation; or
  - The employer's confirmation on the agreed salary; or
  - Employment contract/employer's confirmation on the salary/bank account balance confirmation/document on receiving a pension of the spouse, parent or Slovak citizen who is the applicant's relative in direct line, together with a notarized affidavit on the provision of financial and material coverage during applicant's residence in Slovakia;
4. Proof of health insurance (confirmation issued by a health insurance company);
5. Administrative fee EUR 250, spouses of Slovak citizens and persons under 18 years of age are exempt from the fee;
6. Administrative fee EUR 6 (for issuing a residence card). →

### IMPORTANT:

- The application for a permanent residence for an unlimited time must be submitted no later than on the last day of validity of the current residence.
- The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application (does not apply to registry documents, e.g. birth 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](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 →

The Foreign Police Department may further request the following:

- Proof of accommodation, not older than 90 days;
- Affidavit certifying that the reasons for being granted permanent residence still exist.

If the applicant is a child younger than 18 years of age, the following documents must be submitted as well:

- Birth certificate or decision on entrusting the child into personal care;
- Consent of the other parent, to whose personal care the child was not entrusted and who has the right to meet with the child;
- 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 (applies only in case of a child older than 14 years of age);
- Within 30 days from applying for residence, a medical report not older than 30 days confirming that he/she does not suffer from a disease endangering public health.

- 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..
- The Foreign Police Department will issue a **decision within 90 days** of receipt of a complete application.
- After applying for a permanent residence for an unlimited time, the applicant's permanent residence for five years is considered valid (only) in the territory of Slovakia until the decision on the application is made.

## REASONS FOR CANCELLING PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Permanent residence for an unlimited time may be cancelled, e.g. in the case:

- 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.