

# LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Long-term residence is a type of permanent residence granted for an unlimited time. It may be granted to an applicant:

- Who has been lawfully and continuously residing in the Slovak Republic for a period of five years immediately prior to the submission of the application;
- Whose long-term residence has expired because he/she has been granted long-term residence in another EU Member State, because he/she has resided outside the territory of the Slovak Republic for more than 6 years or because he/she has resided outside the territory of the Member States for more than 12 or 24 (Blue Card holder) consecutive months; or; or
- Who has had five years of lawful continuous residence in the territory of the EU Member States as a Blue Card holder and has resided in the territory of the Slovak Republic as a Blue Card holder for at least two years immediately prior to the submission of the application.

The long-term residence **may not be granted**, e.g. to an applicant who:

- Is an asylum seeker or applied for temporary protection;
- Holds a temporary residence for the purpose of studies;
- Holds a temporary residence for the purpose of special activity (internship within studies outside Slovakia, activity resulting from Slovak Government or EU programs, fulfilling a commitment of the SR arising from an international treaty);
- Holds a temporary residence for the purpose of seasonal employment; or
- Enjoys diplomatic privileges and immunities in Slovakia under international law.

People staying in Slovakia on a temporary residence for studies and special activity must first obtain a temporary residence for another purpose (e.g. employment or business) before they can apply for long-term residence.

Some types of residence do not count at all towards the five-year period of lawful and continuous residence (e.g. temporary residence for seasonal employment or periods during which the applicant has enjoyed diplomatic privileges and immunities) or only count at half duration (e.g. temporary residence for studies and certain types of special activity).

No more than six consecutive months and no more than ten months in total during which the applicant has stayed outside the territory of the Slovak Republic shall be counted towards the period of continuous residence. Before applying for long-term residence, it is advisable to contact the competent Foreign Police Department to confirm that the length of residence requirement has been met.

## IMPORTANT:

- The application for a change in the type of residence (e.g. from a temporary residence for the purpose of employment to a long-term residence) 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.
- 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.
- At the Foreign Police, the administrative fees are paid by means of electronic fee stamps (eKolok), which may be bought →

# 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 case of an applicant younger than 18 years of age, half the amount; it is documented by:
  - Employment contract; or
  - Employer's confirmation on the salary; or
  - Applicant's bank account balance confirmation; or
  - Document on receiving a pension; or
  - Notarised affidavit of the spouse or parent on the provision of financial and material coverage during applicant's residence in Slovakia together with a document proving stable and regular income, if the applicant is a person holding temporary residence for the purpose of family reunion.
4. Proof of health insurance;
5. Proof of accommodation in Slovakia (applies only in case of an applicant whose long-term residence previously expired because he/she has been granted long-term residence in another EU Member State, because he/she has resided outside the territory of the Slovak Republic for more than 6 years or because he/she has resided outside the territory of the Member States for more than 12 or 24 consecutive months);
6. Administrative fee **EUR 250**; does not apply to persons younger than 18 years of age;
7. Administrative fee **EUR 6** (for issuing a residence card).

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 long-term residence, the applicant's previous residence is considered valid in Slovakia until the decision on the application is made.

# CANCELLATION OF LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Long-term residence may be cancelled, especially if:

- The person obtained residence in a fraudulent manner;
- The person stays outside Slovakia for more than six years;
- The person stays outside the EU for more than 12 consecutive months (or 24 consecutive months if he/she obtained the long-term residence as an EU Blue Card holder);
- The subsidiary protection of the applicant has not been prolonged and the long-term residence has been obtained on the basis of the subsidiary protection.