

RESIDENCE OF UNION CITIZENS

RIGHT OF RESIDENCE

A Union citizen has the right of residence in Slovakia for a period longer than three months if he/she satisfies one of the following conditions:

- is employed in Slovakia;
- is a self-employed person in Slovakia;
- studies in primary school, secondary school, or at university in Slovakia;
- has sufficient financial means for himself/herself and his/her family members to avoid burdening the social security system and has health insurance in Slovakia;
- will potentially find employment;
- is a family member of a Union citizen who meets one of the above-mentioned conditions and whom he/she is accompanying or joining.

RESIDENCE REGISTRATION

A Union citizen staying in Slovakia for more than three months is obliged to register his/her right of residence within 30 days from the lapse of three months from entering Slovakia.

To register their residence, Union citizens must personally visit the Foreign Police Department competent for their place of residence in Slovakia. Registration cannot be applied for electronically, by mail or by proxy. Registration of residence is free of charge. The following documents must be submitted with the application:

1. Valid travel document or valid identification card
2. Document confirming the right of residence:
 - Written promise of employment or confirmation of employment;
 - Trade Licence;
 - Confirmation from school or university and a proof of sufficient financial means;
 - Proof of sufficient financial means and a proof of health insurance;
 - Affidavit certifying that the Union citizen is continuously looking for work; →

WHO IS A UNION CITIZEN?

Under the Act on Residence of Foreigners, a Union citizen is:

- a citizen of an EU Member State (except for Slovakia)
- a citizen of a state Party to the European Economic Area Agreement (EEA)
- a citizen of Switzerland.

NOTICE OF THE STAY

All Union citizens arriving in Slovakia are obliged to notify the Foreign Police of the start and place of their residence within 10 working days of entering Slovakia.

This obligation applies if they are renting, own a property, live with relatives, friends etc. If they are staying in a hotel, hostel, or similar accommodation facility, it is instead the responsibility of the accommodation provider.

The obligation is fulfilled by sending the completed [Notice of the Stay form](#) by mail to the Foreign Police Department competent for their place of residence in Slovakia. The completed form may also be submitted in person.

- Proof of family relation or a document on registered partnership and a Registration Certificate of the Union citizen whom he/she is accompanying or joining.

On the day of submission of a complete application, the Foreign Police Department shall issue a **Registration Certificate**, i.e. a confirmation about the registration of residence of a Union citizen, indicating the name, surname, address of the registered person and the date of registration. If the Union citizen does not submit a proof of accommodation, the municipality where he/she will be staying will be stated as the address.

RESIDENCE CARD

Union citizens may apply for the issuance of a residence card valid for up to five years. To apply for a residence card, Union citizens must visit the Foreign Police Department competent for their place of residence in Slovakia in person. The following documents must be submitted with the application:

1. Valid travel document or valid identification card
2. Two colour photographs (3 x 3.5 cm)
3. Proof of accommodation:
 - 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
4. Fee of 6 EUR *

Signatures on affidavits and tenancy agreements must be notarized. The residence card is issued within 30 days of application.

TERMINATION OF THE RIGHT OF RESIDENCE

The right of residence or the right of permanent residence of a Union citizen expires, if:

- The person notifies the Foreign Police Department in writing of the residence termination,
- The person was deported,
- The Foreign Police Department revoked his/her right of residence or right of permanent residence,
- The person died or was declared dead,
- The person acquired Slovak citizenship.

FOREIGN POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Contact details of Foreign Police Departments can be found [here](#).

EMPLOYER'S OBLIGATIONS

If the Union citizen comes to Slovakia for the purpose of employment, the employer is obliged to:

- Inform the locally competent Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family about the vacancy and
- Submit to the competent Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family the so-called information card on the establishment of the employment relationship within seven working days of the worker's commencement of employment.

*OPTIONAL FEES

- Expedited issuance of the residence card within two working days: 35 EUR (instead of the 6 EUR fee)
- Sending the residence card to an address in Slovakia (to avoid going to the Foreign Police again to collect it): 4 EUR (in addition to the 6 EUR fee)

RIGHT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

A Union citizen has the right of permanent residence if he/she has lived in Slovakia for a continuous five-year period. In specific cases, Union citizens have the right of permanent residence even earlier than after five years of continuous residence.