

PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR 5 YEARS – MARRIAGE WITH A SLOVAK CITIZEN

Permanent residence for five years may be granted to a foreign national, if he/she is:

- A spouse of a citizen of the Slovak Republic (SR) with permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic;
- A dependent relative in direct line of a citizen of the Slovak Republic with permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic;
- A single child younger than 18 years of age entrusted to personal care of a foreign national who is the spouse of a citizen of the Slovak Republic with permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic;
- A single child younger than 18 years of age of a foreign national with permanent residence for 5 years or a child younger than 18 years of age entrusted to personal care of a foreign national with permanent residence for 5 years;
- A dependent child older than 18 of age of a foreign national 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 the territory of the Slovak Republic:

- Needs a Slovak marriage certificate in order to apply for permanent residence for 5 years;
- A Slovak marriage certificate may be obtained by recording the marriage concluded abroad in the Special Registry, through a Registry Office in Slovakia or a diplomatic mission of the SR abroad;
- If the foreign national changes his/her surname when concluding marriage, the surname must be changed in the foreign national's passport before applying for permanent residence for 5 years.

Four years after obtaining permanent residence for 5 years, it is possible to apply for permanent residence for an unlimited time period.

THE APPLICATION MAY BE SUBMITTED AT:

- The diplomatic mission of the SR accredited to the country of the foreign national's citizenship;
- The diplomatic mission of the SR accredited to the country of the foreign national's residence; or
- The Foreign Police competent according to the foreign national's place of residence, if he/she resides in the Slovak Republic:
 - Based on a valid residence permit in the SR or in another EU Member State;
 - Based on a granted tolerated residence;
 - Based on a granted national visa issued by the SR;
 - Based on a Schengen visa granted by another EU Member State on the basis of a representation agreement between the SR and another EU Member State on granting Schengen visas; or →

APPLICATION

The application must be submitted in person on the official form and in Slovak language

The application must be submitted together with all of the following documents, otherwise it will not be accepted:

1. Valid passport;
2. Two colour photographs (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Slovak marriage certificate;
4. Confirmation of permanent residence of the Slovak spouse (municipality's confirmation of permanent residence or copy of an identity card);
5. Criminal record statement from the country of the foreign national's citizenship and the countries where he/she resided for more than 90 days during 6 consecutive months in the last 3 years (does not apply in the case of a foreign national younger than 14 years of age and when changing the type/purpose of residence). The document must certify a clear criminal record in the entire territory of the country that issued it;
6. Document on financial coverage of residence in the amount of 12-times the statutory life minimum (until 30.6.2019, the statutory life minimum represents EUR 205.07/month, i.e. EUR 2,460.84); Financial coverage is documented by:
 - Bank account balance confirmation in the name of the foreign national;
 - The employer's confirmation on the height of the agreed salary or contract of employment, the employer's confirmation on the height of the paid salary, bank account balance confirmation or document on pension drawing of the Slovak spouse, together with a notarized affidavit to provide the applicant with financial and material coverage during his/her residence in the Slovak Republic;
7. Document on accommodation in Slovakia:
 - Affidavit of the foreign national about ownership of a property;
 - Notarized lease contract (in which the applicant is indicated as the tenant/one of the tenants; both signatures of the landlord and the tenant must be notarized);
 - Notarized affidavit of the property owner to provide the foreign national with accommodation (the affidavit must include notarized signatures of all property owners); or
 - Confirmation from an accommodation facility (hotel, dormitory) on the provision of accommodation.
 - The foreign national must reside at the same address as the Slovak citizen with whom he/she is uniting, i.e. as the spouse. This fact must also be explicitly stated in the eventual affidavit of the spouse (Slovak citizen) to provide accommodation (or financial and material coverage). If the Slovak citizen's identity card contains an address different than the address of the future joint residence with the foreign national in Slovakia, it is required to register temporary residence at this address. →

- The Foreign Police competent according to the foreign national's place of residence, if his/her case does not require a visa, or if holding a Certificate of a Slovak Living Abroad.
- When submitting the application at the diplomatic mission, the foreign national will be interviewed for the purpose of a preliminary assessment of the application.
- When submitting the application at the Foreign Police, the foreign national will be invited for a personal interview.
- The Slovak citizen with whom the foreign national is uniting may be invited for a personal interview as well.

AFTER BEING GRANTED TEMPORARY RESIDENCE, THE FOREIGN NATIONAL MUST:

- Enter the territory of Slovakia within 180 days from its granting;
- Report the beginning of his/her residence at the Foreign Police within 3 working days from entering the territory of Slovakia;
- Conclude a health insurance policy within 3 working days from collecting the residence document;
- Within 30 days from collecting the residence document, submit at the Foreign Police a medical report not older than 30 days confirming he/she does not suffer from a disease endangering public health;

8. The application for permanent residence is exempt from the administrative fee payment;
9. Administrative fee EUR 4.50 (for issuing a residence document – plastic ID card).

IMPORTANT:

- The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application (does not apply to registry documents, e.g. marriage certificate, which may be older than 90 days).
- All documents issued abroad must be officially authenticated (apostille or superlegalization) and officially translated to Slovak language by a certified translator included in the List of Experts, Interpreters and Translators registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic (<http://jaspi.justice.gov.sk>). Documents issued or authenticated by competent authorities in the Czech Republic in Czech language may be submitted as well. Documents in a foreign language officially translated to Czech language will be accepted as well. A translation from abroad must be submitted together with a confirmation of the diplomatic mission of the SR certifying that it was performed by an authorized person.
- Signatures in affidavits, agreements, and lease contracts must be notarized.
- Copies of documents must be notarized.
- It is recommended not to submit original documents at the Foreign Police/diplomatic mission of the SR, as the Foreign Police does not return documents, but to rather make copies of important documents (e.g. birth certificate, marriage certificate, lease contract), have them notarized and submit these at the Foreign Police/diplomatic mission.
- Administrative fees at the Foreign Police are paid in form 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 fee may be paid in cash or with a card.
- Administrative fees at diplomatic missions of the SR abroad are paid in cash or via bank transfers (it is recommended to verify the means of fees' payment with a specific diplomatic mission of the SR).
- The authorities will issue a decision within 90 days from the date of delivery of a complete application. The legal deadline starts on the day of delivering the application to the competent Foreign Police Department.
- Submitting an application for permanent residence does not entitle a foreign national to reside in Slovakia. Until the permanent residence is granted, the foreign national is entitled to stay in Slovakia only during the validity of a visa, another residence permit, or within the visa-free regime.

REASONS FOR CANCELLING PERMANENT RESIDENCE

- The spouses do not lead a joint family life;
- The marriage terminates before five years from obtaining the permanent residence for 5 years;
- The foreign national applies for assistance in material need;
- The foreign national stays abroad for a period longer than 180 uninterrupted days without notifying the Police Authority in written;
- The foreign national stated false or misleading information, or submitted fake or modified documents, or documents of another person.