

PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR AN UNLIMITED TIME PERIOD

Permanent residence for an unlimited time period may be granted to a foreign national, if he/she:

- Has held permanent residence for 5 years at least for a period of four years;
- Is a child under 18 years of age of a foreigner with permanent residence for an unlimited time period; or
- Is a child younger than 18 years of age entrusted to personal care of a foreign national with permanent residence for an unlimited time period;

APPLICATION

The application for long-term residence must be submitted in person on the official form and in Slovak language, at the competent Foreign Police Department.

The application must be submitted together with the following documents:

1. Valid passport (the application will not be accepted without submitting a valid travel document);
2. Two color photographs (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Document on financial coverage of residence (not older than 90 days) in the amount of 12-times the statutory life minimum (i.e. 12 × EUR 205.07 = EUR 2,460.84, for statutory life minimum valid until 30.6.2019); in case of a child younger than 18 years of age in half the amount.

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

IMPORTANT:

- The application for change in the type/purpose of residence (e.g. from permanent residence for 5 years to permanent residence for an unlimited time period) must be submitted no later than 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).
- 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. →

- Contract of employment/the employer's confirmation on the height of the paid salary/bank account balance confirmation/document on pension drawing of the spouse, parent or citizen of the SR who is the foreign national's relative in direct line, together with a notarized affidavit to provide the foreign national with financial and material coverage during his/her residence in the Slovak Republic.
- 4. Document on health insurance (confirmation issued by a health insurance company, not older than 90 days);
- 5. Administrative fee EUR 165.50 (not applicable in case of a child younger than 18 years of age);
- 6. Administrative fee EUR 4.50 (for issuing a residence document – plastic ID card).

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

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

The Foreign Police Department may further request the following:

- Document on accommodation, not older than 90 days;
- Affidavit certifying that the reasons for granting permanent residence still last.

REASONS FOR CANCELLING PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR AN UNLIMITED TIME PERIOD:

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

- The marriage terminates before five years from obtaining the →

- 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, contract of employment, 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.
- The Foreign Police Department 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.
- When applying for change in the type/purpose of residence →

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; or
- The foreign national stated false or misleading information, or submitted fake or modified documents, or documents of another person when applying for residence.

- (e.g. from permanent residence for 5 years to permanent residence for an unlimited time period), the residence is considered legal in the territory of the SR until the decision on the application.