

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE – FAMILY REUNION

May be granted for the period of validity of residence of the person whose family member the applicant is, for a maximum period of five years.

Temporary residence for the purpose of family reunion may be granted to an applicant who is:

- Family member of a person with temporary or permanent residence in Slovakia (this does not apply to a family member of a Blue Card holder who has been granted asylum or provided with subsidiary protection in Slovakia);
- Relative in direct ascending line of an asylum holder younger than 18 years of age; or
- Dependent person under an international treaty.

Only the following persons are considered family members:

- Spouse, if the spouses have reached 18 years of age;
- Single child younger than 18 years of age of a person with granted residence and/or of his/her spouse;
- Dependent single child older than 18 years of age of a person with granted residence or of his/her spouse, unable to take care of himself/herself due to a long-term unfavourable health condition;
- Parent of a person with granted residence or of his/her spouse who is dependent on his/her care and lacks appropriate family support in the country of origin.

APPLICATION

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

In the case of a minor child, the application is submitted by the legal representative (i.e. parent). If the applicant cannot submit the application in person due to being bed-bound, the application is submitted by the person with whom he/she applies for family reunion. All the following documents must be submitted with the application; otherwise, it will not be accepted:

1. Valid passport;
2. Registry document, and in the case of a single child younger than 18 years of age, dependent child or dependent parent, also a document confirming these facts (e.g. birth certificate, affidavit, medical report); →

THE APPLICATION MAY BE SUBMITTED AT:

- The diplomatic mission of the SR accredited to the country of the applicant's citizenship; or
- The diplomatic mission of the SR accredited to the country of the applicant's residence; or
- The Foreign Police Department, if he/she resides in Slovakia based on a valid residence permit issued by Slovakia or another EU Member State, a granted tolerated residence, a granted national visa, a granted Schengen visa for the purpose of seasonal employment, if he/she does not need a visa to enter the Schengen Area, a holder of temporary refuge in Slovakia, or if holding a Certificate of a Slovak Living Abroad.
- When submitting the application at the diplomatic mission, the applicant will be interviewed for the purpose of a preliminary assessment of the application.
- Submission of a complete application entitles the applicant to stay in Slovakia legally until the Foreign Police decides upon the application.

3. Consent of the second parent of a child younger than 18 years of age to whose personal care the child has not been entrusted and who is entitled to meet with the child;
4. 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 (not applicable in the case of a change in the type/purpose of residence and in the case of a child younger than 14 years of age);
5. Proof of accommodation in Slovakia for at least six months, or for the entire stay if applying for a shorter stay:
 - Applicant's verified 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
 - Verified 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.
6. Administrative fee EUR 200;
7. Administrative fee for issuance and delivery of the residence card: EUR 10 (within 30 days) or EUR 39 (within 2 business days).

CHANGE IN THE TYPE/PURPOSE OF RESIDENCE

A change in the type of residence means the change from temporary residence to permanent residence (e.g. in case of marriage to a Slovak citizen or after five years of a legal and uninterrupted residence in Slovakia).

This means submitting a new application for permanent residence. The application for a change in the type of residence must be submitted no later than on the last day of validity of one's temporary residence. The applicant's stay is considered authorised (only) in Slovakia until the decision on his/her application is made.

A person with a temporary residence can perform only activities for which the residence was granted or which the specific type of residence allows. If he/she wants to perform a different activity, he/she must apply for a change in the purpose of his/her temporary residence (e.g. from family reunion to employment).

This means submitting a new application for temporary residence. The application for a change in the purpose of residence must be submitted no later than on the last day of validity of the current temporary residence. The applicant's stay is considered authorised (only) in Slovakia until the decision on the new application is made. →

IMPORTANT:

- The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application (does not apply to a registry document).
- 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 or translated to Czech. Translations prepared abroad must be accompanied by a confirmation from the diplomatic mission of the SR that they were performed by an authorised person (does not apply to translations prepared in the Czech Republic).

- Signatures on affidavits, powers of attorney and tenancy agreements must be notarized (with the exception of powers of attorney and affidavits signed at the Foreign Police).
- 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 (eKolak), which may be bought directly at the Foreign Police Department through a vending machine, or at a post office. →

When applying for a change in the type/purpose of residence, the applicant must submit all documents required for the residence applied for, except the document proving clean criminal record (if it was submitted with the previous application for residence) and the medical report.

A holder of temporary residence cannot apply for change in the purpose to business at the Foreign Police before the expiration of 24 months from the granting of residence.

Holders of temporary residence for study can find conditions for changing the purpose of their residence in the factsheet *Temporary residence - Study*.

RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

Temporary residence may be renewed, even repeatedly. Temporary residence for the purpose of family reunion may be renewed for a maximum period of five years.

Application for a residence renewal must be submitted in person at the competent Foreign Police Department or electronically no later than on the last day of one's temporary residence validity. It is required that the purpose for which the temporary residence was granted still exists.

If the applicant cannot submit the application in person due to being bed-bound, the application is submitted by the person with whom he/she applies for family reunion. The application for the renewal of a temporary residence must be accompanied by a valid travel document, otherwise, the police officer cannot accept the application.

The temporary residence is considered authorised (only) in Slovakia until the decision on its renewal is made. The application must be submitted together with:

1. Valid passport;
2. Affidavit stating that the reasons for granting temporary residence for the purpose of family reunion still exist;
3. Proof of health insurance;
4. Proof of accommodation in Slovakia;
5. Administrative fee EUR 100 (EUR 50 for electronic submission), not applicable to persons younger than 18 years of age;
6. Administrative fee for issuance and delivery of the residence card: EUR 10 (within 30 days) or EUR 39 (within 2 business days), or EUR 5/19.50 for electronic submission. →

- At diplomatic missions, the administrative fees are paid in cash or by bank transfers (it is recommended to check the method of payment with a specific diplomatic mission of the SR).
- The authorities will issue a decision within 90 days from receipt of a complete application, or within 30 days from receipt of a complete application, if it concerns family members of an OECD member state working for foreign investors, employees of significant foreign investors, business service centers/technology centers, or during the period in which the decision is made on the sponsor's residence application (Blue Card), whom the application is submitted with at the same time.

DUTIES AFTER BEING GRANTED TEMPORARY RESIDENCE:

- Enter Slovakia within 180 days from being granted residence.
- Report the beginning of your stay at the Foreign Police within 3 working days from entering Slovakia.
- Sign up for health insurance within 3 working days from receiving the residence card.
- Submit a document on health insurance at the Foreign Police within 30 days from receiving the residence card.
- Submit a medical report not older than 30 days confirming that you do not suffer from a disease endangering public health to the Foreign Police within 30 days from receiving the residence card. →

If the applicant does not submit all the necessary documents for residence renewal, he/she is obliged to do so no later than 30 days after submitting the application, otherwise the Foreign Police will stop the proceedings; such a decision cannot be appealed. In justified cases, the Foreign Police can extend this period by 15 days upon request.

- Stay in the territory of Slovakia for more than half of the duration of the granted temporary residence in a calendar year.
- Notify the Foreign Police in writing that you will be staying outside the territory of the Slovak Republic for more than 180 days continuously.