

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE – RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

May be granted to a person performing research and development under a hosting agreement for a maximum period of two years.

The residence is not required for up to 90 days from the beginning of the stay in Slovakia if the applicant stays in the country legally and reported the beginning of his/her stay to the Foreign Police within three working days of entering the country.

A person with a temporary residence for the purpose of research and development may carry out research activities on the basis of a hosting agreement and is allowed to study and run a business without any limitations. Beyond the scope of a hosting agreement, he/she may teach under an employment contract or a similar agreement for a maximum period of 50 days in a calendar year.

A family member of a person with a temporary residence for the purpose of research and development is entitled to work without further permits after obtaining a temporary residence for the purpose of family reunion.

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; otherwise, it will not be accepted:

1. Valid passport;
2. Hosting agreement;
3. Criminal record statement from the country where the applicant resided for the longest period in the last ten years;
4. Administrative fee for issuance and delivery of the residence card: EUR 10 (within 30 days) or EUR 39 (within 2 business days).

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 residence permit issued by Slovakia or another EU Member State, tolerated residence, Schengen visa for the purpose of seasonal employment, national visa, if not needing a visa to enter the Schengen Area, if holding temporary refuge in Slovakia, or 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.

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).

In practice, this means submitting a new application for permanent residence. The application for 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.

A person with temporary residence can perform only activities for which the residence was granted or which the given purpose of residence allows. If he/she wants to perform a different activity, he/she must apply for change in the purpose of temporary residence (e.g. from research and development to employment). This means submitting a new application for temporary residence.

The application for 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.

When applying for change in the type/purpose of residence, the applicant must submit all documents required for the residence applied for, except of the document proving clean criminal record (if 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 research and development may be renewed for a maximum period of three 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 applicant still performs research or development activities under a hosting agreement.

Temporary residence of a researcher who wants to stay in Slovakia after completing his/her research with the objective to look for a job or to start running a business, may be renewed for a period of nine months.

IMPORTANT:

- The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application (not applicable to the hosting agreement).
- Public documents issued abroad must be officially authenticated (apostille/consular legalization).
- 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).
- 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).
- Photocopies of documents must be notarized.
- We recommend that you do not submit the originals of important documents (e.g. hosting agreement) 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 directly at the Foreign Police Department through a vending machine, or at a post office. →

The application must be submitted together with:

1. Valid passport;
2. Hosting agreement;
3. Proof of health insurance;
4. 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.

OBLIGATIONS AFTER TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IS GRANTED

- Arrive in Slovakia within 180 days of being granted residence.
- Report the beginning of stay to the Foreign Police within three working days of entering Slovakia.
- Conclude health insurance within three working days of receiving the residence card.
- Submit a medical report not older than 30 days confirming you do not suffer from a disease endangering public health to the Foreign Police within 30 days of receiving the residence card.
- Stay in Slovakia for more than half of the time of the granted temporary residence in a calendar year.
- Notify the Foreign Police in writing that you will be staying outside the territory of Slovakia continuously for more than 180 days.

- At diplomatic missions of the SR, the administrative fees are paid in cash, credit cards or by bank transfers (it is recommended to check the method of payment with the specific diplomatic mission).
- The authorities will issue a decision within 30 days of receipt of a complete application.
- After submitting a complete application at the Foreign Police and until it is decided upon, the applicant is entitled to:
 - stay in Slovakia;
 - perform the purpose of residence if he/she reported the beginning of his/her stay to the Foreign Police within three working days of entering Slovakia.