

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE – SPECIAL ACTIVITY

May be granted for the time necessary to achieve the purpose of residence, for a maximum period of two years; in case of sports activity based on a professional sports contract, for a maximum period of five years.

The temporary 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 performing artist participating in an artistic event may be employed without further permits, if his/her employment relationship or assignment does not exceed 30 days in a calendar year.

The temporary residence for the purpose of special activity may be granted for the following purposes:

- Lecturing activity;
- Artistic activity;
- Sports activity;
- Internship during university studies outside Slovakia, or within two years from completing university studies outside Slovakia;
- Activity resulting from Slovak Government or EU programs;
- Fulfilling a commitment of Slovakia arising from an international treaty;
- Provision of health care, or accompanying of a person who is being provided health care, if necessary;
- Volunteering activity;
- Activity of a journalist accredited in Slovakia.

A person with temporary residence for the purpose of special activity is entitled to study, however not entitled to work or do business.

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;

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.

2. Proof of residence purpose:

- Confirmation from a school or another educational institution on the performance of a lecturing activity;
- Confirmation from a state administration authority or an art agency;
- Professional sports contract or a confirmation from a state administration authority or a sport organisation;
- Confirmation of internship, containing a description of the professional training including the educational objective, duration of the professional training, conditions of placement and internship supervision, internship working time and legal relation between the intern and the hosting organisation;
- Confirmation from a state administration authority or an organisation administering programs approved by the Slovak Government or EU programs or an international treaty;
- Confirmation from a health care facility on the provision of health care, or a document on the necessity of accompanying;
- Agreement with the hosting organisation responsible for the volunteering service program containing a description of the volunteering service program, its duration, conditions of placement and supervision within the volunteering service, time dedicated to volunteering, confirmation of the hosting organisation's statutory body on the financial and material coverage during the volunteering service, and the extent of trainings undertaken by the applicant, if needed;
- Confirmation from a state administration authority on the performance of journalistic activities, or a document on accreditation of a journalist active in the SR.

3. 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 case of an applicant younger than 14 years of age and when changing the type/purpose of residence);**4. Proof of accommodation in Slovakia for at least six months, or for the entire stay if applying for a shorter stay (not applicable to participants in Slovak Government or EU programs and persons fulfilling commitments of the SR arising from an international treaty who will be studying at a university or performing pedagogical or research activities, interns and volunteers):**

- 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.

IMPORTANT:

- The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application (not applicable to a confirmation from a state administration authority or an organisation administering programs approved by the Slovak Government or EU programs or an international treaty).
- 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. →

5. Commitment of the hosting organisation to cover the costs of the applicant's administrative expulsion, in case of an application for temporary residence based on an internship;
6. Document confirming obtaining of a university degree or ongoing university studies, in case of an application for temporary residence based on an internship (applicant's university diploma not older than two years together with the decision on recognition of education, or a confirmation from the university on the applicant's ongoing university studies);
7. Administrative fee EUR 140; not applicable to persons younger than 18 years of age, participants of Slovak Government/EU programs and persons fulfilling commitments under international treaties;
8. 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 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 his/her temporary residence (e.g. from special activity to business). 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 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*.

- 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.
- At diplomatic missions of the SR, the administrative fees are paid in cash, credit card 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.

RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

Temporary residence may be renewed, even repeatedly. Temporary residence for the purpose of special activity 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 one of the special activities.

The application for renewal of temporary residence must be accompanied by a valid travel document, otherwise, the Foreign Police will not accept the application. If the applicant does not submit all necessary documents, he/she is obliged to do so within 30 days from submitting the application, otherwise the Foreign Police will stop the proceedings; such decision cannot be appealed. In justified cases, the Foreign Police can extend this period by 15 days upon request. 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. Proof of the residence purpose, identical to the one submitted with the first application (not required if the circumstances proven by the original document remained unchanged);
3. Proof of accommodation in Slovakia (not applicable to an applicant who was granted temporary residence for an internship or volunteering activity);
4. Proof of health insurance;
5. Administrative fee EUR 50 (EUR 25 for electronic submission); not applicable to persons younger than 18 years of age, participants of Slovak Government/EU programs and persons fulfilling commitments under International Treaties;
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.

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 document on health insurance to the Foreign Police within 30 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 the Slovak Republic continuously for more than 180 days.