

LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Long-term residence is a type of permanent residence granted for an unlimited time. It may be granted to an applicant:

- Who has resided in Slovakia legally for at least five consecutive years directly prior to the submission of his/her application;
- Whose long-term residence previously expired due to obtaining a long-term residence in another EU Member State, because he/she resided outside Slovakia for more than 6 years, or because he/she resided outside the EU for more than 12 or 24 consecutive months (an EU Blue Card holder); or
- Who has had a legal uninterrupted residence in the territory of EU Member States as an EU Blue Card holder for at least five years and who has resided in Slovakia as an EU Blue Card holder for at least two years directly prior to the submission of his/her application.

The long-term residence may not be granted, e.g. to an applicant who:

- Is an asylum seeker or applied for a temporary shelter;
- Holds a temporary residence for the purpose of studies;
- Holds a temporary residence for the purpose of special activity (internship within studies outside Slovakia, activity resulting from Slovak Government or EU programs, fulfilling a commitment of the SR arising from an International Treaty);
- Holds a temporary residence for the purpose of seasonal employment; or
- Enjoys diplomatic privileges and immunities in Slovakia under international law.

Persons holding temporary residence for the purpose of studies or special activity must obtain a temporary residence for another purpose first (e.g. employment or business) and only then they can apply for a long-term residence.

Some types of residence are not counted into the duration of legal and uninterrupted five-year residence at all (e.g. temporary residence for the purpose of seasonal employment, stay in Slovakia based on a national visa, or a period during which the applicant enjoyed diplomatic privileges and immunities). Others are only counted at half duration (e.g. temporary residence for the purpose of studies and certain types of special activities).

A maximum of 6 consecutive months and a total maximum of 10 months, during which the applicant stayed outside Slovakia, is counted into the duration of uninterrupted residence. Before submitting a long-term residence application, it is recommended to contact the competent Foreign Police Department and verify whether the condition of the required duration of residence has been met.

IMPORTANT:

- The application for a change in the type of residence (e.g. from a temporary residence for the purpose of employment to a long-term residence) must be submitted **no later than on 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.
- All documents issued abroad must be officially authenticated (apostille/consular legalization) and translated to Slovak by a certified translator included in the List of Experts, Interpreters and Translators registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic
http://bit.ly/SK_translators
- Signatures in affidavits, powers of attorney and lease contracts must be notarized.
- Copies of documents must be notarized.
- It is not recommended to submit original documents at the Foreign Police, as they do not return documents, but rather to make copies of important documents (e.g. lease contract), have them notarized and submit these at the Foreign Police.
- 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 →

APPLICATION

The application must be submitted in person on the official form and in the Slovak language. Together with the application, the applicant must submit all the following documents:

1. Valid passport (the application will not be accepted without submitting a valid travel document);
2. Two colour photographs (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Document on financial coverage of residence in the amount of 12-times the subsistence minimum (as of 01. 07. 2021, the subsistence minimum represents EUR 218.06/month, i.e. EUR 2 616.72); in case of an applicant younger than 18 years of age, half the amount; it is documented by:
 - Employment contract; or
 - Employer's confirmation on the salary; or
 - Applicant's bank account balance confirmation; or
 - Document on receiving a pension; or
 - Notarised affidavit of the spouse or parent on the provision of financial and material coverage during applicant's residence in Slovakia together with a document proving stable and regular income, if the applicant is a person holding temporary residence for the purpose of family reunion.
4. Document on health insurance;
5. Document on accommodation in Slovakia (applies only in case of an applicant whose long-term residence previously expired due to obtaining a long-term residence in another EU Member State, because he/she resided outside Slovakia for more than 6 years, or because he/she resided outside the EU for more than 12 or 24 consecutive months);
6. Administrative fee EUR 165.50; does not apply to persons younger than 18 years of age;
7. Administrative fee EUR 4.50 (for issuing a residence card).

through a vending machine, or at a post office.

- The Foreign Police Department will issue a **decision within 90 days** from the date of delivery of a complete application.
- After applying for a long-term residence, the applicant's previous residence is considered valid in Slovakia until the decision on the application.

CANCELLATION OF LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Long-term residence may be cancelled, especially if:

- The person obtained residence in a fraudulent manner;
- The person stays outside Slovakia for more than 6 years;
- The person stays outside the EU for more than 12 consecutive months (or 24 consecutive months if he/she obtained the long-term residence as an EU Blue Card holder);
- The subsidiary protection of the applicant has not been prolonged.