

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE – STUDY

May be granted for the foreseen duration of studies, for a maximum period of 6 years.

Only a full-time secondary school student younger than 20 years (a student of post-secondary study, graduate study, specialization study, or a higher vocational study younger than 23 years of age at the time of submitting the application), full-time university student and a person attending a language or professional training for university studies organised and implemented by a university can apply for this type of residence.

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 at the Foreign Police within 3 working days from entering the country.

A person with a temporary residence for the purpose of study is entitled to do business and work without further permits or a change in the purpose of the residence for a maximum of 10 hours per week (or the corresponding number of days or months per year). University students can work for a maximum of 20 hours per week (or the corresponding number of days or months per year).

After successfully completing the studies, it is possible to apply for the renewal of the residence for 9 months to seek employment or start doing business.

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 (parent, foster parent, guardian). A minor child older than 15 years of age may submit the application independently, however it must be signed by his/her legal representative. Signature of the legal representative must be notarized. Together with the application, the applicant must submit all the following documents, otherwise, it will not be accepted:

1. Valid passport;
2. Two colour photographs (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Confirmation of admission for the study from a state administration authority or school, or a confirmation from an organization administering programs approved by the Government of the SR or EU programs; →

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 competent for the applicant's place of residence, 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, if he/she does not need a visa to enter the Schengen Area, 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.

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 6 consecutive months in the last 3 years (does not apply in the case of a secondary school student, an applicant younger than 14 years of age and when changing the type/purpose of residence);
5. **Document on accommodation** in Slovakia for a minimum period of 6 months, or for the entire stay when applying for temporary residence for a shorter time (does not apply to university students and in the case of regularly commuting to school across state borders from a neighbouring state):
 - Applicant's notarized affidavit on the ownership of a property; or
 - Notarized lease contract (in which the applicant is indicated as the tenant/one of the tenants; signatures of both the landlord and the tenant must be notarized); 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 (dormitory, hostel, hotel, lodging house) on the provision of accommodation.
6. **Document on financial coverage of residence** in the amount of subsistence minimum for each month of residence (as of 01. 07. 2022, the subsistence minimum represents EUR 234.42/month); if the duration of residence exceeds 1 year, in the amount of 12-times the subsistence minimum (i.e. EUR 2 813.04); in the case of a child younger than 18 years of age, half of the amount. Financial coverage is documented by any of the following:
 - Bank account balance confirmation in the name of the applicant;
 - Confirmation on the provision of a scholarship;
 - Confirmation of a legal person's statutory body on the provision of financial coverage during applicant's residence; or
 - Affidavit of a person (e.g. applicant's parent) on the provision of financial coverage, accompanied by a bank account balance confirmation of that person.
7. Administrative fee **EUR 4.50** (for issuing a residence card).

CHANGE IN THE TYPE/PURPOSE OF RESIDENCE

Change in the type of residence means the change from temporary residence to permanent residence (e.g. in the case of marriage with a Slovak citizen).

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 the territory of Slovakia until the decision on his/her application.

A person with a temporary residence can perform only activities for which the residence was granted or which the given type of residence allows. If he/she wants to perform a different activity than study or if the purpose of his/her residence ceased to exist (e.g. interruption of studies), he/she must apply →

IMPORTANT:

- 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/diplomatic mission of the SR, as the Foreign Police does not return documents, but rather to make copies of important documents (e.g. lease contract, diploma), 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.
- Administrative fees at diplomatic missions of the SR are paid in cash or via bank transfers (it is recommended to verify the means of payment with a specific diplomatic mission of the SR).
- The authorities will issue a **decision within 30 days** from the date of delivery of a complete application. →

for a change in the purpose of his/her temporary residence (e.g. from study 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 the territory of Slovakia until the decision on the new application.

A person with a temporary residence for the purpose of study which was granted due to his/her attendance of a language or professional training for university studies cannot apply for a change in the purpose of residence at the Foreign Police in Slovakia.

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.

RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

Temporary residence may be renewed, even repeatedly. Temporary residence for the purpose of study may be renewed for a maximum period of 5 years.

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

Temporary residence of a university student who wants to stay in Slovakia once completing his/her studies, with the objective to look for a job or to start doing business, may be renewed for a period of nine months. 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 legal (only) in the territory of Slovakia until the decision on its renewal. The application must be submitted together with:

1. Valid passport;
2. One colour photograph (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Confirmation from a school or competent state administration authority on the continuation of studies; or in the case of applying for a 9-month renewal a university diploma obtained during the granted temporary residence or confirmation on completion of the studies;
4. Document on accommodation in Slovakia (does not apply to university students and in the case of regularly commuting to school across state borders from a neighbouring state);
5. Document on financial coverage of residence;
6. Administrative fee EUR 4.50 (for issuing a residence card).

- Submitting an application for a temporary residence **does not entitle the applicant to reside in Slovakia**. Until the temporary residence is granted, the applicant is entitled to stay in Slovakia only during the validity of a visa, another residence permit, or within the visa-free regime.

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 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.
- Stay in the territory of Slovakia for **more than half of the duration** of the granted temporary residence in a calendar year.