

# TEMPORARY RESIDENCE – STUDIES

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

Only a full-time secondary school student younger than 20 years, student of post-secondary (non-university) studies, qualification studies, specialization studies, or a higher vocational study younger than 23 years of age, 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 to the Foreign Police within three working days of entering the country.

A person with a temporary residence for studies is allowed to run a business. They can also work for a maximum of 10 hours per week (or the equivalent number of days or months per year) without needing further permits or changing the purpose of their stay. A university student may work 20 hours per week (or the equivalent number of days or months per year).

Upon successful completion of studies, it is possible to apply for the renewal of the residence for nine months to seek employment or start a business.

## APPLICATION

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

The application for a minor child is submitted by a legal representative (parent, guardian). A minor child over the age of 15 may also apply independently, but the application must be signed by his/her legal representative. The signature of the legal representative must be officially certified. All the following documents must be submitted with the application; otherwise, it will not be accepted:

1. Valid passport;
2. Two colour photographs (3 × 3.5 cm);
3. Confirmation of admission to study from the relevant government body or school, or confirmation from an organization administering programmes approved by the Slovak Government or EU programmes;
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 →

### 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 (not temporary protection), 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.

six consecutive months in the last three years (not applicable in the case of a secondary school student, an applicant under the age of 14 and when changing the type/purpose of residence);

5. **Proof of accommodation** in Slovakia for at least months, or for the entire stay if applying for a shorter stay (not applicable for university students and in the case of regular commuting to school across the border from a neighbouring country):
  - 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 (dormitory, hostel, hotel, lodging house) on the provision of accommodation.
6. **Proof of sufficient financial means** in the amount of subsistence minimum for each month of residence (as of 01 July 2023, the subsistence minimum represents EUR 268.88/month); if the duration of residence exceeds one year, in the amount of 12-times the subsistence minimum (i.e. EUR 3 226.56); in the case of an applicant under 18 years of age, in half the amount. Sufficient means can be 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 entity's statutory body on the provision of means during applicant's residence; or
  - Affidavit of a person (e.g. applicant's parent) on the provision of sufficient means, together with 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

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

In practice, 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 the 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 given type of residence allows. If he/she wants to perform a different activity than to study or if the purpose of his/her residence ceased to exist (e.g. interruption of studies), he/she must apply for a **change in the purpose** of his/her temporary residence (e.g. from studies to employment). →

### IMPORTANT:

- The documents must not be older than 90 days at the time of submitting the application.
- 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](http://bit.ly/SK_translators)
- Signatures on affidavits, powers of attorney and tenancy agreements must be notarized.
- 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 (eKolok), which may be bought directly at the Foreign Police Department through a vending machine, or at a post office.
- 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 30 days** of receipt of a complete application.
- Applying for temporary residence **does not entitle the applicant to stay in Slovakia**. Until the temporary residence is granted, →

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.

A person with a temporary residence for the purpose of studies 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 studies 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 **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 running a 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 authorised (only) in Slovakia until the decision on its renewal is made. 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 government body on the continuation of studies; or in the case of applying for a nine-month renewal a university diploma obtained during the granted temporary residence or confirmation on completion of the studies;
4. Proof on accommodation in Slovakia (does not apply to university students and in the case of regular commuting to school across the border from a neighbouring country);
5. Proof of sufficient financial means;
6. Administrative fee EUR 4.50 (for issuing a residence card).

the applicant may stay in Slovakia only during the validity of a visa, another residence permit or under a visa-free regime.

### OBLIGATIONS AFTER TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IS GRANTED:

- Arrive in Slovakia **within 180 days** of being granted residence.
- Report the beginning of your stay to the Foreign Police **within three working days** of entering Slovakia.
- Sign up for health insurance **within three working days** of 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 Slovakia for **more than half of the time** of the granted temporary residence in a calendar year. This obligation does not apply if the person with a temporary residence for studies exercises mobility in another Member State.