

Application for permanent residence for an unlimited time period

The application for permanent residence for an unlimited time period must be submitted in person on the official form in Slovak language at the competent Alien Police Department according to the place of your residence. You have to do so **no later than the last day** of validity of your current residence. The application must be submitted together with:

1. **Valid passport,**
2. **Two colour photographs** (3 x 3.5 cm),
3. **Document on financial coverage of your residence in Slovakia** in the amount of statutory life minimum for each month of your residence for at least one year,
4. **Document proving your health insurance,**
5. **Criminal Registry Extract from the country of your origin and the countries where you resided in the last 3 years for more than 90 days during 6 consecutive months** (applicable only for a child over the age of 14 and under the age of 18 of a foreigner with permanent residence for an unlimited time period).

The Alien Police may ask you to submit a **document on your accommodation** and an **affidavit confirming that the reasons for permanent residence still last.**

The authorities will issue a **decision within 90 days** from the date of submitting your complete application. There is an administrative fee of EUR 4.50 for issuing the permanent residence document (i.e. identification card), payable upon its collection.

Your permanent residence in Slovakia is considered legal until the decision on your application for permanent residence for an unlimited time period is delivered.

You may apply for permanent residence for an unlimited time period, if:

- ✓ you have held the permanent residence for five years at least for a period of 4 years,
- ✓ you are a child under the age of 18 of a foreigner with permanent residence for unlimited time period.

In specific cases, the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic may grant permanent residence even without meeting these conditions.

You may apply for long-term residence (granted for unlimited time period), if:

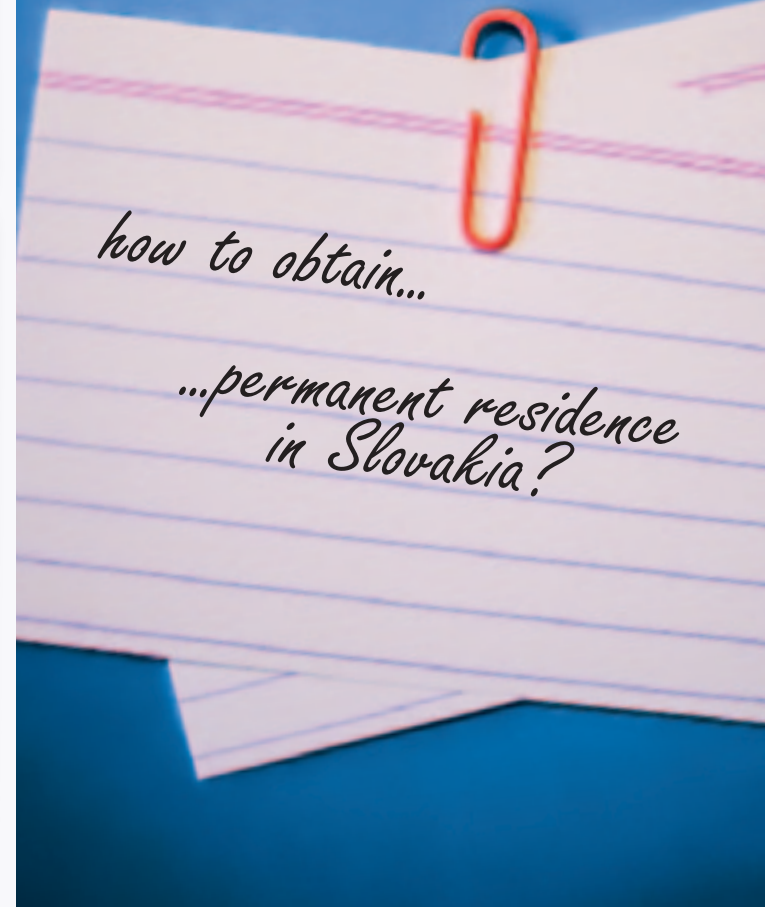
- ✓ you have legally resided in Slovakia for at least 5 years directly prior to the submission of your application,
- ✓ you have had a 5-year legal uninterrupted residence in the territory of an EU Member State as a Blue Card holder and have resided in Slovakia as a Blue Card holder for at least 2 years prior to the submission of the application,
- ✓ your long-term residence previously expired due to obtaining long-term residence in another EU Member State, due to the fact that you resided outside the territory of Slovakia for a period of 6 years, or due to the fact that you resided outside the territory of the EU for 12 or 24 consecutive months.

The application for long-term residence must be submitted in person on the official form in Slovak language at the competent Alien Police Department according to the place of your residence. You have to do so **no later than the last day** of validity of your current residence. The application must be submitted together with:

1. **Valid passport,**
2. **Two colour photographs** (3 x 3.5 cm),
3. **Document proving fixed and regular income,**
4. **Document proving your health insurance.**

The authorities will issue a **decision within 90 days** from the date of submitting your complete application. There is an administrative fee of EUR 4.50 for issuing the permanent residence document (i.e. identification card), payable upon its collection.

Your residence in Slovakia is considered legal until the decision on your application for the long-term residence is delivered.



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HOW TO OBTAIN PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN SLOVAKIA?

Permanent residence entitles you to stay in the territory of Slovakia within the period for which it was granted, to travel abroad and back, work, do business, study, have access to health care and social security. For the first time, permanent residence is granted for **5 years** and subsequently it is possible to apply for **permanent residence for an unlimited time period**. Long-term residence is a new type of permanent residence.

You may apply for permanent residence for five years, if you are:

- ✓ A spouse of a citizen of the SR with permanent residence in Slovakia or a dependent relative in the direct line of a citizen of the SR with permanent residence in Slovakia.
- ✓ An unmarried child under the age of 18 entrusted to personal care of a foreigner who is the spouse of a citizen of the SR with permanent residence in Slovakia.
- ✓ An unmarried child under the age of 18 of a foreigner with permanent residence or a child under the age of 18 entrusted to personal care of a foreign national with permanent residence.
- ✓ A dependent child over the age of 18 of a foreigner with permanent residence.

Application for permanent residence for five years

The application for permanent residence for five years may be submitted at the competent Alien Police Department according to the place of your residence or at the diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic accredited to the country of your citizenship or the country of your residence. When applying at the diplomatic mission, you will be **interviewed** for the purpose of preliminary assessment of your application.

The application must be submitted in person on the official form in Slovak language. The application must be submitted together with:

1. **Valid passport,**
2. **Two colour photographs** (3 x 3.5 cm),
3. **Document proving the purpose of residence,** e.g.: Marriage Certificate issued in Slovakia and proof of permanent residence in Slovakia of your spouse (i.e. valid ID card),
4. **Criminal Registry Extract from the country of your origin and the countries where you resided in the last 3 years for more than 90 days during 6 consecutive months** (not applicable for a child under the age of 14),
5. **Document on financial coverage of your residence in Slovakia** in the amount of statutory life minimum for each month of your residence for at least one year. This may be proved by submitting a **bank account statement in your name, or by** an authenticated affidavit of your spouse to provide you with financial and material sureties during your residence, along with her/his **bank account statement.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Submitting an application for permanent residence for five years does not entitle you to reside in Slovakia. Until you obtain the permanent residence, you are entitled to stay in Slovakia only on basis of a valid visa, another residence, or within the visa-free regime.

6. Document on your accommodation in Slovakia, e.g.:

- ✓ an ownership deed or an ownership deed extract
- ✓ an authenticated lease contract and ownership deed extract
- ✓ an authenticated affidavit of the property owner to provide you with accommodation and an ownership deed extract
- ✓ confirmation from an accommodation facility (hotel, dormitory) on the provision of accommodation
- ✓ hosting agreement

7. Administrative fee in the form of a fee stamp (in the amount of EUR 165.50; spouse and a dependent relative in the direct line of a citizen of the Slovak Republic is exempt from this fee).

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 or super-legalization) and **officially translated** to Slovak language.

The authorities will issue a **decision within 90 days** from the date of submitting your complete application. There is an administrative fee of EUR 4.50 for issuing the permanent residence document (i.e. identification card), payable upon its collection.

After being granted permanent residence for five years, you must:

- ✓ **Enter the territory of Slovakia** within 180 days from its granting.
- ✓ **Inform** the competent Alien Police Department about the **beginning of your residence** within 3 working days from your arrival to Slovakia.
- ✓ Within 30 days from collecting the residence document, submit at the Alien Police a **medical report confirming you do not suffer from a disease endangering public health** (may not be older than 30 days).
- ✓ **Conclude health insurance policy** within 3 working days from collecting the residence document.