

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 6 (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
- 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 6 (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.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AS A STUDENT WITH TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN SLOVAKIA

1. You can work, but with restrictions.

Temporary residence for the purpose of studies allows you to work:

- if you are a university student: 20 hours per week or the equivalent number of days or months per year;
- if you are not a university student: 10 hours per week or the equivalent number of days or months per year.

You can work under an employment contract or under agreements on work performed outside the employment relationship.

2. You can run a business.

With temporary residence for studies, you can start a business (e.g. on the basis of a trade license) or become a statutory body of a company (e.g. managing director of a limited company) without having to apply to change your purpose of residence..

3. You must have health insurance for the entire duration of your stay.

You must take out health insurance no later than within three working days of receiving your residence card. You do not have to send the proof of health insurance to the Foreign Police, but you must be able to prove you have it if checked.

If you are studying in Slovakia on the basis of an international treaty, under a scholarship programme of the Slovak Government, the European Union, or the Slovak Ministry of Education, or if you are a Slovak living abroad, you are entitled to public health insurance paid by the state in one of the three insurance companies (Všeobecná zdravotná poisťovňa, Union, Dôvera). Otherwise, you must take out individual (private) insurance.

4. You must notify the Foreign Police of any changes during the validity of your residence.

Once you have obtained residency, you must notify the Foreign Police of any change in your name, surname, personal status and replacement of your travel document within five working days of the date on which the change occurred. You are also obliged to apply for a new residence card within five working days if the data have changed. You are obliged to inform the Foreign Police within three working days of the cessation of the purpose of your stay (interruption, dropout, expulsion from studies and successful completion of studies).

5. If you are a student of language or vocational training for university studies, you cannot change the purpose of your residence in Slovakia.

Language or vocational training students may not apply to change the purpose of their residence (e.g. to employment/business) at the Foreign Police. If you do not want to continue your studies and want to pursue another activities in Slovakia, you will have to submit your application for a different type of residence at the Slovak Embassy/Consulate abroad. →

6. Your temporary residence can be cancelled before the expiry date indicated on your residence card.

Even if your residence card is valid until a certain date (e.g. until the end of August), the Foreign Police can cancel your stay earlier – if they find that the purpose for which you were granted your residence has ceased to exist. The purpose of your stay ceases when you stop being a student – if you interrupt your studies, drop out (leave without finishing), get expelled or successfully complete them.

7. Your school is obliged to report changes in your student status to the Foreign Police.

The school where you are studying in Slovakia must inform the Foreign Police not only that you have become their student, but also if you interrupt, drop out (leave without completing), are expelled or successfully complete your studies. Any change of status may affect your temporary residence.

8. Interruption/dropout/expulsion from studies means an immediate loss of the purpose of your residence.

If you decide to interrupt your studies, if you drop out (leave without interruption/successful completion) or if you are expelled, you cease to be a student and the purpose for which you were granted your temporary residence permit ceases.

The Foreign Police can start cancelling your residence as soon as they become aware about your loss of the purpose. They will first send a notice to your address of your residence to inform you that your temporary residence is about to be cancelled. If you want to stay in Slovakia, for example to work or run a business, you must apply for a change in the purpose of your residence.

9. Upon successful completion of your studies, you will not lose your residency immediately.

You also lose your student status when you pass your last state exam/defend your thesis. However, the Foreign Police will not start to cancel your residence until 30 days after this happens (unless your residence expires in the meantime).

10. If you do not have a job immediately after graduation, you can extend your residence for nine months to look for a job

After graduation, you can apply to renew your temporary residence for nine months to look for work or start a business. This type of temporary residence allows you to work for a maximum of 10 hours per week. As you are no longer a student during this period, you cannot work under a student temporary work agreement. As a graduate, however, you have free access to the labour market, which means that you do not need any other permit to work apart from a valid temporary residence.

You can find the list of documents required to apply for and renew temporary residence for the purpose of studies in our Fact Sheet: Temporary Residence – Studies