

RESIDENCE OF UNION CITIZENS

RIGHT OF RESIDENCE

A Union citizen has the right of residence in Slovakia for a period longer than three months if he/she satisfies one of the following conditions:

- is employed in Slovakia
- is a self-employed person in Slovakia
- studies in primary school, secondary school, or at university in Slovakia
- has sufficient financial means for himself/herself and his/her family members to avoid burdening the social security system and has health insurance in Slovakia
- will potentially find employment
- is a family member of a Union citizen who meets one of the above-mentioned conditions and whom he/she is accompanying or joining.

RESIDENCE REGISTRATION

A Union citizen staying in Slovakia for a period longer than three months is obliged to register his/her right of residence within 30 days from the lapse of three months from entering Slovakia.

To register residence, Union citizens must visit the Foreign Police Department competent according to their place of residence in Slovakia in person. Applying electronically, by mail or by means of an authorized representative is not possible. The application is free of charge.

The following documents must be submitted at the Foreign Police:

1. [Application form](#) completed in Slovak language
2. Valid travel document or valid identification card
3. Document confirming the right of residence

The document confirming the right of residence of the Union citizen is one of the following, depending on his/her situation:

- Written promise of employment or confirmation of employment →

WHO IS A UNION CITIZEN?

Under the Act on Residence of Foreigners, a Union citizen is:

- a citizen of an EU Member State (except for Slovakia)
- a citizen of a state Party to the European Economic Area Agreement (EEA)
- a citizen of Switzerland

NOTICE OF THE STAY

All Union citizens arriving to Slovakia are obliged to notify the Foreign Police of the start and place of their residence **within 10 working days** from entering Slovakia.

This obligation applies if they are renting, own a property, live with relatives, friends etc. If they are staying in a hotel, hostel, or similar accommodation facility, it is instead the responsibility of the accommodation provider.

The obligation is fulfilled by sending the completed [Notice of the Stay form](#) by mail to the Foreign Police Department competent according to their place of residence in Slovakia. The completed form may also be submitted in person.

- Trade Licence
- Confirmation from school or university and a document confirming sufficient financial means
- Document confirming sufficient financial means and a document on health insurance
- Affidavit certifying that the Union citizen is continuously looking for work
- Document proving the family relation or a document on registered partnership and a Registration Certificate of the Union citizen whom he/she is accompanying or joining

On the day of submitting a complete application, the Foreign Police Department will issue a **Registration Certificate**, i.e. a confirmation about the registration of residence of a Union citizen. It will state the name, surname, address of the registered person and the date of registration. If the Union citizen fails to submit a document on accommodation, the municipality where he/she will be staying will be stated as the address.

RESIDENCE DOCUMENT

Union citizens may apply for the issuance of a residence document (i.e. the plastic ID card) valid for up to 5 years.

To apply for a residence document, Union citizens must visit the Foreign Police Department competent according to their place of residence in Slovakia in person. The following documents must be submitted at the Foreign Police:

1. [Application form](#) completed in Slovak language
2. Valid travel document or valid identification card
3. Two passport size colour photographs (3 x 3.5 cm)
4. Document on accommodation
5. Fee of 4.50 EUR *

The document on accommodation may be one of the following:

- Affidavit of a foreign national about ownership of a property
- Tenancy agreement with the owner or the user of the property and documentation of eligibility to use the property if it is a tenancy agreement with the user of the property
- Confirmation from an accommodation facility (e.g. a hotel, hostel)
- Affidavit of a natural person or a legal entity about the provision of accommodation to a foreigner in Slovakia and documentation of eligibility to use the property if it is an affidavit of the user of the property

Signatures in affidavits and tenancy agreements must be notarized. The residence document is issued within 30 days from application or within two working days in case of the expedited procedure.

FOREIGN POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Find the competent Foreign Police Department and check the office hours [here](#). Contact details of Foreign Police departments can be found [here](#).

*OPTIONAL FEES

Optional fees include:

- Expedited issuance of the residence document within two working days: 24.50 EUR (instead of the 4.50 EUR fee)
- Sending the residence document to an address in Slovakia (to avoid going to the Foreign Police again to collect it): 3.00 EUR (in addition to the 4.50 EUR fee)

RIGHT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

A Union citizen has the right of permanent residence if he/she has lived in Slovakia for a continuous five-year period. In specific cases, Union citizens have the right of permanent residence even earlier than after five years of continuous residence.

EMPLOYMENT

Union citizens can be employed in Slovakia under the same conditions as Slovak citizens. They do not need a work permit or any other permit to be able to work.

The employer of a Union citizen is obliged to:

- Inform the local Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family about the vacancy and
- Notify the local Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family within 7 working days from the start of the employment by sending the so-called Information Card.