

Immigration to Slovakia

A third-country national can obtain either **temporary** or **permanent residence** in Slovakia, depending on a number of factors.

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Temporary residence

The Police Authority may grant temporary residence to a third-country national **only for the following purposes:**

- for the purpose of business (either as a sole trader - natural person or as a statutory body of a business company),
- for the purpose of employment,
- for the purpose of study,
- for the purpose of a special activity,
- for the purpose of family reunification,
- for the purpose of research and development,
- for the purpose of the performance of official duties by civilian members of the armed forces,
- who has been granted the status of a Slovak living abroad,
- who has been granted the status of a long-term resident in another Member State.

The temporary residence is bound to **one purpose only**, so it is not possible to have a temporary residence for e.g. the purpose of employment and at the same time the purpose of business. However, some purposes also allow other activities (e.g. a student with a temporary residence permit for the purpose of study can also work under certain conditions).



Where to apply for temporary residence?

The application is always made **in person** either:

- at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic abroad or
- at the competent department of the Foreign Police in Slovakia if the applicant has been granted a D visa or is in Slovakia on a visa-free basis.

Time limit for decision

The time limit for a decision by the Police Authority on an application for temporary residence is **90 days**. In some cases (such as in the case of a stay for the purpose of study, a third-country national who has been granted the status of a Slovak living abroad), the time limit is **30 days**. The time limit runs from the date of submission of the application at the competent department of the Foreign Police, not, for example, from the date of submission of the application for residence at the embassy.

Annexes to the application for temporary residence

The various annexes vary depending on the purpose for which the residence is to be granted. For business, in particular, a proof of business licence or authorisation and financial security (personal and business account balances) is required. As with other purposes, a proof of accommodation in Slovakia, a proof of good character (criminal record certificate), and for family reunification purposes, in particular, the marriage certificates of the spouses and birth certificates of the children, must also be submitted. Upon request, we will be happy to provide you with the necessary supporting documents for your application.

Permanent residence

The Slovak Act on the residence of foreigners distinguishes the following permanent stays:

- permanent residence for five years,
- permanent residence for an unlimited period of time,
- the residence of a third-country national who has been granted the status of a long-term resident of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as the "long-term residence").

Permanent residence for five years

The Police Authority may grant a permanent residence permit for five years to a third-country national,

- who is a **spouse of a Slovak citizen** with permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic or a **dependent relative** in the direct line of a Slovak citizen with permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic,
- who is **an unmarried child** under the age of 18 entrusted to the personal care of a third-country national who is the spouse of a Slovak citizen with permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic,
- who is an unmarried child under the age of 18 of a third-country national with permanent residence for five years or a child under the age of 18 entrusted to the personal care of a third-country national with permanent residence for five years,
- who is a dependent child over the age of 18 who is unable to care for himself/herself because of a long-term adverse health condition, of a third-country national with permanent residence, or
- **if it is in the interest of the Slovak Republic** (e.g. if they are descendants of Slovak ancestors).

Permanent residence for an unlimited period of time

At the request of a third-country national, the Police Authority may grant permanent residence for an unlimited period of time to a third-country national who

- has held the permanent residence for 5 years at least for a period of four years; or
- is a child under the age of 18 of a third-country national with permanent residence for an unlimited period of time, or a child under the age of 18 entrusted to the personal care of a third-country national with permanent residence for an unlimited period of time.

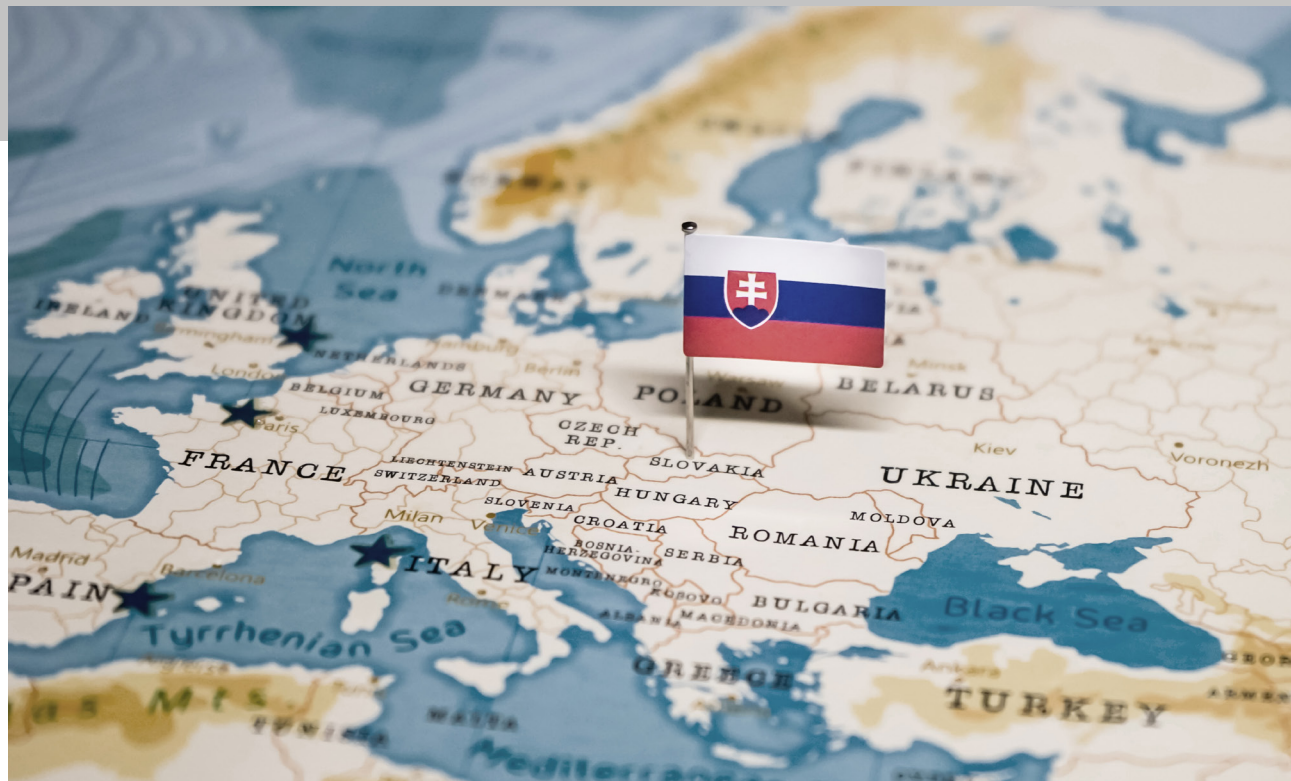
Long-term residence

The Police Authority may grant long-term residence to a third-country national,

- who has been legally and continuously residing in the territory of the Slovak Republic for a period of five years immediately prior to the submission of the application (i.e. after the expiry of the period of five years during which he/she had temporary residence in Slovakia)
- whose long-term residence has ceased pursuant to Section 55(e) (i.e. he/she has been granted long-term residence in another Member State) or Section 56(b) (he/she has resided outside the territory of the Slovak Republic for more than six years), (c) (he/she has resided continuously outside the territory of the Member States for 12 consecutive months) or (d) (he/she has resided continuously outside the territory of the Member States for 24 consecutive months), or
- who has had a five-year legal continuous residence in the territory of the Member States as a Blue Card holder and has resided in the territory of the Slovak Republic as a Blue Card holder for at least two years immediately prior to the submission of the application.

Slovak citizenship

An applicant who has been granted permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic may be granted citizenship of the Slovak Republic if he/she **has resided continuously** in the territory of the Slovak Republic **for at least ten years** and has already been granted a permanent residence permit at the time of the application for citizenship of the Slovak Republic.



Why choose the Slovak Republic?

The Slovak Republic is **a member state of the European Union** and NATO. It has an area of 49,036 km² and a population of approximately 5.5 million. It shares borders with five countries - the Czech Republic, Austria, Poland, Ukraine and Hungary. The capital Bratislava is located about an hour from the capital of Austria, Vienna. The official language is Slovak and the currency is the euro.

Income tax ranges from **15 % to 25 %** as a standard, depending on several factors (whether you are a natural person or a legal entity/corporation, as well as the amount of your tax base).



Why choose our law firm?

The law firm AKMV advokátska kancelária s.r.o. has been operating in Slovakia since 2012 and is mainly dedicated to providing legal services to foreigners, whether in terms of their business, employment or study in Slovakia, their residence or other related legal services. As one of the few law firms in Slovakia, we have extensive experience in immigration law and the residency agenda, which we have been dealing with on a day-to-day basis for more than 10 years. We also work closely with professionals in a number of fields - tax advisors, accountants, real estate agents, healthcare providers and others, and can provide a full service to our clients. Hundreds of positive references to our legal services can also be found on our google business profile.

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