1. **What is the length of the procedure for granting the residence in the Slovak Republic?**

***Temporary residence***

A police department, as a general rule, shall decide on the application for granting temporary residence within **90 days** following the date of receipt of complete application.

The Act on residence of Foreigners provides an exemption from abovementioned rule according to which a police department shall decide within **30 days** following the date of receipt of complete application in the case of:

* a third-country national (seasonal worker) according to Art. 23 par. 4, if in the previous five years has performed seasonal work according to Art. 23 par. 6 (g) or had a temporary stay (for the purpose of seasonal employment) granted according to Art. 23 par. 4,
* a third country national applying for granting temporary residence for the purpose of study, temporary residence for the purpose of specific activity, temporary residence for the purpose of research and development, temporary residence of third country national who has a certificate of Slovak living abroad,
* a third country national who represents or works for a foreign investor in the Slovak Republic and at the same time is the citizen of member state of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development;
* a third country national who represents or works for an important foreign investor in the Slovak Republic;
* a spouse or child younger than 18 years of age of the third country national who represents or works for foreign investor and at the same time is the citizen of member state of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; who works for an important foreign investor, who represents or works for the business services center or technology center;
* a third country national who applies for temporary residence according to Art. 22 par. 1 b) (who acts or will be acting in the name of the business company or co-operative and who is not in labor relation) based on a business plan for an innovative project implementation, who filed an application for the granting of this temporary residence at the consulate or police department based on national visa granted according to Art. 15 par. 1;
* a third country national who applies for Blue Card of European Union.

***Permanent residence for five years***

A police department, as a general rule, shall decide on the application for granting permanent residence for the period of five years within **90 days** following the date of receipt of complete application. The Act on residence of Foreigners provides an exemption form abovementioned rule (in case of the permanent residence in the interest of the Slovak Republic – Art. 23 par. 1 (e)) according to which a police department shall decide within **30 days** following the date of receipt of complete application in case the applicant is third country national who represents or works for important foreign investor in Slovak Republic or his/her child who meets one of the conditions set out in Art. 43 par. 1 (b) – (d) of Act on residence of Foreigners.

***Permanent residence for the unlimited period of time***

Decision on application for granting permanent residence for the unlimited period of time is taken within the same periods as in case of permanent residence for five years. In addition the 30 days rule applies also to spouse or child (Art. 43 par. 1) (b) – (d)) of third country national who represents or works for important foreign investor in Slovak Republic.

***Long-term residence***

A police department shall, as a general rule, decide on the application for granting long-term residence within **90 days** following the date of receipt of complete application.