**7 Documents needed for application for granting permanent residence for unlimited duration**

Conditions for granting of a permanent residence on the territory of the Slovak Republic are stipulated by Act 404/2011 Coll. on Residence of Foreigners as amended (hereinafter referred to as “Act on Residence of Foreigners”).

According to Art. 46 par. 1 of Act on Residence of Foreigners, the Police department shall grant permanent residence of unlimited duration, upon the application of a third country national, who

a) has had permanent residence for at least four years according to Art. 43; or

b) is a child younger than 18 years of age of a third country national with permanent residence for unlimited duration or child younger than 18 years of age entrusted into personal care of a third country national with permanent residence for unlimited duration.

According to Art. 47 (1) of Act on Residence of Foreigners, an application for the granting of permanent residence of unlimited duration shall be filed by a third country national in person in an official form at a police department.

A third country national shall submit an application for the granting of permanent residence of unlimited duration in person at a competent police department (competent according to address of the residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic or future planned address in the territory of the Slovak Republic), together with a valid travel document, otherwise the police department shall not accept the application. The police department shall issue a confirmation of receipt to the applicant on the date of the filing of an application.

A third country national shall submit, together with an application for the granting of permanent residence for unlimited duration, two coloured photographs of size 3 x 3.5 cm showing his/her current appearance and documents not older than 90 days which confirm financial means of subsistence for residence in the amount of a twelve-times the subsistence minimum.

Financial resources during residence shall be demonstrated by means of a balance statement of a bank account registered to the name of the third country national or a confirmation of an employer about the amount of the agreed salary or a work contract, confirmation of an employer about the amount of the paid salary, bank account balance statement or document about a pension received by a spouse, parent or a Slovak Republic citizen who is a direct line relative of the third country national, together with a statutory declaration that he/she would provide financial and material means of subsistence to the third country national during his/her residence in the Slovak Republic territory.

A third country national shall submit a document of health insurance which shall be proved by confirmation issued in the name of the foreigner on health insurance in the territory of the Slovak Republic or on insured medical expense in the territory of the Slovak Republic

A third country national according to Art. 46 par. 1(a) who is older than 14 years shall submit a document attesting the integrity by means of an extract from the Criminal Register of the country he/she is a national and an extract from the Criminal Register of the country where he/she has stayed during last three years for the period longer than 90 days within six consecutive months. If no such extract from the Criminal Register is issued in the given state, it may be substituted with an equivalent document issued by the competent judicial authority or administrative authority of the country of origin; or it may be substituted with a statutory declaration to be made by the third-country national before the competent judicial authority or administrative authority or the notary of the country from which he/she demonstrates his/her integrity. The document on integrity shall prove the integrity in the whole territory of the country issuing the document; otherwise the police department shall not accept such document.

In justified cases, the police department may accept, for the purposes of the application for a residence permit, a document on integrity older than 90 days, provided the period from the issuance of the document on integrity of a third-country national and his/her arrival to the territory of the Slovak Republic is no longer than 90 days.

In case of a third country national according to 46 par. 1 (b) (a child younger than 18 years) a police department may require submission of a document on consent according to Art. 43 par. 2.

A third country national may be required by a police department to submit a document confirming provision of accommodation not older than 90 days. Provision of accommodation shall be proved by means of a statutory declaration of the foreigner on ownership of the real estate; or a lease contract concluded with a real estate owner or user and a document proving the entitlement to use the real restate in the case of lease contract with a real estate user; or a confirmation of the accommodation facility on provision of accommodation; or a statutory declaration of the natural person or legal entity on provision of accommodation to the foreigner in the territory of the Slovak Republic and a document proving the entitlement to use the real restate in the case of statutory declaration of a real estate user. Provided accommodation has to be common with the accommodation with the Slovak Republic state citizen.

In case the number of persons reported exceed the capacity of the accommodation facility, a police department shall not accept a document on provision of accommodation.

A third country national shall submit a medical report confirming that he/she does not suffer from any disease which threatens public health to the police department within 30 days from filling the request.

A police department may require submission of a statutory declaration that purposes of the permanent residence granted according to Art. 43 are still valid. The police department shall decide about an application for granting a permanent residence permit for five years within 90 days of receipt of the application by the police department. If it concerns granting a permanent residence permit according to Art. 43 par. 1 (e) to a third country national who represents or works for an important foreign investor in the Slovak Republic or his/her child according to Art. 43 par. 1 (b) to (d), the police department shall decide within 30 days of receipt of the application and all the particulars.

An application for granting the permanent residence of unlimited duration may be submit at the latest on last day of validity of the granted permanent residence. The Act on residence of Foreigners does not stipulate the time period for submitting of the application, it is up to the decision of the applicant.

In case the foreigner applies for a change of the type or purpose of the residence, his/her residence shall be considered as valid in the Slovak Republic territory up to the time of deciding about the application.

A legal representative acts on behalf of a **minor child** in the matter of granting a permanent residence of unlimited duration; if he/she does not have one, a guardian appointed. According to the Act on Administrative Fees, persons younger than 18 years of age are exempt from the fee for submitting an application for a permanent residence of unlimited duration.