**31 I applied for granting residence permit during the stay on the basis of visa or visa-free travel. Do I have to leave the territory of the Slovak Republic?**

The mere submission of an application for granting residence permit does not entitle a foreigner to stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic beyond the conditions of the issued visa or visa-free regime, and for that reason he/she is obliged to leave the territory of the Slovak Republic no later than on the last day of authorized stay. The Act on the Residence of Foreigners provides an exception to this rule, according to which a third-country national who has a certificate of a Slovak living abroad and who has applied for temporary residence pursuant to Art. 29 of the Act on the Residence of Foreigners is entitled to stay in the Slovak Republic **until the decision on his/her request is taken**.

The Foreign Police Department of the Police Force which decided on the application for residence, shall send a written notification to the third-country national that he/she has been granted residence in the Slovak Republic and at the same time notify the Embassy of the Slovak Republic which subsequently issues a national visa.