

Granting of national visa

Following the pandemic measures of the government connected to COVID-19, as well as limitations to freedom of movement and residence and curfew, the offices of foreign police of the Police Force were closed and foreign students were not able to submit requests for temporary residence for the purpose of studies.

Foreign students that have entered the territory of Slovakia on the basis of a national visa are allowed to stay in the territory of Slovakia after the national visa has run out, in compliance with § 13 (2) of Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on the residency of foreigners, as amended by certain laws (hereinafter referred to as “Act on the residency of foreigners”), up to one month from the withdrawal of a state of crisis.

Foreign students that wish to submit a request for residency at the foreign police offices of the Police Force may do so only if they already are a holder of a national visa. In order to help foreign students, which have arrived in Slovakia on the basis of a national visa issued by a representative office/embassy of the Slovak Republic abroad, and had their visa currently run out, and were not able to submit a request for temporary residence for the purpose of studies because of the pandemic measures of the government connected to COVID-19, I am informing you that, in accordance with § 15 (1) (d) of the Act on the residency of foreigners, such a request may be submitted to the office of border and foreign police of the Police Force Presidium, Ružinovská 1/B, Bratislava, after an email reservation has been made and confirmed via ocpuhcp@minv.sk.

A request to grant a national visa must contain necessary documents, which are as follows, according to § 17 (2) of the Act on the residency of foreigners: a valid travel document, 3 x 3,5 cm colour photo of current appearance, proof of health insurance.