National Visas for purpose of Study and Research

Notice: The Embassies of the Slovak Republic **do not cooperate with any agencies or intermediaries** that, for a fee, promise to arrange an appointment, visa, or residence permit.

Any fee paid to an intermediary **does not guarantee the issuance of a visa or residence permit and does not provide any advantage** over other applicants.

Information on application requirements, supporting documents and appointment booking procedures can be found under the relevant service category corresponding to the purpose of stay for which you are applying for a national visa.

The **Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in Istanbul** accepts national visa applications through the visa centres operated by **BLS International** and **VFS Global**.

Before booking an appointment, please ensure that you have all the required documents for your national visa application. Applications submitted without the required supporting documents will not be accepted.

General information on national visas is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic: National visa | Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic.

Study and Research

A higher education institution or research institution arranges appointment capacity for applicants seeking a national visa for the purpose of study or research through the Registration Visa Portal of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (RegVIS). Further information is available on the RegVIS portal.

Registration by a higher education institution or research institution in the RegVIS system **does not guarantee a specific appointment date for submission of a national visa application** but creates the conditions for sufficient appointment capacity to be allocated to the applicant during the relevant month.

After the applicant has been accepted during a RegVIS registration round, the higher education institution or research institution will inform the applicant that they may proceed with booking an appointment for submission of a national visa application.

Applicants may request an appointment through the **BLS International** or **VFS Global** visa centres **only after the higher education institution or research institution has confirmed that they are eligible to request an appointment for submitting a visa application**.

Further information on visa centres is available on the website of the **Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic** under **Visa Centres**.

Applicants are strongly advised to book appointments directly through the visa centre system and not to use the services of agencies or intermediaries.

The issuance of a national visa may be subject to a personal interview with an embassy or consulate officer, of which the applicant will be duly informed. If an applicant submits an internationally recognized language certificate such as Cambridge English, IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or TOEFL, a personal interview with the applicant will not be required.