Documents Required for a National Visa Application for the Purpose of University Studies

List of documents required for a national visa application for the purpose of study pursuant to Art. 15(1)(b) of Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on the Residence of Foreign Nationals.

1. Valid Travel Document

- valid for at least 90 days beyond the intended departure from the Slovak Republic

2. National Visa Application Form

- completed using the Latin alphabet

3. Application for Temporary Residence

- completed using the Latin alphabet
- applicants under 18 years of age must have the application signed by their legal representative; the legal representative's signature must be officially certified

4. Recent Colour Photograph

- photograph measuring 3 × 3.5 cm

5. Administrative Fee

- EUR 90

6. Document Confirming the Purpose of Stay

Document issued in the Slovak language and not older than 90 days:

- decision on admission to studies at a higher education institution (university)

7. Recognition (Nostrification) of a Foreign Secondary School Leaving Certificate in Slovak

- required by the educational institution if the applicant has been conditionally admitted to study
- detailed information is available on the website of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic: Centre for Recognition of Diplomas - Recognition Portal
- if the student does not have the recognition certificate or the secondary school leaving certificate available, they should contact the diplomatic mission for further guidance

8. Criminal Record Extract from the Applicant's Home Country

- the document must bear an Apostille or consular superlegalisation; details are provided below under Important Information
- the document must be officially translated into Slovak; details are provided below under Important Information
- the document must not be older than 90 days; applicants are advised to submit a document issued within the previous 45 days.

9. Criminal Record Extract from Another Country of Residence

- required if the applicant has resided in that country for more than 90 days during any six consecutive months within the last three years
- applicants are not required to submit a criminal record extract issued by an EU Member State
- the document must bear an Apostille or consular superlegalisation; details are provided below under Important Information
- the document must be officially translated into Slovak; details are provided below under Important Information
- the document must not be older than 90 days; applicants are advised to submit a document issued within the previous 45 days

10. Flight Reservation

- one way flight ticket reservation

11. Proof of Health Insurance

Health insurance covering medical expenses in the territory of the Slovak Republic:

- valid from the date of the intended entry into the Slovak Republic until the expiry date of the national visa (120 days)

Documents Required for a National Visa Application for the Purpose of Secondary School Studies

List of documents required for a national visa application for the purpose of study pursuant to Art. 15(1)(b) of Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on the Residence of Foreign Nationals.

1. Valid Travel Document

- valid for at least 90 days beyond the intended departure from the Slovak Republic

2. National Visa Application Form

- completed using the Latin alphabet

3. Application for Temporary Residence

- completed using the Latin alphabet
- applicants aged 15 to 18 must have the application signed by their legal representative; the legal representative's signature must be officially certified
- applicants under the age of 15 may not apply for residence independently after arrival in the Slovak Republic, but only through a legal representative or a court-appointed guardian personally present in the Slovak Republic

4. Recent Colour Photograph

- photograph measuring 3 × 3.5 cm

5. Administrative Fee

- EUR 90

6. Document Confirming the Purpose of Stay

Document issued in the Slovak language and not older than 90 days:

- decision on admission to full-time secondary school studies, for applicants under 20 years of age on the date of submission of the residence application; or
- decision on admission to post-secondary, qualification, specialisation or higher vocational studies, for applicants under 23 years of age on the date of submission of the residence application

7. Proof of Accommodation in the Slovak Republic During Studies

- confirmation of accommodation provided by an accommodation facility; or
- affidavit by the property owners confirming the provision of accommodation

8. Flight Reservation

- one way flight ticket reservation

9. Proof of Health Insurance

Health insurance covering medical expenses in the territory of the Slovak Republic:

- valid from the date of intended entry into the Slovak Republic until the expiry date of the national visa (120 days)

Documents Required for a Visa Application for the Purpose of Studies at a Language School

List of documents required for a national visa application for the purpose of language education for applicants over 15 years of age pursuant to Art. 15(1)(c) of Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on the Residence of Foreign Nationals.

1. Valid Travel Document

- valid for at least 90 days beyond the intended departure from the Slovak Republic

2. National Visa Application Form

- completed using the Latin alphabet

3. Recent Colour Photograph

- photograph measuring 3 × 3.5 cm

4. Administrative Fee

- EUR 30

5. Document Confirming the Purpose of Stay

Document issued in the Slovak language and not older than 90 days:

- confirmation of admission to language education at a language school comprising at least 25 teaching hours per week

6. Proof of Accommodation in the Slovak Republic During Studies

- confirmation of accommodation provided by an accommodation facility; or
- affidavit by the property owners confirming the provision of accommodation

7. Proof of Financial Means for the Stay in the Slovak Republic

- confirmation of the account balance amounting to EUR 56 per day of stay, held in the applicant's name in a bank in the Slovak Republic, a branch of a foreign bank, or a foreign bank
- the amount of EUR 56 consists of the following components:
  - accommodation: EUR 30
  - breakfast: EUR 4
  - lunch: EUR 7.50
  - dinner: EUR 7.50
  - pocket money: EUR 7

The total amount that the applicant must demonstrate as proof of financial means is reduced accordingly by any component already secured in the Slovak Republic (e.g. accommodation).

8. Flight Reservation

- one way flight ticket reservation

9. Proof of Health Insurance

Health insurance covering medical expenses in the territory of the Slovak Republic:

- valid from the date of intended entry into the Slovak Republic for the entire period of validity of the national visa.

Documents Required for a National Visa Application for the Purpose of Language or Professional Preparation for University Studies

List of documents required for a national visa application for the purpose of language or professional preparation for studies at a higher education institution, pursuant to Art. 15(1)(b)

in conjunction with Art. 24(1)(c) of Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on the Residence of Foreign Nationals.

1. Valid Travel Document

- valid for at least 90 days beyond the intended departure from the Slovak Republic

2. National Visa Application Form

- completed using the Latin alphabet

3. Application for Temporary Residence

- completed using the Latin alphabet
- applicants under 18 years of age must have the application signed by their legal representative; the legal representative's signature must be officially certified

4. Recent Colour Photograph

- photograph measuring 3 × 3.5 cm

5. Administrative Fee

- EUR 90

6. Document Confirming the Purpose of Stay

Document issued in the Slovak language and not older than 90 days:

- decision on admission to language or professional preparation for studies at a higher education institution

7. Criminal Record Extract from the Applicant's Home Country

- the document must bear an Apostille or consular superlegalisation; details are provided below under Important Information
- the document must be officially translated into Slovak; details are provided below under Important Information
- the document must not be older than 90 days; applicants are advised to submit a document issued within the previous 45 days

8. Criminal Record Extract from Another Country of Residence

- required if the applicant has resided in that country for more than 90 days during any six consecutive months within the last three years
- applicants are not required to submit a criminal record extract issued by an EU Member State
- the document must bear an Apostille or consular superlegalisation; details are provided below under Important Information
- the document must be officially translated into Slovak; details are provided below under Important Information

- the document must not be older than 90 days; applicants are advised to submit a document issued within the previous 45 days

9. Flight Reservation

- one way flight ticket reservation

10. Proof of Health Insurance

Health insurance covering medical expenses in the territory of the Slovak Republic:

- valid from the date of intended entry into the Slovak Republic until the expiry date of the national visa (120 days)

Documents Required for a National Visa Application in the Interest of the Slovak Republic

List of documents required pursuant to Government Regulation of the Slovak Republic No. 224/2026 Coll. concerning the interest of the Slovak Republic in granting national visas to selected groups of third-country nationals in the fields of higher education, research, and development.

The list of programmes covered by the interest of the Slovak Republic under Art. 1(1) of this Regulation is published on the website of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic.

1. Valid Travel Document

- valid for at least 90 days beyond the intended departure from the Slovak Republic

2. National Visa Application Form

- completed using the Latin alphabet

3. Recent Colour Photograph

- photograph measuring 3 × 3.5 cm

4. Administrative Fee

- EUR 50

5. Document Confirming the Purpose of Stay

Document issued in the Slovak language and not older than 90 days:

- certificate of enrolment/study confirmation or letter of acceptance

6. Flight Reservation

- one way flight ticket reservation

7. Proof of Health Insurance

Health insurance covering medical expenses in the territory of the Slovak Republic:

- valid from the date of intended entry into the territory of the Slovak Republic for at least 30 days
- the applicant is required to maintain health insurance throughout the entire duration of their stay

Documents Required for a National Visa Application for Temporary Residence for the Purpose of Research and Development

List of documents required for applying for temporary residence for the purpose of research and development pursuant to Art. 26 of Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on the Residence of Foreign Nationals.

1. Valid Travel Document

- valid for at least 90 days beyond the intended departure from the Slovak Republic

2. National Visa Application Form

- completed using the Latin alphabet

3. Application for Temporary Residence

- completed using the Latin alphabet

4. Recent Colour Photograph

- photograph measuring 3 × 3.5 cm

5. Administrative Fee

- EUR 90

6. Document Confirming the Purpose of Stay (in Slovak)

- a hosting agreement concluded in accordance with special regulations with a research organisation, research institute, or scientific institution

7. Criminal Record Extract

- from the country in which the applicant has had the longest residence during the last ten years
- the document must bear an Apostille or consular superlegalisation; details are provided below under Important Information
- the document must be officially translated into Slovak; details are provided below under Important Information
- the document must not be older than 90 days; applicants are advised to submit a document issued within the previous 45 days

8. Flight Reservation

- one way flight ticket reservation

9. Proof of Health Insurance

Health insurance covering medical expenses in the territory of the Slovak Republic:

- valid from the date of intended entry into the Slovak Republic until the expiry date of the national visa (120 days)

Important Information

Submission of Applications and Supporting Documents

The visa application and all supporting documents submitted with the application must be presented in original form or as a certified (officially authenticated) copy. The diplomatic mission reserves the right to request the original document even if a certified copy has been submitted.

Certification of Signatures

Signatures on affidavits, powers of attorney, and lease agreements must be officially certified for use in the Slovak Republic.

Official Translations

Documents issued in a foreign language must be submitted in original form or as a certified copy together with an official translation into Slovak or Czech.

Official translations for use in the Slovak Republic may only be prepared by translators listed in the Register of Experts, Interpreters and Translators maintained by the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic.

The list of authorised translators is available on the website of the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic.

If the translation was prepared abroad by a translator who is not registered in the Slovak list of authorised translators, the diplomatic mission may issue a confirmation that the translation was prepared by an authorised person, except where the mission is unable to reliably verify the translator's authorisation.

Apostille and Superlegalisation of Documents

Documents issued by foreign authorities must generally bear an apostille or undergo superlegalisation, unless otherwise provided by an international treaty.

The list of contracting states to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents is available on the official and regularly updated website of the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

The purpose of the Convention is to simplify the circulation of public documents issued in one contracting state and intended for use in another contracting state. Public documents include, for example, birth certificates, marriage certificates, criminal record extracts, and official certifications.

If a country is not a party to the Hague Convention, the procedure of consular superlegalisation applies. After certification by the competent authorities of the issuing country, the document must also be certified by the Slovak diplomatic mission with territorial competence for that country.