NATIONAL (LONG-TERM) VISA (TYPE D)

A national visa is the permission granted by the Slovak Republic authorising its holder for the stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic for the duration of the validity of the visa and in other Member States for a period not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period under the conditions stipulated in the Schengen Borders Code. The national visa may be issued with maximum validity of 1 year.

The conditions of granting of the national visa are regulated by the Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on Residence of Foreigners and on the Amendment and Supplementation to Certain Acts.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR A NATIONAL VISA

National (long-stay) visa are issued for stays of duration of more than 90 days. A third country national may be granted a national visa, if

- a) it is necessary in relation with the granting of a residence permit in the Slovak Republic;
- b) the applicant is older than 15 years and is accepted for language education at a <u>language school</u> in the extent of not less than 25 lessons per week;
- c) it is necessary in order to fulfil the obligations of the Slovak Republic following from international treaties;
- d) it is in the interest of the Slovak Republic;
- e) the applicant is a family member of a foreigner who was granted asylum or subsidiary protection.

WHERE YOU CAN LODGE A NATIONAL VISA APPLICATION

The application for a national visa can be submitted at the diplomatic mission of the Slovak Republic.

WHICH DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE NATIONAL VISA APPLICATION

- 1. An application for the national visa shall consists of the following documents (basic documents)
 - a <u>national visa application form;</u>
 - a valid travel document (its validity shall be at least 90 days after the intended date of departure from the Slovak Republic);
 - a full-face colour photo, conform to ICAO standards, 3 x 3,5 cm showing applicant's current appearance;
 - a document confirming the purpose of residence (e.g. information from the police authority about the granting of the temporary or permanent residence, a decision on the acceptance of the student for language education at the language school in the required extend, other document confirming that the issuance of the national visa is the necessary in order to fulfil the obligations of the Slovak Republic following from international treaties or in the interest of the Slovak Republic);
 - a document of health insurance covering the whole period of the validity of the national visa.

In addition to the basic documents listed above, **a student at the language school** shall submit also the following documents:

- a document confirming the accommodation in the Slovak Republic during the whole course of language study (e.g. confirmation from the accommodation facility, affidavit of the property owner on provision of accommodation or the statutory declaration of the occupant on provision of the accommodation);
- documents indicating that the applicant possesses sufficient means of subsistence during his stay in the Slovak Republic (e.g. bank account statement confirming the financial means of EUR 56 per each day of stay).

In addition to the basic documents listed above, an applicant for a residence permit shall submit also the following documents:

- the complete application including the supporting documentation for the residence permit which is to be submitted in the Slovak Republic;
- a document confirming the proof of accommodation in the Slovak Republic for the period of validity of the national visa; the proof of accommodation is not required if a relevant document on accommodation in the Slovak Republic, submitted as a part of the application for the residence permit, covers the whole period of validity of the national visa;
- documents indicating that the applicant possesses sufficient means of subsistence during his stay in the Slovak Republic (e.g. bank account statement confirming the financial means of 56 EUR per each day of stay); the separate document on the means of subsistence is not required if the relevant document, submitted as a part of the application for the residence permit, covers the whole period of validity of the national visa;
- a document indicating the date and means of transport to the Slovak Republic.

A family member of a foreigner who has been granted asylum or subsidiary protection shall submit,

- a national visa application form;
- a valid travel document;
- a document which proves his/her family relationship with a person who has been granted asylum or subsidiary protection;
- a document confirming the dependency, if required.

In individual cases the diplomatic mission may ask for additional documents if the documents submitted by the applicant are not sufficient to make a decision on the granting of the national visa.

COLLECTING OF BIOMETRIC DATA

The applicant for a national visa shall allow the collection of his/her fingerprints. Fingerprints are not collected from the applicants under 12 years of age.

APPOINTMENT FOR SUBMISSION OF THE VISA APPLICATION

Diplomatic missions may require prior appointment for submission of the visa application. Further information will be provided by the respective diplomatic mission.

VISA FEE

The list of fees:

VISA TYPE	Fee
National (long-stay) visa granted in connection with the performance of commitments of the Slovak Republic under international treaties or for the benefit of the Slovak Republic	35,- EUR
National (long-stay) visa granted in connection with a residence permit application to be submitted in the Slovak Republic	60,- EUR
National (long-stay) visa issued to the holder of the residence permit in the Slovak Republic	10,- EUR
National visa issued to the applicant older than 15 years and accepted for language education at a language school in the extent of not less than 25 lessons per week	Free of charge

In case of the refusal of granting of the national visa the fee is non-refundable.

DECISION MAKING DEADLINES

The diplomatic mission shall decide about an application for the granting of national visa within 30 days from its receipt. The diplomatic mission may grant the national visa only after prior consent of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.

VALITIDY OF THE NATIONAL VISA

The national visas are issued for stays longer than 3 months, with maximum validity of one year. The national visa may be issued:

- a) for 90 days and two entries, to the holder of the residence permit in the Slovak Republic,
- b) for the duration of the language education at the language school, maximum until 31st July of the relevant school year,
- c) for the necessary period of time, in case of the family member of a foreigner who was granted asylum or subsidiary protection,
- d) for the necessary period of time, in case of the national visa issued in connection with the performance of commitments of the Slovak Republic under international treaties or for the benefit of the Slovak Republic.

The diplomatic mission is entitled to determine the border crossing point for the entry of a third country national, which is also indicated in the national visa.

It is not possible to appeal a decision on the refusal on the granting of the national visa. Exception applies to the national visa application in accordance with §15 par. 2 of the Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on Residence of Foreigners and on the Amendment and Supplementation to Certain Acts.