

Important Information Regarding National (D) Visa Applications

Please note that the applicant is fully responsible for preparing the application in compliance with the standards set out in Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on the Residence of Foreigners of the Slovak Republic.

A National (D) Visa application submitted for the purpose of applying for temporary or permanent residence in the Slovak Republic must be lodged at least **30** days before the planned travel date to the Slovak Republic. All mandatory documents must remain valid after arrival in Slovakia.

All documents must be original and wet-signed.

(Scanned copies, photocopies, documents sent via email, etc. are not accepted.)

The validity period of documents is 90 days. At the time of application, documents must cover the travel date to Slovakia and a reasonable period thereafter.

(For employment-related applications, we strongly recommend ensuring that the URAD (štátny príslušník tretej krajiny) document is up to date and meets the 180-day validity requirement.) All documents that are not in Slovak—such as an apostilled criminal record certificate (recently issued) obtained in Türkiye—must:

- *Be issued by the courthouse with official stamp and wet signature*
- *Clearly include the full date of birth (day/month/year)*
- *Be translated into Slovak*

All documents intended for official use in the Slovak Republic must be translated by a translator registered in Slovakia.

A list of translators registered with the Slovak Ministry of Justice is available at:

[Registre – Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic \(gov.sk\)](https://www.gov.sk/registre)

Only translations performed by translators listed on this platform are accepted. Registered translators residing in Türkiye (Turkish–Slovak / Slovak–Turkish):

- *Mualla Kara – +90 552 278 19 85 – muallakara.mk@gmail.com*
- *Eva Köseoğlu – +90 553 266 50 54 – info@turectina-preklady.com*

To avoid translation-related issues, we recommend using the translators listed above. Alternatively, documents may be sent to Slovakia for translation and submitted at the time of application.

Third-country nationals residing in Türkiye must submit a criminal record certificate apostilled by their country of nationality.

If the country is not a party to the Hague Convention, the criminal record must:

Be legalized by that country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Be approved by the relevant Slovak mission in that country

(Criminal record certificates issued by the applicant's embassy in Türkiye are NOT accepted.)

The document must be translated into Slovak by a Slovakia-registered translator.

Third-country nationals residing in Türkiye must also submit a Turkish residence permit, which must be valid for at least 6 months.

If, within the last 3 years, the applicant has resided for 90 consecutive days or more (within a 180-day period) in a country other than their country of nationality, a criminal record certificate must also be obtained from that country, following the same apostille/legalization and translation requirements described above.

During the translation process, no stamp, seal, or signature may be placed on the original document. The original document must remain clean and unmarked.

For a National (D) Visa application, applicants must also submit:

- *A flight reservation*
- *Travel health insurance valid in Schengen countries with a minimum coverage of EUR 30,000, valid for at least 120 days from the travel date*
- *Two (2) biometric passport-sized photographs*

The legal processing time for the visa is 30 days.

The visa fee is EUR 90.

Electronically signed documents are not accepted (criminal record certificates, etc.).

Criminal record certificates issued electronically or obtained in Slovak from the General Directorate of Criminal Records or other authorities are currently not accepted.

Translation is not required for the health insurance policy or flight reservation.

Additional Information for Education-Related Applications:

At the time of application, applicants must submit either:

An unconditional acceptance letter, or

A conditional acceptance letter, together with the documents required to fulfill the conditions (in Slovak).

Otherwise, the application will not be accepted.

Additional Information for Truck Drivers:

Truck drivers are not required to submit accommodation documents.

They must submit a copy of their driver's license (translation not required).

The Embassy reserves the right to request additional documents, conduct face-to-face interviews, and change or cancel appointments without providing justification after the application has been submitted.