

# DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF RESIDENCE PERMITS



There are several types of residence permit - check their differences.

| TYPE OF PERMIT                                 | TEMPORARY RESIDENCE                                                                                                                                  | PERMANENT RESIDENCE                                                                                   | RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR A LONG-TERM EU RESIDENT                                                        |
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| <br>Period of validity                         | <br>From 3 months to 3 years, depending on the purpose of the stay.                                                                                  | <br>Granted indefinitely.                                                                             |                                                                                                     |
|                                                | <br>Residence permit document issued in accordance with the expiry date of the permit.                                                               | <br>Residence permit document issued for <b>10 years, then renewed for 10-year periods at a time.</b> | <br>Residence permit document issued for <b>5 years and renewable for 5-year periods at a time.</b> |
| <br>Who grants?                                | <div> <div>The Head of the Office for Foreigners<br/>(an appeal authority)</div> <div>↑</div> <div>competent voivode</div> </div>                    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |
| <br>In what form?                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• administrative decision</li> </ul>                                                                          |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |
| <br>Requirements for submitting an application | As a rule, through the MOS website, by signing the application with a trusted signature using a trusted profile or a qualified electronic signature. |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |

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| <div></div> <div>Who files the application?</div>                             | <div> A third-country national (from outside the EU) or a stateless person residing in Poland - alone or</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• their parent(s) or guardian(s) - if they are a minor,</li><li>• a guardian appointed by the court - if they are an incapacitated person,</li><li>• a curator - if they are an unaccompanied minor.</li></ul></div> <div> <b>EXCEPTIONS</b></div> <div>→ if the foreigner is staying abroad and the application for a temporary residence permit concerns family reunion or stay with a Polish/EU citizen, the application is submitted outside the MOS by the family member to whom the foreigner is arriving</div> <div>→ if the application concerns an intra-corporate transfer (ICT) the application is submitted outside the MOS by the host entity.</div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <div></div> <div>Is pre-application residence necessary?</div>              | <div></div> <div><b>On the day of submission</b></div> <div>No - only residence <b>on the day of application</b> is required.</div> <div>→ Except for exceptions regarding the possibility of overseas residency.</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <div></div> <div>Yes - required in most cases, e.g.</div> <div>→ holders of the Card of the Pole and persons of Polish descent may apply immediately upon arrival.</div> | <div></div> <div><b>5-year period</b></div> <div>Yes - a <b>5-year period</b> (or 2 years in certain cases) of legal and uninterrupted residence immediately prior to the application for a permit is required.</div> |
| <div>Time taken by the voivode to process the application</div> <div></div> | <div><b>60 days</b></div> <div>60 days calculated from the date of submission of a complete application.</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <div><b>6 months</b></div> <div>6 months calculated from the date of submission of a complete application.</div>                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <div>Time for consideration of the appeal by the Head of the Office for Foreigners</div>                                                                       | <div><b>90 days</b></div> <div>90 days calculated from the date of completion of formal deficiencies of the appeal.</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|  <p><b>Benefits of the residence permit</b></p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• confirms the identity of a foreigner in Poland</li> <li>• entitles him/her, together with a travel document, to repeatedly cross the border of the Republic of Poland</li> <li>• entitles to reside in other Schengen countries for a total of 90 days in any 180-day period</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                              |
|  <p><b>Other main benefits of the permit</b></p> | <p>Performing work requires additionally obtaining a work permit, unless the basis of the permit implies an exemption from such necessity or the foreigner is exempt under separate regulations.</p> <p>⚠ <b>Not every temporary residence permit allows employment, even if a work permit has been obtained.</b></p>            |  <p>The permit provides the possibility to work without a work permit. The residence card contains the endorsement: <b>"access to the labour market"</b>.</p> |                                              |
|                                                                                                                                     | <p>The possibility to carry out economic activity under simplified rules (registration in CEIDG) is limited.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  <p><b>Entitlement to conduct economic activity</b> on the basis of the rules applicable to Polish citizens (under simplified rules).</p>                    |                                              |