
RESIDENCE
OF
THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS
IN HUNGARY

ABOUT US

The law firm was founded in 2005 by Balázs Téglásy Dr., who is still the leading lawyer of the firm. The firm's activities cover various areas of civil law, criminal law, commercial law and corporate law. The scope of the law firm's activities includes, inter alia, the establishment, operation and dissolution of companies, as well as legal assistance in relation to real estate and civil litigation and non-litigation.

Our office also acts for business companies, both in connection with day-to-day business and in the drafting of medium and long-term contracts and in assisting our clients in the implementation of individual projects.

ABOUT THE RESIDENCE

A third-country national may pursue a gainful activity in Hungary if they obtain any of the following:

- a seasonal work visa,
- a residence permit issued for humanitarian purposes,
- a residence permit issued for the purpose of employment, gainful employment, intra-corporate transfer, family reunification, research or study
- a long-term researcher or student mobility residence permit,
- a short-term mobility certificate for researchers or a student mobility certificate
- or an EU Blue Card

Foreign businessmen who play an active role in the management of their company as managing directors can obtain a residence permit in Hungary. Immigration for business purposes requires the establishment of a company in Hungary, the preparation of a business plan and the fulfilment of the requirements necessary for the successful operation of the business. As soon as the managing director is granted a residence permit, their spouse and children can apply for it through family reunification. The scheme is open to anyone, regardless of nationality.

RESIDENCE PERMIT

A third-country national holding a valid residence visa or a national visa is entitled to stay in Hungary with a residence permit after the end of the period of stay stipulated in the visa. The permit entitles the holder to stay in the territory of Hungary for a fixed period of more than ninety days but not more than two years. The permit may be extended for two years, under the conditions defined by law.

PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT

A permanent residence permit provides a broader range of rights than a residence permit; a third-country national in possession of a permanent residence permit has the rights granted by the Hungarian Fundamental Law and legislation and is entitled to stay in Hungary for an indefinite period of time.

EU BLUE CARD

The EU Blue Card is a work- and residence permit for non-EU/EEA nationals. The European Blue Card provides comprehensive socio-economic rights and a path towards permanent residence and EU citizenship.

An EU Blue Card is issued to third-country nationals who:

1. meets the legal conditions and there are no grounds for exclusion
2. his employment is supported on the basis of criteria laid down by law and in the interest of domestic employment policy,
3. is insured for the full range of health benefits or has applied for such benefits for all periods during which they are not insured by virtue of their employment relationship, and
4. has declared a real address as accommodation in the territory of Hungary.

The EU Blue Card must be issued for a minimum period of one year; if the employment contract is for a shorter period, the EU Blue Card must be issued for a period exceeding three months of the duration of the employment contract. The EU Blue Card shall be valid for a maximum period of four years, which may be extended by up to four years at a time.

When submitting the application, the applicant must present a valid travel document and attach the annexes required by law.

The application must be submitted at the consular officer or other place authorised to receive applications for residence permits in the country of the applicant's permanent or habitual residence or nationality. A third-country national residing in Hungary may also submit their application at the regional directorate competent for their place of residence in cases specified by law.

The consular officer shall forward the application to the regional directorate responsible for the third-country national's future place of residence in Hungary without delay after the application has been submitted.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A RESIDENCE PERMIT

A third-country national's application for a residence permit must be examined within fifteen days if the purpose of their stay is to look for a job or start a business.

The regional directorate shall determine the period of validity of the residence permit on the basis of the content of the documents accompanying the application, the purpose and intended duration of the stay and any other information available considering the circumstances of the stay, and the applicant's individual circumstances.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION

1. Valid travel documents
2. One facial photo not older than three months
3. Documents proving the fulfilment of the conditions of residence :
 - a) documentary evidence of the purpose of entry and stay,
 - b) documents proving the existence of accommodation in Hungary,
 - c) documents proving financial security for accommodation, maintenance and travel expenses for the whole duration of the stay,
 - d) a permit for return or onward travel and documents proving the existence of a valid ticket (or the means to buy it) or means of transport.
4. Declaration of voluntary departure from the territory of the Member States of the European Union in the event of refusal of the application.

The applicant may also be asked to provide additional documents to further clarify the circumstances of the stay.

PROCEDURE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CLIENT

In cases, when our Client is unable or does not wish to be present in Hungary at the time of the procedure of applying for a residence permit, we may act on their behalf in their absence. In this case, all we need is a power of attorney from our client, on the basis of which we can represent them in the legal proceedings.

If the power of attorney is provided with an Apostille, neither its diplomatic authentication nor its reauthentication is necessary. The procedure for authenticating documents by apostille varies depending on the issuing body and the country of use.

OUR SERVICES

Our firm offers to represent our clients as an authorised representative in the application procedure following the conclusion of a contract of mandate.

We provide the complete preparation of the application and the necessary annexes as well as their submission to the authorities responsible for the application.

EXPENSES

COSTS

- The fee for submitting an application for a residence permit is 110 EUR, payable mainly in euros or other convertible currency, exceptionally in the legal tender of the country where the application is submitted
- In case of submission by personal appearance (at the customer service) in Hungary, the administrative service fee for the procedure is 39,000 HUF, which must be paid by electronic payment instrument (bank card) or bank deposit.

OUR FEES

Our lawyer's fee is subject of specific agreement.

FURTHER SERVICES

We charge hourly for further services provided by our staff. Our Law Firm uses an electronic system which precisely records the time spent on case or particular project. The system also records expenses.

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