



# Slovakia without borders

### Important information contacts

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### Conditions of the visa issuance for the third country nationals subject to visa requirement for the entry into the Schengen area:



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The alien, subject to visa requirement at the entry and stay in the SR territory, submits his/her Schengen visa application, if his/her destination is the SR, at a diplomatic representation or a Consulate General of the SR (hereinafter referred to as "diplomatic representation") competent for the country that had issued travel documents to the applicant or for the country of his/her legal stay.

After obtaining the Schengen visa the alien is entitled to stay in the Schengen area without any other residence permits, namely during the period of stay specified in the visa and within the period of validity of the visa (not exceeding 90 days within the period of 180 days).

The alien has to be mindful not to misuse the Schengen visa for other purpose than the one declared at the submission of the visa application.

The administrative fee for the Schengen visa is set uniformly at the rate of 60 Euro for all types of the Schengen visas. Such fee shall be paid at the submission of the Schengen visa application and, according to the local particularities, it may be collected in the local currency. No visa fee can be refunded, even when the visa has not been issued. Under the international agreement concluded between the European Community and the third country on the visa issuance facilitation the fee may be reduced or waived for the certain categories of persons. The fee may also be reduced or waived upon the decision of the respective diplomatic representation, e.g. on humanitarian grounds.

At the submission of the Schengen visa application the alien is required to fulfil the visa questionnaire and to submit the travel document valid for at least 3 months longer than the validity of the Schengen visa. Upon request, the alien shall appear for the interview.

#### Documents, presented with the Schengen visa application by the applicant, have to prove:

- Purpose of stay
- Means of subsistence
- Accommodation
- Transport to/from the country of residence
- International medical insurance
- Concern of the applicant to come back to his/her country of residence.

Under the decision of the competent diplomatic representation the alien may be required to present other documents. The alien shall consult the competent diplomatic representation for the information on documents to be presented at the submission of the Schengen visa application. This information is also published at the diplomatic representation signboards and, upon request, it shall be communicated to the alien via post, fax or e-mail.

It is possible to obtain the visa application form at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic /[www.mzv.sk](http://www.mzv.sk)/ or at the competent diplomatic representation. The form is free of charge.

Websites:  
[www.mzv.sk](http://www.mzv.sk)  
[www.eurovisa.info](http://www.eurovisa.info)  
[www.schengenvisa.cc](http://www.schengenvisa.cc)

#### Asylum issues after the entry of the SR into the Schengen area

The entry of the SR into the Schengen area shall not bring any substantial changes as regards provision of the international protection to the aliens.

The Member States shall henceforth fulfil their obligations resulting from the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951 as amended by the New York Protocol of 31 January 1967 without, in any way, having limited the scope of this legislation. The so-called "2003 Dublin Regulation" establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third country national, shall still apply.

It means that after the entry of the SR into the Schengen area the asylum seekers shall be still obliged to stay in the SR territory during the asylum procedure until the decision becomes final, except for the aliens with the permanent or temporary residence permit in the SR territory.

However, the news will be a commencement of the actual performance of the asylum procedure at the international airports of the SR.

Thus, the alien who entered the SR territory by air shall be able to lodge the asylum application directly at the police unit within the transit area of the international airport, namely at the Bratislava, Košice and Poprad airports. After the accomplishment of relevant actions it shall be decided on transport of the alien into the asylum facility, stay at the airport or his/her handover back to the aliens police. However, if his/her application has not been decided within 7 days from the interview or the remedy has not been decided by court within 30 days after its lodging he/she shall always be transferred from the reception centre at the airport to the relevant asylum facility.