

We would like to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Serbia has taken the Decision on the Status of Foreign Nationals in the Republic of Serbia during the State of Emergency ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia " No. 41/2020), by which foreign nationals, who have been legally residing in the Republic of Serbia after the state of emergency had been declared, shall be allowed to remain in the Republic of Serbia until the state of emergency has been lifted with no prior obligation to initiate the extension of their residency status.

In practice, the aforementioned Decision implies that a foreigner shall not be obliged to formally and legally submit the request for approval/temporary residence permit extension in the Republic of Serbia.

Furthermore, a foreigner's ID card, an asylum seeker's ID card and an asylum seeker' ID card whose asylum has been granted, but whose ID cards have expired or are about to expire over the course of the state of emergency, shall be considered valid.

However, if a foreigner needs to submit a request for approval/temporary residence permit extension due to certain labor-legal, health and other issues, in such case a foreigner may do so by submitting a signed request by postal service and by sending it to its regional police department in whose municipality he/she resides, i.e. residence address.

We would also like to inform you that the Government has passed the Decree on Implementation of Time Limits in Administrative Procedures during the State of Emergency („Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia“ No. 41/2020) by which all time limits with respect to administrative procedures, as well as time limits regulated in the Law on Foreigners shall expire 30 days after the state of emergency has been lifted.

### **How to apply for approval/ temporary residence permit in the Republic of Serbia?**

The application form shall be submitted by postal service complete with original documentation and proof of payment regarding the prescribed administrative fee for approval of temporary residence permit. Documentation shall be followed by telephone number, e-mail address, passport copy of a page with foreigner's personal data, as well as the passport page containing the last entry stamp stamped in the Republic of Serbia, D visa copy fixed in the passport (if a foreigner entered upon visa issuance) and foreigner's residence application copy. Upon receipt of the request, the police officer shall contact the applicant.

The list of all required documents is available on the website [www.mup.gov.rs](http://www.mup.gov.rs) in the section entitled Citizens - Information for Foreigners, where [the addresses of regional police departments have been kindly enclosed for your reference.](#)

We are at your disposal for any further information you may need.