



LONG-TERM AND PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN BULGARIA FOR EU CITIZENS' FAMILY MEMBERS

If an EU citizen holds a valid residence permit, their family members can apply for long-term or permanent residence.

Family members who are EU citizens

LONG-TERM RESIDENCE PERMIT

Conditions and documents required

- ☐ a completed application form
- ☐ valid national ID document (ID card or passport) + copy
- ☐ documentary evidence that he/she is a family member (marriage certificate; birth certificate; evidence of living together)
- ☐ long-term residence permit of the EU citizen whose family member you are, where required
- ☐ application fee payment receipt
- ☐ if you opt for a plastic card with a personal number (see the last bullet below) you will need proof of your address of residence in Bulgaria - a document proving the ownership or use of property, e.g. notary deed, tenancy agreement or a declaration signed by your landlord certifying that he/she agrees to provide a registered address of residence (if the declaration is not submitted in person by the landlord or a person authorised by him/her, it must be notarised); or a housing order - in the cases of state or municipality-owned housing

PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT

If you are a family member of an EU citizen and you have legally and continuously resided on the territory of Bulgaria for a period of 5 years on the basis of a long-term residence permit, you are entitled to a permanent residence permit. You need to present the same documents as an EU citizen applying for permanent residence. (Please consult permanent residence guide.)

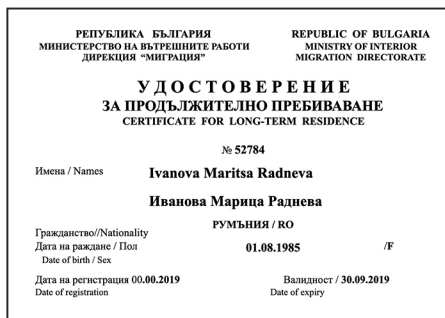
Your supporting documents may need to be translated, legalised and notarised, depending on their format and country of issue issuing authority. For full details, please visit the guidance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Step 1:

Applying for a long-term residence permit



- Documents must be submitted within three months of arrival in the country
- Your application will be processed within 24 hours of submission
- Residence certificate in the form of a laminated paper copy will be issued once the application is approved

Step 2:

(OPTIONAL) Applying for a personal number (required for registration in Bulgarian institutions and use of utility services)



- Upon request a residence certificate in the form of a plastic card with your personal number will be issued via express service (within 3 working days) or standard service (within 30 working days)

The validity of a long-term residence certificate of a family member is determined in accordance with the validity of the residence permit of the EU citizen.

Information about the fees for issuing a long-term residence certificate and a personal number can be found at:
www.migration.mvr.bg.

Family members who are not EU citizens

LONG-TERM RESIDENCE PERMIT

Conditions and documents required

- ☐ a completed application form
- ☐ valid passport and a visa – where applicable + copy
- ☐ documentary evidence that you are a family member or live together with the EU citizen (marriage certificate; birth certificate; evidence of living together)
- ☐ long-term residence permit of the EU citizen whose family member you are, where required
- ☐ **proof of your address of residence in Bulgaria** - a document proving the ownership or use of property, e.g. notary deed, tenancy agreement or a declaration signed by your landlord certifying that he/she agrees to provide a registered address of residence (if the declaration is not submitted in person by the landlord or a person authorised by him/her, it must be notarised); or a housing order - in the cases of state or municipality-owned housing
- ☐ application fee payment receipt

- Documents must be submitted within three months of arrival in the country
- A temporary residence certificate will be issued while the application is under review
- Residence permit in the form of a plastic card will be issued within three months of submitting the application
- Laminated temporary certificate will be issued once the application has been approved



Family members who have legally resided in another EU member state



Family members who have not been resident in another EU member state

PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT Conditions and documents required

- ☐ a completed application form
- ☐ valid national ID document (ID card or passport) + copy
- ☐ documentary evidence that he/she is a family member or lives together with the EU citizen (marriage certificate; birth certificate; evidence of living together)
- ☐ permanent residence permit of the EU citizen whose family member he/she is, where required
- ☐ **proof of your address of residence in Bulgaria** - a document proving the ownership or use of property, e.g. notary deed, tenancy agreement or a declaration signed by your landlord certifying that he/she agrees to provide a registered address of residence (if the declaration is not submitted in person by the landlord or a person authorised by him/her, it must be notarised); or a housing order - in the cases of state or municipality-owned housing
- ☐ application fee payment receipt



Permanent residence permits for family members of EU citizens

For further information, please contact your local Migration office or use the following email: migration@mvr.bg

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