

Benefits that come along with a residence permit in the Republic of Latvia

- The right to travel and reside freely in the Schengen Area, Switzerland, Norway and Iceland.
- Facilitated procedure of obtaining a visa to the USA, Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia.
- The right to acquire and register a vehicle within the territory of Latvia, travel around the entire Schengen Area without paying any customs duties.
- Obtain a Latvian driver's licence, which is valid in all Member States of the European Union.
- Permission to work in Latvia, without the right to work in other countries of the Schengen Area.
- The right to receive discounted or free education within the European Union.
- Entitlement to the entire scope of social safeguard equal to that for citizens of Latvia (maternity allowance, pension in Latvia, free social healthcare, etc.)
- A permanent residence permit in the European Union may be obtained in 5 years.
- In 10 years, the bearer may apply for Latvian citizenship (naturalize), which facilitates the process of obtaining a visa for travelling to Canada, the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Procedure

In order to obtain the temporary residence permit the following documents will be required:

- Power of Attorney (optional);
- copy of the person's passport and information on the person's address abroad;
- person's marriage dates, info on spouse, parents, children, brother, sister, knowledge of languages, education, serving in military services, residence in foreign countries indicated in official Application form;
- information on the person's possible place of residence in Latvia;
- a confirmation of no criminal record issued by a competent institution of the citizenship or the host country (for a foreigner more than 14 years old), if a foreigner has resided in that country longer than 12 months;
- health insurance policy.

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