

Request for renewal of residence permit

The electronic service “Request for renewal of residence permit” enables foreign nationals who have expired a residence permit and wish to stay for a longer period in Albania to apply for a renewal of the residence permit in the Republic of Albania. The foreigner is notified to be present at the regional authorities responsible for border and migration in the territory where the foreigner has resided, upon confirmation of the fulfillment of conditions and documentation to apply for the renewal of the residence permit through this service.

If the foreigner still meets the same requirements as when he / she received his / her first residence permit, his / her residence permit will be renewed for a period of up to 2 years (excluding 3 years for the AL Blue Card and 5 Years for US Citizens). The foreigners may also apply for a renewal of the permit for new reasons if they meet the requirements for the residence permit they are applying for. In this case, the permit period shall be up to one year.

The foreigner applies for a residence permit to the regional authorities responsible for border and migration, about two months before the first residence permit expires but always before its expiry date. Earlier application for renewal of residence permit does not guarantee fulfillment of the requirements for renewal.

Once the application for the renewal of the foreigner's residence permit has been accepted, he / she has the right to stay / work in accordance with the first residence permit. After submitting an on-line application for renewal of the residence permit on the E-Albania portal, the foreigner will be notified to apply to the Migration Office of Regional Directorate for Border and migration, to complete the file with the necessary original documents and to prove his identity. The processing of applications for a residence permit at the Migration Authority will take up to 2 months. If not all legal requirements and necessary documentation are met, the processing time may be longer. The Migration Service will contact the requesting foreigner if necessary.

If the foreigner has lived in Albania for at least 5 years without interruption and meets the relevant legal requirements, he may apply for a permanent residence permit.

The period of validity of the Permanent Residence Permit (type C) is not limited. Although the permanent residence permit document is valid for 7 years, it may be renewed without a procedure, provided that the foreigner has been not removed from the territory of the Republic of Albania for a continuous period of 12 months. After receiving a permanent residence permit, the foreigner has the unlimited right to work.

A foreigner may obtain a permanent residence permit if:

- He/ she has lived in Albania continuously for five years with consecutive residence permit;
- There is still a motive for obtaining a residence permit;
- He/ she meets the legal requirements for the residence permit you are applying for;
- He/she has all the necessary documents, the documents from the country of origin are translated and legalized.

If the foreigner has not stayed in Albania for 5 years, he/ she may request a renewal of his/ her residence permit for a fixed period.

Procedure steps

- Choose the "Residence permit application" service;
- Click the "Use" button;
- Complete the electronic form with the necessary information required on the form;
- Upload all the documents listed on the form in PDF format;
- Click the "Send" button at the bottom of the form;
- The State Police officer is notified electronically of the arrival of the new file and begins to verify the accuracy of the documents;
- If there are any inaccuracies or missing documents, the Migration employee notifies the applicant on the inaccuracies and instructs the applicant to complete the practice;
- If the documents are complete, the citizen is informed of the time and date of submission to the local Migration Office to submit the original documents;

The withdrawal of residence permit is done within 30 days at the same local office where the application is submitted and the foreigner has proven his / her identity.

Deadline for receiving service

Within 30 days of the submission of the application, the foreigner will be notified of the reception / rejection of the application and the date / time of the meeting at the local Migration Office. The foreigner will be contacted by the local Migration Office, if this deadline is to be extended for objective reasons.

Period of validity

3-6 months; 1-year; 2-years; 3-years; 5-years; permanent.

Costs

Depending on the residence permit you are applying for.

For more

In regards to any questions or uncertainties about using the service you can contact at helpdesk@e-albania.al