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# LIVING IN LITHUANIA AS A FOREIGNER



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Every year, more and more foreign nationals are coming to our country to study, work, open a business, or get married. Here you will find information about the steps that have to be taken in order to visit and live in Lithuania as a foreigner.

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*Photos and font used in the leaflet were designed by creative Lithuanian artists to celebrate our country's beautiful simplicity and natural charm.*

# SHORT VISITS

## EU/EFTA CITIZENS

EU and EFTA (*Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein*) citizens can stay in Lithuania for up to three months without additional travel documents.



## NON-EU/EFTA CITIZENS FROM COUNTRIES WITH VISA-FREE ACCESS

Foreign nationals from these countries can come to Lithuania without a visa (*just with a valid passport*) and stay for up to 90 days.

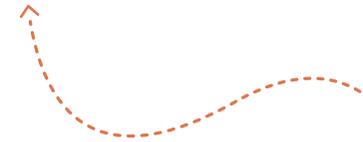
Countries that have visa-free travel arrangement with Lithuania include Ukraine, Australia, Canada, USA, and New Zealand (*a more extensive list can be found on the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website*).

## NON-EU/EFTA CITIZENS FROM COUNTRIES WITHOUT VISA-FREE ACCESS

Foreign nationals from these countries are required to apply for a visa at a Lithuanian Embassy before coming to Lithuania.



You can find a **list of documents you will need** by visiting the Department of Migration website ([migracija.lt](http://migracija.lt)) and clicking "Which documents do I need to submit?" (bottom right).



**Applications for citizenship are submitted to the President of Lithuania via the local police department where you have declared your place of residence.**

# LIVING IN LITHUANIA

**EU citizens who would like to live in Lithuania for more than three months have to apply for an EU residence permit. The permit is issued to people who:**

- #1 are employed or self-employed in Lithuania;
- #2 have health insurance and sufficient funds to support themselves and their family;
- #3 are students or interns, or are enrolled in a vocational training program;
- #4 are family members of an EU citizen (*and are coming to be with that family member*);
- #5 are family members of an EU citizen and retain the right to temporary residence in Lithuania.

## EU CITIZENS

Documents should be submitted to the local migration service where the foreign national intends to or has already declared his or her place of residence.



The decision will be made within 10 working days.



*The permit is valid for five years.*

## LITHUANIAN CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION

Possible if:

- #1 you have been residing in Lithuania legally for the past 10 years (*or 7 years if you are married to a Lithuanian citizen*);
- #2 you are entitled to permanent residence when submitting the application;
- #3 you have passed the Lithuanian language and Lithuanian Constitution exams;
- #4 you have a legal source of income;
- #5 you are a person without a citizenship, have renounced (*in writing*) the citizenship of another country, or will lose your previous citizenship by acquiring Lithuanian citizenship;
- #6 none of the circumstances specified in Article 22 of the Law on Citizenship exist (*you have not committed an international crime or a crime against Lithuania, and you did not commit a serious crime prior to coming to Lithuania*).

## Contacts

Free helpline:

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# NON-EU CITIZENS

Foreign nationals who want to live in Lithuania must have one of the three documents

## NATIONAL (D) VISA

A foreign national who has a national (D) visa can come to Lithuania and stay for up to **12 months**.

**These visas are issued to foreign nationals who:**

- are students;
- are professional athletes or coaches;
- are professors or scientists;
- are seasonal workers;
- are sailors;
- are journalists accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania;
- have a work permit or a profession that does not require a work permit;
- have applied for a Lithuanian residence permit;
- are coming for the purpose of long-term residence in Lithuania.

## WHERE TO APPLY

At a Lithuanian diplomatic mission or at a Migration Service (if you are in Lithuania legally).

## PROCESSING PERIOD

15 calendar days.

**Important! Applying for this visa does not give you the right to be in Lithuania legally. You must have another document that gives you this right.**

## TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT

Temporary residence permits are issued to foreigners **who are not EU nationals**. They are usually issued for a period of **one** or **two** years.

**These permits are issued to foreign nationals who:**

- have family members (*parents, children, spouses*) who are Lithuanian citizens and live in Lithuania;
- come to Lithuania to work as highly qualified specialists;
- have obtained a degree or professional qualification in Lithuania and intend to work in the same field;
- are being relocated within a company;
- plan on launching a start-up in Lithuania;
- are studying in Lithuania;
- are entitled to reinstatement of Lithuanian citizenship;
- are long-term residents of another EU country;
- other.

## WHERE TO APPLY

At a Lithuanian diplomatic mission or at the local migration service where you plan to declare your place of residence.

## PROCESSING PERIOD

Four months under the standard procedure or two months under the expedited procedure. This period may be shorter under certain circumstances.

## PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT

This document gives a foreign national the right to live in Lithuania and confirms his or her status as a permanent resident. Permanent residence permits are issued for **five years**, after which they can be renewed.

**These permits are issued to foreign nationals who:**

- come to Lithuania with a spouse who is a Lithuanian citizen;
- are entitled to reinstatement of Lithuanian citizenship;
- have lived continuously in Lithuania for the past five years on a temporary residence permit;
- other.

## WHERE TO APPLY

Directly at the Department of Migration or at the local migration service where you have declared your place of residence.

## PROCESSING PERIOD

Four months under the standard procedure or two months under the expedited procedure.

**List of the documents you will need:** [migracija.lt](#) → „Which documents do I need to submit?“ (bottom right)