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Hereby we would like to inform you that the Government has passed a [Decision](#) on the Status of Foreign Citizens in the Republic of Serbia During State of Emergency ("Official Gazette of RS" number 41/2020) governing that foreign citizens who were lawfully residing in the country in the moment of announcement of state of emergency in RS, **may lawfully stay in the Republic of Serbia until the cease of state of emergency without the obligation to initiate any proceedings for further determination of their status.**

In practice, the mentioned decision means that a foreign citizen is not obliged to formally submit a request for the issuance/renewal of residence permit in the Republic of Serbia.

It has been also proscribed that an ID card for a foreign citizen, ID card for asylum seeker and ID card for a person who has been granted asylum and whose validity term has expired or will expire during state of emergency shall be considered valid.

However, if it is necessary for a foreign citizen to submit a request for the issuance/renewal of residence permit due to a need to regulate certain labor, health and other matters, a foreign citizen may do so by delivering a written request by mail to a competent police administration according to the territory of his residence or his residence address.

Moreover, we would like to inform you that the Government has passed a [Regulation](#) on Application of Terms in Administrative Proceedings During the State of Emergency ("Official Gazette of RS" number 41/2020) proscribing actions in administrative proceedings in the situation of announced state of emergency, proscribing that parties in proceedings before state authorities will not bear any consequences due to failure to undertake actions within the terms proscribed or determined in accordance with the laws governing general administrative procedure or special administrative procedures.

The Article 3 paragraph 1 of the Regulation proscribes that terms expiring during the state of emergency, referring to undertaking administrative actions shall be considered expired after the expiry of 30 days after the cease of state of emergency. That practically means that all terms related to undertaking actions by foreign citizens, proscribed by the Law on Foreign Citizens, shall expiry 30 days after the cease of state of emergency.

How to submit a request for the issuance/renewal of temporary residence permit in RS?

The request needs to be submitted by mail and it is necessary to enclose original documentation and a proof on payment of proscribed administrative fee for the issuance of temporary residence permit. Along with the documentation it is necessary to deliver contact phone and e-mail address, copy of passport page containing foreign citizen's personal information and passport page where the last stamp for entering the Republic of Serbia has been stamped, copy of visa D inserted in the passport (if the foreign citizen entered based on the issued visa) and a copy of foreign citizen's place of residence registration certificate. After the receipt of the request, police officer will contact the applicant.

The list of required documents is available at the website www.mup.gov.rs in the part Citizens-Information for foreign citizens, where you may also find the addresses of competent police administrations.

Thank you for understanding.