

IMMIGRATION RULES IN HUNGARY 2024 – QUICK OVERVIEW

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hungary has a new law on the entry and residence of foreign individuals into the country as of 1 January 2024.

Under this new law there are about 30 separate cases where you might be entitled to enter and reside in Hungary for a period more than 90 days of any 180-day period.

Our firm helps individuals to obtain a

- i) residence permit (visa) for **work or business, investment**
- ii) residence permit (visa) with **Hungarian Card** or **EU Blue Card** (high-qualified employees)
- iii) residence permit (visa) for **studies**
- iv) residence permit (visa) for **reuniting families**
- v) residence permit (visa) for **digital nomads (White Card)**.

Residence permits (visas) are **for a set period of time** (usually 2 years) and **may be extended** if all legal conditions are met, usually for 1-2 years depending on type of residence permit (visa).

We are also available if you seek to obtain a **permanent residence** in Hungary by:

- i) **temporary** residence **card** (for persons with residence permit issued by an other EU country)
- ii) **permanent** residence **card** (for persons that wish to establish permanent residence, with residence permit issued by Hungary)
- iii) **EU** residence **card** (for persons with EU Blue Card).

If needed everything can be done online. We are fast and flexible. We suggest to involve an attorney from the start.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions, we are here to help:
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WHERE TO START?

Consult your attorney on your plans to enter or stay in Hungary.

Do you need a permit or not? – Depends on the length of your stay and your nationality.

Do you have sufficient funds, have you applied for work, or are you a digital nomad seeking temporary residence? Are you highly qualified (i.e. eligible for Hungarian Card or EU Blue Card)? – A relevant factor for your visa is whether you are currently employed or plan to be, and what qualifications you have.

Do you come to Hungary to attend an university course? – You will need to prove language proficiency (English/Hungarian) and that you have a place to live (usually a rental contract is fine).

Do you wish to gain a residence permit with a purpose to be with your family? – There are multiple ways to achieve this goal.

COSTS

If residence (visa) type is decided, your attorney will tell you what kind of personal data and documents are needed for the application at the National Immigration Service (a government agency called “BM BAH”).

There is a wide range of costs depending on process (visa) type, that are payable to the government. **Usually they range from ~EUR 50 to ~EUR 200.**

Legal costs involve consultation fees and fees for filing your documentation and communicating with the Immigration Service. **Our fees are affordable, usually around ~EUR 400 for a visa request, and usually around ~EUR 100 for consultation by the hour.**

TIMELINE

General authority procedures last **21 days**. More complicated issues last to about **3 months**. Time of eventual additional requests for filing documents are not included.

Welcome to Hungary! Let us know if you need legal help with your residence issues.

The above are not to be interpreted as legal advice unless the law firm receives a mandate from the client involved.



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