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# The Migration Information Centre of IOM – assistance in searching accommodation

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## WHAT

Foreigners from third countries may ask the Migration Information Centre for help and advice.

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## WHERE

The Migration Information Centre can help you find out how and where to search accommodation. Contact them directly, contacts are available here:

[www.mic.iom.sk/sk/kontakt-info.html](http://www.mic.iom.sk/sk/kontakt-info.html)



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## **Support: to asylum seeker or subsidiary protection holder who is a client of the NGO Marginal**

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### **WHAT**

Marginal social workers help to find an accommodation depending on the individual situation of a foreigner, either in workers houses or if you are a single mother or family, in private houses.

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### **WHERE**

Please contact Marginal directly for more information (in Slovak):

[www.marginal.sk/kontakty](http://www.marginal.sk/kontakty)



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# How to rent a flat/a house

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## WHAT

If you want to rent housing, you have the same conditions as other inhabitants of the country.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

According to the Civil Code, the cancellation period of a rental contract is three months. Extension of the contract should be usually settled one month before its expiration.

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## STEPS

STEP 1: Search for housing – rental: The rent can be arranged directly with the property owner who rents the flat/house on the basis of advertising or your friend's recommendation. There can be a communication problem at this point if you do not speak Slovak or the property owner does not speak a language other than Slovak.

You can also use the services of a paid real estate agency – check the fee for mediation and other services.

STEP 2: Rental contract: The contract should contain all agreed information (rent, payment dates, description of the furnishing, other specific conditions, etc.);

STEP 3: Advance payment/collateral: Property owners usually request one to two months' rent as in advance as collateral, and the payment of the monthly rent;



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STEP 4: Rent: The rent amount usually depends on the location of the flat and on its furnishings (including beds, kitchen equipment, internet connection, etc.);

STEP 5: Rights and obligations of the tenant: The rights and obligations of the tenant are specified in the Civil Code. One of the main rights of the tenant is to use the flat together with the persons with whom the tenant lives in a common household. Unless the parties agree in the rental contract otherwise, the tenant is obliged to pay for minor repairs in the flat and the costs for routine maintenance. For more details see:

<http://www.zakonypreludi.sk/zz/1995-87#f2238085>

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## WHERE

In print magazines or on special websites. Search keywords: “prenájom”, “nájom bytu”, “prenájom bytu” or “byty”.

For more information and for advice, visit the website of the Migration Information Centre: [www.mic.iom.sk/sk/socialne-veci/byvanie/207-prenajom-bytu.html](http://www.mic.iom.sk/sk/socialne-veci/byvanie/207-prenajom-bytu.html)

NOTE: The costs of utilities (gas, water, electricity) and of the phone or internet are usually not part of the rent – this must also be agreed in advance and stated in the rental contract.

## Description of the process of flat/house purchase

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### WHAT

Even if you do not have Slovak citizenship, you may purchase real property in the Slovak Republic irrespective of whether you were granted residence in Slovakia or



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not. Basically, foreigners can acquire any real property, with certain exceptions. Real estate includes flats, houses, garages, gardens, lands and other structures connected with the ground by solid basis.

NOTE: The ownership of real property in Slovakia does not establish the foreigner's right to reside in the country.

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## **GOOD TO KNOW**

The drawing up of a legally faultless contract on the transfer of the ownership of a real property complying with all applicable requirements is quite a complicated process; it is therefore recommended to contact a lawyer or a notary public.

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## **STEPS**

STEP 1: Contract on the transfer of ownership: once you have chosen a real property that you wish to purchase, you must arrange a contract on the transfer of the ownership of the real property. It is important to know that you do not acquire the ownership right to the real property by the signing of the contract by both parties. This right arises upon the inscription of the real property in the Land Registry.

In general, the contract on the transfer of ownership must meet the following requirements:

- written form;
- identification information of the seller and the buyer;
- precise designation of the transferred real property;
- agreed purchase price of the real property;
- certified signature of the seller.

Other requirements may apply depending on the type of the real property.

STEP 2: Contract authorisation by lawyer: A lawyer shall guarantee the credibility



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of data and information state in the contract on the transfer of the ownership of the real property.

STEP 3: Drawing up of a notarial act on the transfer of real property: A public notary shall handle the completion of service related to drafting a contract and transfer of property together with the proposal for transfer of ownership to the Land Registry and investigate the dimensions of ownership related to the property and establish the identity of the participants as well.

STEP 4: Registration in the Land Registry: The Land Registry is a database which contains a description of properties, their geometric data and rights to them. All properties in Slovakia must be registered in the Land Registry and graphically noted. Ownership rights arise, change and disappear in the Land Registry.

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## WHERE

For more information, visit the website of the Migration Information Centre (in English and Russian):

[www.mic.iom.sk/sk/socialne-veci/byvanie/208-nadobudanie-nehnutelnosti-cudzincami.html](http://www.mic.iom.sk/sk/socialne-veci/byvanie/208-nadobudanie-nehnutelnosti-cudzincami.html)

## National rules on waste treatment

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### WHAT

Waste is any movable thing which its holder discards, wishes to discard or is obliged to discard under the law or special regulations. Waste treatment is the collection, transportation, recycling and liquidation of waste.



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## WHO

The collection of municipal waste and small building waste is ensured by the town/municipality in which you live. The municipality also defines the waste collection rules – a waste sorting method (e.g. mixed municipal waste, paper, plastic, metals, glass, etc.).

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## HOW

Waste is collected in containers or bags. Waste can also be placed in collection centres into which citizens of the town/municipality can bring sorted parts of municipal waste and small construction waste.

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## WHEN

The town/municipality determines the regular days for waste collection and the placement of large-size containers (usually in spring and autumn) for the collection of biological waste from gardens.

NOTE: Specific rules apply to the treatment of old vehicles, electrical equipment and electrical waste – it is always better to ask the town/municipality (or the shop) for information on how to proceed it.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

The breach of rules related to waste disposal is defined by law and the fine can differ depending on a particular breach. For more details see this website (in Slovak):

<http://www.odpady-portal.sk/Dokument/102726/pokuty-podla-noveho-zakona-o-odpadoch.aspx>



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## WHERE

If you have doubts about the waste disposal rules and waste sorting, we recommend you to contact the municipal office in the town/municipality in which you live and ask for information.

# Marginal n.o., Adra – assistance in searching accommodation

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## WHAT

Housing for people under international protection

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## WHERE

In the framework of integration services provided by Slovakia to people under international protection – you can ask the Adra and Marginal non-profit organisations for assistance in searching accommodation. For more information, visit the websites (in Slovak): [www.marginal.sk](http://www.marginal.sk) and (in English): [www.adra.sk](http://www.adra.sk)





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## **The Migration Information Centre – assistance in searching accommodation**

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### **WHAT**

Foreigners from third countries (nationals of countries outside the EU)

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### **WHERE**

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## Town/municipality in which you live – social rental housing

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### WHAT

Individuals or families (households) which are not able to obtain accommodation on the market on their own due to their small income or discrimination – disadvantaged groups which also include foreigners and migrants.

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### WHERE

The Act on Social Housing strictly specifies who can request social housing and under what conditions. Towns and municipalities decide on the provision of social housing on their own. Contact the municipal office at the place of your residence and ask about the conditions and possibilities of social housing.

## Unemployment benefit

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### WHAT

You are eligible to receive the unemployment benefit if you had been insured for unemployment for at least two years over the past three years before being included in the Jobseekers Register. The amount of the unemployment benefit is 50% of the daily basis for calculation.

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### WHERE

Local office of the Social Insurance Company according to the place of your residence. You have to bring in person the decision of the Labour Office about



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registration to the Job seekers' registry and apply for this benefit. Please look for a contact here: [www.socpoist.sk/kontakty-xly/48023s](http://www.socpoist.sk/kontakty-xly/48023s)



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## **Subsidy to support children's education aimed to fulfil the school obligations of children at risk of social exclusion**

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### **WHAT**

The subsidy to ensure the school needs in a kindergarten or at an elementary school is to be requested by the founder of the school, the municipality or a civic association (not parents).

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### **WHERE**

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. For more information, see the website (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page\\_id=363675](http://www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page_id=363675) Also look for a relevant office here:

[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)



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## Subsidy to support the development of eating habits of a child at risk of social exclusion

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### WHAT

The subsidy to ensure lunch and other meals in a kindergarten or at an elementary school is to be requested by the founder of the school, the municipality or a civic association (not parents).

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### WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. For more information, see the website (in Slovak):

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# One-time allowance

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## WHAT

The one-time allowance is intended for partial coverage of exceptional costs, mainly to ensure necessary clothing, linen, footwear, necessary household utensils, and exceptional treatment costs or school needs. The amount of the allowance depends on the proven actual expenses and maximum triple the amount of the subsistence minimum of a full-aged person per year (€ 594.27).

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## WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. For more information, see the website (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page\\_id=363675](http://www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page_id=363675) Please look for a relevant office here:

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## Dependent child benefit

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### WHAT

The dependent child benefit is intended to support the upbringing, education and comprehensive development in a household of the child who duly fulfils compulsory school attendance. The benefit is € 17.20 per month for each dependent child.

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### WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. For more information, see the website (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page\\_id=363675](http://www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page_id=363675) Please look for a relevant office here:

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# Protection allowance

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## WHAT

You can request the protection allowance to cover your personal costs if you do not have the possibility to ensure your income through your own work due to the fact that, for example, you receive an old-age or disability pension and take care of a severely disabled person, etc.

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## WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. For more information, see the website (in Slovak):

[http://www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page\\_id=363675](http://www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page_id=363675) Please look for a relevant office here:

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## Supplement to the benefit in material need – Activation allowance

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### WHAT

The activation allowance is intended to support the acquisition or enhancement of knowledge, professional and practical skills and work habits in order to increase the chances on the labour market. The amount of the activation allowance is € 63.07 per month.

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### WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. For more information, see the website (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page\\_id=363675](http://www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page_id=363675) Please look for a relevant office here:

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## Benefit in material need (dávka v hmotnej núdzi)

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### WHAT

You are entitled to the benefit in material need if you have permanent or temporary residence or tolerated stay in Slovakia and your income or the incomes of the persons living with you in the same household do not reach the subsistence minimum amount (€ 198.09 per month and person) and you are not able to improve your financial situation through your own initiative or with your assets. The amount of the benefit is € 61.60 per person and month.

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### WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. For more information, see the website (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page\\_id=363675](http://www.upsvar.sk/socialne-veci-a-rodina/hmotna-nudza/pomoc-v-hmotnej-nudzi.html?page_id=363675) Please look for a relevant office here:

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# Housing support – Supplement to the benefit in material need – Housing allowance

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## WHAT

Housing support is a financial aid you can apply for if you do not earn enough to cover the housing expenses. The housing allowance is intended for partial coverage of the housing costs and can be granted in the amount of € 55.80 per month for a one-member household or € 89.20 per month for a household of several members, or for the rental of a flat by several tenants.

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## WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. Please look for a relevant office here (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)



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## Funeral allowance (príspevok na pohreb)

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### WHAT

The state would grant the funeral allowance upon your request to cover the costs of the funeral, provided that you and the deceased person have permanent or temporary residence in Slovakia and the funeral is held within Slovakia. The amount of the allowance is € 79.67.

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### WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the last place of residence of the deceased. Please look for a relevant office here:

[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)



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## Orphan's pension (sirotský dôchodok)

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### WHAT

You are eligible to receive the orphan's pension if you are a dependent child whose parent died and that parent received or met the conditions for receiving an old-age or disability pension as of the day of his/her death, was entitled to an early pension, or died as a consequence of an accident at work or an occupational disease. The entitlement to the orphan's pension expires upon reaching the age of 26 years of the child. The amount of the orphan's pension is 40% of the old-age, disability or early pension of the deceased parent.

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### WHERE

WHERE: Local office of the Social Insurance Company according to the place of your residence. More information is available here (in Slovak):

[www.socpoist.sk/sirotsky-dochodok/1291s](http://www.socpoist.sk/sirotsky-dochodok/1291s)



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## Widow's and widower's pension (vdovský a vdovecký dôchodok)

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### WHAT

As a widow/widower, you are eligible to receive the widower's/widow's pension for the spouse who received or met the conditions for receiving an old-age or disability pension as of the day of his/her death or received an early pension or died as a consequence of an accident at work or an occupational disease. The right to this pension is in place during one year after the death of the spouse or during an unlimited period of time upon meeting other conditions. The amount of the widow's/widower's pension is 60% of the old-age, disability or early pension of the deceased spouse.

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### WHERE

Local office of the Social Insurance Company according to the place of your residence. More information for women (in Slovak):

[www.socpoist.sk/vdovsky-dochodok/1289s](http://www.socpoist.sk/vdovsky-dochodok/1289s) and for men (in Slovak too):

[www.socpoist.sk/vdovecky-dochodok/1290s](http://www.socpoist.sk/vdovecky-dochodok/1290s)



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# Nursing benefit

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## WHAT

You are eligible to receive the nursing benefit if you had been insured for the sickness benefit and, at the same time, you take a full-time care of

1. a sick child, spouse or parent whose health condition requires nursing by another person according to the medical certificate;
  2. a child under 10 years who has been put into quarantine, or the school or kindergarten has been closed, or the person taking care of the child became sick.
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## WHERE

Local office of the Social Insurance Company according to the place of your residence, look for relevant contacts here (in Slovak):

<http://www.socpoist.sk/kontakty-xly/48023s>



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**Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. The office hours and addresses are available here (in Slovak):**  
**[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradn-e-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradn-e-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)**

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## **WHAT**

You are eligible to receive the compensatory allowance if you have been assigned to another position during pregnancy or within 9 months after giving birth due to the fact that your position or job cannot be performed by pregnant women or it threatens your health, and your income at the new position is smaller than before. The amount of the compensatory allowance is 55% of the difference.

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## **WHERE**

Local office of the Social Insurance Company according to the place of your residence, look for relevant contacts here (in Slovak):

<http://www.socpoist.sk/kontakty-xly/48023s>





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# Parental allowance

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## WHAT

The state grants the parental allowance once a year for several children born at the same time to cover the increased costs of the care of three and more children born at the same time or two or more children born at the same time in the course of two years. The condition for granting this allowance is permanent residence in Slovakia and at least three children max. 15 years old. The amount of the allowance is € 110.36 per child.

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## WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. The office hours and addresses are available here (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)



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# Childbirth allowance

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## WHAT

The state grants the childbirth allowance to cover the necessary expenses of the new-born child. Apart from other conditions, you must have permanent residence in Slovakia. The amount of the one-time allowance is € 829.86 for the first three children, and € 151.37 for every next child.

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## WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. The office hours and addresses are available here (in Slovak):

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# Child-care allowance

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## WHAT

The state grants the child-care allowance to the parent to cover the costs of care (e.g. nursery, grandparent) of each child under 3 years (or under 6 years in case of a child with long-term unfavourable health condition), if you perform a gainful activity or study at a secondary school or university. The condition for granting this allowance is to have temporary or permanent residence in Slovakia. The Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family would reimburse the bill for the care of the child of max. € 280 or € 80 (state facility) or pay € 40.10 to other persons taking care of the child without a trade licence.

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## WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. The office hours and addresses are available here (in Slovak):

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# Parental benefit

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## WHAT

The state grants the parental benefit to the parent for ensuring due care of the child under 3 years (or under 6 years in case of a child with long-term unfavourable health condition), provided that you have permanent or temporary residence in Slovakia. The amount of this benefit is € 213.20 per month and is paid only once, including in the case that you have more than one child under 3 years of age in your family. The family benefit would not be paid along with the maternity benefit or with the child-care allowance.

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## WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. The office hours and addresses are available here (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)



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## Supplement to child allowance

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### WHAT

This supplement is paid upon meeting the following conditions by both parents: meeting of the conditions for receiving the child allowance and receipt of a pension (old-age, early or disability pension) and non-performance of gainful activities and non-granting of a tax bonus for the dependent child. The amount of the supplement is € 11.02 per month.

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### WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. The office hours and addresses are available here (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)



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# Child allowance

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## WHAT

The child allowance is the state's contribution to one of the parents with permanent or temporary residence in Slovakia for the maintenance and education of a dependent child (for the period until reaching the age of 25 years at the longest). The amount of the allowance is € 23.52 per month.

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## WHERE

Contact Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence. The office hours and addresses are available here (in Slovak):

[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)



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## Maternity benefit

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### WHAT

You are eligible to receive the maternity benefit if you are pregnant or you take care of a born child and, at the same time, you had been insured for the sickness benefit during at least 270 days over the past two years before giving birth. The amount of the maternity benefit corresponds to 75% of the basis of calculation.

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### WHERE

Local office of the Social Insurance Company according to the place of your residence. Applications are available here (in Slovak):

<http://www.socpoist.sk/materske/1293s>

## DePaul Slovakia (DePaul Slovensko)

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### WHAT

Non-profit organisation providing help to homeless people. This organisation runs a dormitory and offers the possibility of acquiring clothes, food or longer-term assistance in obtaining work or a permanent job.

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### WHERE

DePaul Slovensko, seated at Mokrohájska 6, 841 04 Bratislava, tel: +421 2 5443 2128, email: [info@depaulslovensko.org](mailto:info@depaulslovensko.org), website:



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<https://sk.depaulcharity.org/depaul-slovensko>





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## Food Bank of Slovakia (Potravinová banka Slovenska)

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### WHAT

Civic association which collects food for free and allocates it to people or organisations working with people in need.

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### WHERE

Potravinová banka Slovenska, seated at Bočná 2, 040 01 Košice, tel: +421 907 534 441, email: [urdzik@centrum.sk](mailto:urdzik@centrum.sk), website: [www.pbs.sk](http://www.pbs.sk)



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## Slovak Red Cross support (Slovenský červený kríž)

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### WHAT

You are eligible to receive food and material assistance in the form of food and sanitation packages if you are an individual or a family in material need.

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### WHERE

Slovenský Červený kríž, central office at Grösslingova 24, 814 46 Bratislava, tel: +421 2 5710 2301, email: sekretariat@redcross.sk, website: [www.redcross.sk](http://www.redcross.sk)



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## Slovak Catholic Charity Support (Slovenská katolícka charita)

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### WHAT

You are eligible to receive food and material assistance in the form of food and sanitation packages if you are an individual or a family in material need.

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### WHERE

Slovenská katolícka charita, seated at Kapitulská 18, 814 15 Bratislava, tel: +421 2 5443 1506, email: [potravinovapomoc@charita.sk](mailto:potravinovapomoc@charita.sk), website: [www.charita.sk](http://www.charita.sk)

## Law firms

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### WHAT

Law firms offer legal services for a charge. In addition to legal consultations, they represent their clients before courts or administrative authorities, etc. Anybody can contact a law firm; its services are provided for a charge. Law firms are specialised in specific areas of law. You should therefore choose the law firm according to the area in which you seek legal service and fee you can afford to pay. Hourly fees here can vary from € 60 to € 400.

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### WHERE

A list of all lawyers and law firms, including addresses and contacts, is available at: [www.sak.sk/blox/cms/sk/sak/adv/vyhľadanie](http://www.sak.sk/blox/cms/sk/sak/adv/vyhľadanie)





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## The Human Rights League (Liga za ľudské práva)

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### WHAT

Legal Advice Centre for Residence, Citizenship and Unaccompanied Minors and the On-line Advice Centre provide free legal assistance and counselling to migrants with legal residence in Slovakia. The services are provided in Bratislava and Košice.

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### WHERE

Liga za ľudské práva, seated at Štúrova 3, 811 02 Bratislava, tel: + 421 2 5443 5437, email: [hr1@hr1.sk](mailto:hr1@hr1.sk), website: [www.hr1.sk/](http://www.hr1.sk/)



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## The Migration Information Centre (MIC) of IOM (Migračné informačné centrum)

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### WHAT

Since 2006, IOM has been running its Migration Information Centre which provides free legal, social and labour counselling to migrants and their families in the main areas of life in Slovakia, such as residence, family, employment, business and citizenship. The MIC organises open Slovak language courses and also offers its clients retraining courses. It provides its services in Bratislava and Košice.

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### WHERE

Migračné informačné centrum Medzinárodnej organizácie pre migráciu IOM, seated at Grösslingova 35, 811 09 Bratislava, tel: +421 2 5263 0023, 0850 211 478, email: [mic@iom.int](mailto:mic@iom.int), website: [www.mic.iom.sk/](http://www.mic.iom.sk/)



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## Centre for Legal Aid (Centrum právnej pomoci)

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### WHAT

The Centre for Legal Aid is a state budgetary organisation established with the aim to ensure access to justice through legal counselling, mediation, preparation of filings or through representation before a court for people in material need (people whose income is less than 1.4 times the subsistence minimum and who cannot provide for the use of legal services by their other assets). The Legal Aid Centre has 12 offices and 15 consultation points all over Slovakia. You are eligible to use the services of the Legal Aid Centre, if:

1. you are a Slovak citizen;
2. you are a person in material need, i.e. your income is less than 1.4 times the subsistence minimum and you cannot provide for the use of legal services by your other assets (in this case, you are eligible to receive free legal assistance), or you are a person with an income exceeding 1.4 times and less than 1.6 times the subsistence minimum and you cannot provide for the use of legal services by your other assets (in this case, you are eligible to receive legal assistance with a financial participation covering 20% of the legal representation costs);
3. it is not an obviously unsuccessful dispute;
4. the dispute value exceeds the minimum wage amount.

You can request legal assistance by filling in the application form. Legal assistance is provided in domestic disputes under:

- civil law,
- family law,
- labour law,
- business law,
- in administrative court proceedings,
- in proceedings before the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic.

In cross-border disputes under civil law, family law, labour law and business law.



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In asylum matters, in administrative expulsion proceedings and, in connection with these cases, in administrative court proceedings and in proceedings before the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic.

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## WHERE

12 offices and 15 consultation points in various Slovak towns, Centrum právnej pomoci – seated at Námestie slobody 12, P. O. BOX 18, 810 05 Bratislava 15, tel: +421 2 4968 3505, email: [info@centrumpravnejpomoci.sk](mailto:info@centrumpravnejpomoci.sk), website [www.centrumpravnejpomoci.sk/](http://www.centrumpravnejpomoci.sk/) The Centre for Legal Aid can also provide preliminary consultation explaining the conditions of eligibility to legal assistance or offering basic legal advice in a particular case. The fee for preliminary consultation taking a maximum of 1 hour is € 4.50.

## Internet Counselling Centre for Youth

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### WHAT

IPčko.sk provides psychological assistance, social, legal and personality-development counselling and support to young people who found themselves in a difficult life situation.

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### WHERE

IPčko, seated at Na vříšku 6, 811 01 Bratislava, tel: +421 950 665 662, email: [ipcko@ipcko.sk](mailto:ipcko@ipcko.sk), website [www.ipcko.sk](http://www.ipcko.sk)







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## Hope Counselling Centre (Poradenské Centrum Nádej)

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### WHAT

Civic association providing direct help to families at risk of violence and victims of domestic violence, and conducting prevention activities.

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### WHERE

Poradenské Centrum Nádej, seated at: Mokrohájska 3, Bratislava, tel: +421 905 463 425, email: [office@centrumnadej.sk](mailto:office@centrumnadej.sk), website: <https://centrumnadej.sk>



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## Home – Rainbow (Domov – Dúha)

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### WHAT

This civic association helps children and mothers with children in a crisis situation; it also runs a mobile crisis centre and a safe house for women.

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### WHERE

Občianske združenie DOMOV – DÚHA, seated at Pavlovova 5, 821 08 Bratislava,  
tel: +421 918 824 247, email: domovduha@domovduha.sk, website (in English):  
<http://en-domovduha.webnode.sk>



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## Departments of counselling and psychological services

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### WHAT

Free counselling for children and adults on personal problems, problems in partnership, marriage, education and family, regarding divorce, domestic violence, drug and other addictions, assistance in crisis situations and disasters.

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### WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence:

[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)



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# Plamienok

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## WHAT

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## WHERE

PLAMIENOK n.o. seated at Zadunajská 6/A, 851 01 Bratislava, email [info@plamienok.sk](mailto:info@plamienok.sk), tel: +421 2 2071 8169, website: [www.plamienok.sk](http://www.plamienok.sk)



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## Mental Health League (Liga za duševné zdravie)

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### WHAT

The Mental Health League is an independent interest association of citizens and legal entities, serving as an umbrella for minor organisations aimed to promote mental health. The League runs an on-line counselling centre in which you can seek advice on school, family, partnership or drug addiction problems.

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### WHERE

Liga za duševné zdravie, seated at Ševčenkova 21, 851 01 Bratislava, email: [dusevnezdravie@dusevnezdravie.sk](mailto:dusevnezdravie@dusevnezdravie.sk), website: [www.dusevnezdravie.sk](http://www.dusevnezdravie.sk)



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# Psychological Counselling Centre for University Students

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## WHAT

The Psychological Counselling Centre for University Students is run by the Comenius University, offering psychological and counselling services to students.

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## WHERE

Rektorát UK, Psychologická poradňa UK, seated at Staré grunty 36, Átriový dom R, 842 25 Bratislava, tel: +421 911 972 160, email: [ppv@rec.uniba.sk](mailto:ppv@rec.uniba.sk)



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## **Centre for Pedagogical and Psychological Counselling and Prevention**

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### **WHAT**

These centres provide free preventive educational and psychological care to children and their legal representatives mainly in cases of psychological developmental and behavioural disorders and socio-pathological phenomena among the population.

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### **WHERE**

District Office according to the place of your residence

## **Social and Legal Protection of Children and Social Curatorship of the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family**

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### **WHAT**

If an unaccompanied minor is found within the Slovak territory, the Social and Legal Protection of Children and Social Curatorship of the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family is competent to act urgently in the child's interest, file an application for interim measures, take measures to return or relocate the unaccompanied minor into a safe country of his/her habitual residence or ensure family reunification with his/her parent or a person that takes care of the minor in another country or to file a statement under the Asylum Act and ensure the placement of the minor into the respective asylum facility.





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## WHO

Unaccompanied minors are children under the age of 18 years, who stay outside their home country, who are separated from both their parents and are not taken care of by a person responsible for their education under the law or according to the custom.

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## HOW

The obligation to act pertains by law to the Social and Legal Protection of Children and Social Curatorship, within the territorial scope of which the unaccompanied minor was found.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

Unaccompanied minors can be provided with legal consultation and assistance also by the Migration International Centre (MIC) or by the Human Rights League as a non-governmental organisation.

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## WHERE

Social and Legal Protection of Children and Social Curatorship of the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic (“Labour Office”, Úrad práce) according to the place at which the unaccompanied was found:  
[www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page\\_id=112524](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr/kontakty-a-uradne-hodiny-uradov-prace-socialnych-veci-a-rodiny.html?page_id=112524)



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## Child Helpline (Linka detskej istoty)

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### WHAT

Free, anonymous counselling helpline for children and youth

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### WHERE

Helpline: 116111



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# National around-the-clock helpline for female victims of violence

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## WHAT

The helpline is anonymous, confidential and free.

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## WHERE

Toll-free phone 0800 212 212



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## **Free helpline of the Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family**

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### **WHAT**

The helpline serves for reporting cases of neglected child-care

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### **WHERE**

Toll-free phone 0800 191 222



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# Internet Counselling Centre for Youth

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## WHERE

IPčko, seated at Na vříšku 6, 811 01 Bratislava, tel: +421 950 665 662, email: [ipcko@ipcko.sk](mailto:ipcko@ipcko.sk), website [www.ipcko.sk](http://www.ipcko.sk)



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# Plamienok

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## WHAT

Psychological counselling and assistance to children and their families after loss.

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## WHERE

PLAMIENOK, seated at Zadunajská 6/A, 851 01 Bratislava, email:  
[info@plamienok.sk](mailto:info@plamienok.sk), tel: +421 2 2071 8169, website: [www.plamienok.sk](http://www.plamienok.sk)



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# Centre for Pedagogical and Psychological Counselling and Prevention

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## Departments of counselling and psychological services

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### WHAT

Free counselling for children and adults on personal problems, problems in partnership, marriage, education and family, regarding divorce, domestic violence, drug and other addictions, assistance in crisis situations and disasters.

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### WHERE

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family according to the place of your residence.





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## Slovak Red Cross in Trebišov (Slovenský červený kríž Trebišov)

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### WHAT

The Slovak Red Cross Trebišov runs an emergency accommodation facility and provides social services to people who became victims of violence, trafficking in human beings, single pregnant women or parents with children or pensioners without accommodation. The emergency accommodation facility provides:

- accommodation for a fixed period of time;
- social counselling;
- assistance in enforcing rights and interests protected by law;
- food, hygiene;
- hobby activities;
- concealment of the place of stay and full anonymity, if needed.

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### WHO

Victims of violence or trafficking in human beings, single pregnant women or parents with children who lack accommodation or cannot use a flat/house for serious reasons, and persons who have reached the retirement age or who are dependent on the help of another person and lack accommodation or cannot use a flat/house for serious reasons.



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## HOW

The emergency accommodation facility provides comprehensive services for a symbolic price.

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## WHEN

The crisis centre can be contacted at any time.

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## WHERE

Slovenský Červený kríž, územný spolok, M. R. Štefánika 1161/184, 075 01 Trebišov,  
tel: +421 56 672 24 95, email: [trebisov@redcross.sk](mailto:trebisov@redcross.sk)



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# Repuls Crisis Centre

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## WHAT

The REPULS Crisis Centre is a facility of the Capital City of Bratislava, providing around-the-clock professional support in crisis situations. The centre can accommodate up to 46 clients.

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## WHO

Women and children experiencing family violence

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## HOW

The REPULS Crisis Centre provides its clients with comprehensive support through:

- social work;
  - psychological and therapeutic interventions;
  - treatment and pedagogical care;
  - educational care;
  - legal counselling.
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## WHEN

The crisis centre can be contacted at any time, when you experience domestic violence.

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## WHERE

Budatínska 59/A, 851 06 Bratislava, tel: +421 2 6225 0035, email: [miriam.jamriskova@bratislava.sk](mailto:miriam.jamriskova@bratislava.sk), website: [www.krizovecentrumba.sk](http://www.krizovecentrumba.sk)

# How to get a driving licence

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## WHAT

If you are a foreign national residing in the Slovak Republic, you do not apply for the replacement or renewal of your driving licence and you intend to drive in the country, you have to apply for a new driving licence.

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## WHO

You can obtain a Slovak driving licence only if you have permanent or temporary residence in the country for a period of at least 185 days in the calendar year, in which you are applying for a driving licence.

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## STEPS

STEP 1: You have to register at a driving school and pay a given fee for the course. You also need a confirmation from a doctor that you passed the medical exam and are medically and mentally fit to drive a motor vehicle.

STEP 2: Afterwards you have to attend a driving school. It organises theoretical



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lessons on traffic regulations, it also provides you with the study material. There are lessons for all driving categories differing by category of driving licence you want to obtain.

STEP 3: Once you passed theoretical lessons, you continue with driving practical lessons – an amount of hours in the road traffic by category of driving licence you want to obtain. Then you prepare for an exam.

STEP 4: After a successful passing the exam, and providing your photograph of a required size, you will receive the official driving licence.

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## WHERE

The application for the Slovak driving license is to submit at the respective District Traffic Inspectorate of the Police by the place of your residence. For more information (in English): [IOM\\_MIC\\_Vitajte\\_na\\_Slovensku\\_2016\\_WEB\\_1.pdf](#)

## Foreign driving licence

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### WHAT

: If you are an EU/EEA citizen, you can drive in the Slovak Republic with a valid driving licence issued in your (i.e. EU/EEA) country without further administration. If you are a third-country (i.e. non-EU/EEA) citizen and, at the same time, your country recognises the International Driving Permit, you may drive a motor vehicle in Slovakia with this permit, until you do not apply for temporary or permanent residence in the country – but you must still hold the two documents with you: a valid driving licence obtained in your country of origin and a valid international driving licence. A driving license issued in other than EU/EEA country or in a country not recognising the International Driving Permit, does not qualify the foreigner to drive a motor vehicle in Slovakia.

If you were granted temporary or permanent residence in the Slovak Republic, you are entitled to use your original driving licence for further 185 days. After this period you have to apply for the replacement of your driving licence for the Slovak driving licence at the Police within a 60-day period. If you miss this deadline, your



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original driving licence becomes invalid.

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## **WHO**

Holder of a foreign driving licence.

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## **HOW**

For the replacement of your original driving licence, you will need to present:

- your driver's card (as a proof that the driving license was issued)
  - your driving license
  - your photograph for a new license
  - your presence is needed only at the moment of submission
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## **WHERE**

At the respective District Traffic Inspectorate of the Police by place of your residence. For information see also (in English):

IOM\_MIC\_Vitajte\_na\_Slovensku\_2016\_WEB\_1.pdf



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# International driving licence

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## WHAT

The so-called International Driving Permit (IDP) is an identity document that allows the holder to drive a private motor vehicle in any country that recognises the IDP. To be valid, the IDP must be accompanied by a valid driving license.

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## WHO

If you are a third-country (i.e. non-EU/EEA) citizen and, at the same time, your country recognises the International Driving Permit, you may drive a motor vehicle in Slovakia with this permit. You are just required to hold two basic documents with you: a valid driving licence obtained in your country of origin and a valid international driving licence.

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## HOW

You have to apply for the international driving licence from a competent authority in the country where already your driving licence was issued before travelling to Slovakia. Once issued, it is valid for a year.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

You can check whether your country recognises the International Driving Permit at (in English): [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Driving\\_Permit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Driving_Permit)

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## WHERE

For more information please read (in English):  
IOM\_MIC\_Vitajte\_na\_Slovensku\_2016\_WEB\_1.pdf

# Insurance of motor vehicles

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## WHAT

By law, all motor vehicles in operation in the Slovak Republic must be insured. You have to conclude a mandatory liability insurance for damages caused by the operation of your motor vehicle to other motor vehicles. Moreover, it is also possible to conclude a collision/comprehensive insurance, which is an optional commercial insurance, extent of which is specified in the corresponding insurance policy contract. This latter insurance serves to cover the damage or destruction of your vehicle caused by an accident, natural disaster, theft and vandalism.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

The prices for both categories of insurance considerably vary with the single insurance companies according to particular insurance products, motor vehicles, driver's history, etc. Be therefore careful and check all possibilities in advance.

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## WHERE

In both cases you can choose the insurance company. There are a number of private insurance companies in Slovakia that provide vehicle insurance. You can obtain information on these insurances on the Internet or visit the insurance company personally. More information on the mandatory liability insurance and a list of pertinent insurance companies (in Slovak):

<http://poistenievozidla.com/povinne-zmluvne-poistenie> or  
<https://www.superpoistenie.sk/pzp> More information on the





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collision/comprehensive insurance in the country (in Slovak):

<http://poistenievozidla.com/havarijne-poistenie>



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# Registration of a vehicle

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## WHAT

If you have a motor vehicle in Slovakia, which is registered in the country of your origin, you have to register it at the place of your residence after being granted residence in Slovakia, as all vehicles in operation in the country must be registered in the system.

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## HOW

You need first to gather all documents necessary for the technical inspection and subsequent registration at the police at the place of your residence. After the technical inspection, your car will be registered and will be given Slovak registration plates.

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## WHERE

At the vehicle registration department of the District Traffic Inspectorate of the Police by the place of your residence. For information also (in English):  
[IOM\\_MIC\\_Vitajte\\_na\\_Slovensku\\_2016\\_WEB\\_1.pdf](#)

# Uber

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## WHAT

Uber is an international company that offers a private network of transport through a mobile phone application (App). The App connects passengers with registered drivers, who offer private transport services. It is available only in Bratislava (in



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various languages): [www.uber.com](http://www.uber.com)



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# Taxi

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## WHAT

Larger cities have taxi companies that provide services around-the-clock. The prices are similar in every city. In Bratislava generally it is much cheaper (around 50% less) to order a taxi via telephone and it is highly recommended to avoid disappointment when paying a final price. In smaller cities, taxi services offer even transport between cities where official connections are not available. Contacts to taxi companies are always available online or you can find a cab on the official taxi stands at the airport and main bus and train stations.



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# Car pooling

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## WHAT

You can connect with drivers/passengers travelling the same route and share travel expenses. This is a common and safe way of travelling in Slovakia and abroad. Look for offers to share a ride on the website (in various languages): [www.blablacar.com](http://www.blablacar.com)



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# Bicycle

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## WHAT

Cycling is becoming popular in Slovakia. In larger cities slowly paths for bikes are created. It's forbidden to ride after drinking alcohol and there are also speed limitations (or prohibition of riding) in streets with a high flow of pedestrians. Wearing a helmet is compulsory and also highly recommended. Reflective clothing is mandatory for cyclists in case of reduced visibility.

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## WHERE

You can find more information about riding a bicycle here (in Slovak):

<http://cyklisticke.trasy.sk>

For Bratislava biking events, follow these pages (mainly in Slovak):

[www.facebook.com/criticalmassba](http://www.facebook.com/criticalmassba) or [www.facebook.com/cyklokoalicia](http://www.facebook.com/cyklokoalicia)



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# Train (vlak)

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## WHAT

Main train transport provider, the Slovak Railway Company (Železničná spoločnosť Slovensko), offers local and international train connection. You can purchase the tickets through websites (sometimes even in English) or at the train stations. Tickets can be bought in the train too. Prices may vary according to time when you buy tickets. For a daily commuting to work, you can buy weekly, monthly or annual tickets (students, retirees and people with special needs are entitled to different discounts). Alternative to the Slovak Railway Company is Regiojet, with a rising number of connections.

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## WHERE

For more information see:

- Slovak Railways (in Slovak and English): [www.slovakrail.sk/en.html](http://www.slovakrail.sk/en.html)
- Regiojet (in Czech, Slovak, English, German): [www.regiojet.sk](http://www.regiojet.sk)



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## Coach – intercity connection (vnútroštátma autobusová doprava)

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### WHAT

Buses operate regularly between towns. The price varies according to the distance. You can buy the ticket in the bus. The number of international connections with neighbouring countries is planned. Weekly, monthly or longer-period tickets are available. Students, retirees and people with special needs are entitled to different discounts.

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### WHERE

There are different companies that offer national and international destinations:

- SlovakLines: (in English, German and Hungarian):  
[www.slovaklines.sk/hlavna-stranka.html](http://www.slovaklines.sk/hlavna-stranka.html)
- Blaguss to Austria (in German and English):  
[www.blaguss.sk/pages/sk/cestovne-poriadky.php](http://www.blaguss.sk/pages/sk/cestovne-poriadky.php)
- Regiojet (in Czech, English and German): <https://www.regiojet.sk>





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## **Bus within the city and surroundings (mestská hromadná doprava, prímestská doprava)**

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### **WHAT**

All cities usually have bus connections within the city and to the nearest villages or towns. They generally operate during the day in a schedule issued once a year. You can get schedules at the headquarters of the bus company or on the internet. There are always different schedules for weekends, vacations or public holidays (lower frequency or different times). In smaller cities you can buy tickets on the bus online (not in all cities), in offices of Public Transport Companies, or in a special ticket vending machine (Bratislava). Often tickets are integrated (e.g. you can use the same ticket for bus and/or trams for a specified period of time). Weekly, monthly or annual tickets are available for a discounted price (students, retirees and people with special needs are entitled to different discounts).

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### **WHERE**

You can find more information about travelling by bus or other means of transport on the general website for combinations of connections or transport companies:

- All connections (in Slovak): <https://cp.hnonline.sk/vlakbusmhd/spojenie/>
- Public transport in cities (in Slovak): <https://imhd.sk/>

Look also for the websites of particular cities:

- Bratislava and surroundings (in English): [www.idsbk.sk/en/timetables/](http://www.idsbk.sk/en/timetables/)
- Bratislava tickets and prices (in English): [www.idsbk.sk/en/ticket-prices/](http://www.idsbk.sk/en/ticket-prices/)
- Bratislava (in English and German): [www.dpb.sk](http://www.dpb.sk)
- Košice (in English): [www.dpmk.sk/cestovanie/fares-excerpt-foreign-visitors](http://www.dpmk.sk/cestovanie/fares-excerpt-foreign-visitors)
- Žilina (a pdf guide in English): [www.dpmz.sk/dokumenty/1496305200\\_1.pdf](http://www.dpmz.sk/dokumenty/1496305200_1.pdf)



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## Carer's allowance (Peňažný príspevok na opatrovanie)

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### WHAT

Financial aid is provided by the state monthly to help cover the expenses related with assistance and care of a dependant family member from the same household.

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### WHO

If you take care of your family member you can apply for this financial aid if you have a family dependant that needs assistance due to a physical, mental, psychological or sensorial disability. It is always calculated individually.

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### HOW

You can apply in writing at a Labour Office by place of your stay. It is advised to consult the relevant Labour Office beforehand.

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### WHERE

Labour Office, more information (in Slovak) at:  
[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-opatrovanie](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-opatrovanie)



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# Guide dogs

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## WHAT

For an opportunity to adopt a dog, consult the Slovak Blind and Partially Sighted Union at: [www.unss.sk](http://www.unss.sk) It is possible to apply for financial help in the amount of approx. € 44 per month at the relevant Labour Office. If you have a good ability of independent movement and orientation with a white stick, your dog can be trained with you.

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## WHERE

You can obtain more information at the Slovak Blind and Partially Sighted Union offices: [www.unss.sk/kde-pomoct.php](http://www.unss.sk/kde-pomoct.php)



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## Vignette for Highway/Toll exemption

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### WHAT

If you hold a ŤZP/S card, you can apply for an annual exemption free of charge. It is important to register your ŤZP/S card at the National Highway Company (Národná diaľničná spoločnosť).

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### WHERE

In Slovak and English: [www.eznamka.sk/selfcare/request/](http://www.eznamka.sk/selfcare/request/)



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# Parking card

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## WHAT

If you hold a ŤZP/S card, you can obtain a parking permit which will allow you to park free of charge and in separate places reserved for people with severe disabilities.

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## WHERE

More information (in Slovak):

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/parkovaci-preukaz](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/parkovaci-preukaz)



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# Certificate of a severe disability (Preukaz ťažkého zdravotného postihnutia)

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## WHAT

The card of a natural person with a severe disability serves to make use of discounts and benefits (for example in transport, parking, culture, or local taxes). It's an official confirmation of a disability that contains your personal data, date of issue, degree of disability and other important information. The Labour Office (at the place of your permanent residence) shall issue the ŤZP/S card to you if it will be shown – according to the valid decision on financial contribution or according to the final decision to issue such a card – that you are a person with a severe disability. The ŤZP/S card is issued to a physically disabled person dependent on a guide (a guide = sprievodca).

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## WHERE

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Application form (in Slovak):

[www.employment.gov.sk/files/slovensky/uvod/formulare-ziadosti/ziadost\\_o\\_preukaz\\_fyzickej\\_osoby\\_s\\_tzp.pdf](http://www.employment.gov.sk/files/slovensky/uvod/formulare-ziadosti/ziadost_o_preukaz_fyzickej_osoby_s_tzp.pdf)



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## Disability pension (Invalidný dôchodok)

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### WHAT

You are only entitled to the payment of a disability pension:

- a) after fulfilling the eligibility criteria for a disability pension
- b) submitting a disability pension claim and
- c) if you remain entitled during the pension insurance period (for example during the performance of employment) after the granting of the pension.

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### WHERE

You can find more information here (in English):

[www.socpoist.sk/disability-pension/51402s](http://www.socpoist.sk/disability-pension/51402s)



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# Tax relief or tax exemption

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## WHAT

A person with severe disability is exempt or partially exempt from various duties, fees or taxes (including local taxes). In addition, if you want to do business, it is good to ask for help and advice an accountant, who will explain all advantages in detail and take them into account in the tax return. For example, you can be exempt from using cash register, or enjoy reduced social and health insurance and so on.

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## WHERE

Financial Administration of the Slovak Republic (available in English):  
[www.financnasprava.sk/en/homepage](http://www.financnasprava.sk/en/homepage)





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## Exemption from TV/radio fees

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### WHAT

If you have a ŽP/S card, you can apply for exemption from fees. In order to prove the tax rebate, visit [www.uhrady.rtv.s.sk](http://www.uhrady.rtv.s.sk) or contact the RTVS directly and submit a copy of your ID card or the decision of the Labor Office.

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### WHERE

In Slovak: [www.uhrady.rtv.s.sk](http://www.uhrady.rtv.s.sk)



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## Accessible housing

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### WHAT

Generally it is rather difficult to find and to afford a housing suitable for people with severe disabilities in Slovakia (affordable, barrier-free, etc.). You can try to apply for special loans at the State Housing Development Fund (Štátny fond rozvoja bývania) or a contribution provided by the Labour Office (e.g. contributions for housing). For any information related to loans, contact the State Housing Development Fund at:

[www.sfrb.sk/fyzicke-osoby/uvery-fyzicke-osoby](http://www.sfrb.sk/fyzicke-osoby/uvery-fyzicke-osoby)

For any information related to housing and financial contributions, take a look at (in Slovak):

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/hmotna-nudza/davky-hmotnej-nudzi/prispevok-byvanie/](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/hmotna-nudza/davky-hmotnej-nudzi/prispevok-byvanie/)

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### WHERE

State Housing Development Fund (in Slovak): [www.sfrb.sk/kontakty/kontakty](http://www.sfrb.sk/kontakty/kontakty)  
and/or Labour Office (in Slovak): [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)



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## Public transport benefits

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### WHAT

If you have a ŤZP/S card, you can use discounts for public transport usually in all towns in Slovakia. The requirements are different according to the transport provider and local policies.

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### WHERE

You can obtain the card in a local Labour Office according to the place of your stay. More information and application form are available here (in Slovak): [www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-reukaz-tzp](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-reukaz-tzp)



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## **Financial contribution to compensate for increased expenses related to the care of a dog with special training (Peňažný príspevok na kompenzáciu zvýšených výdavkov súvisiacich so starostlivosťou o psa so špeciálnym výcvikom)**

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### **WHAT**

The aid is provided monthly in the amount of € 44.43. The competent authority is a Labour Office by place of your stay. We encourage you to ask the relevant Labour Office about all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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### **WHERE**

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov/penazny-prispevok-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov-suvisiacich-so-starostlivostou-psa-so-specialnym-vycvikom](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov/penazny-prispevok-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov-suvisiacich-so-starostlivostou-psa-so-specialnym-vycvikom)



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## **Financial contribution to compensate expenses related to the operation of the car (Peňažný príspevok na kompenzáciu zvýšených výdavkov súvisiacich s prevádzkou auta)**

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### **WHAT**

The aid is provided monthly in the amount of € 33.32 and it is intended to cover expenditures related to the use of a car. The competent authority is a Labour Office by place of your stay. We encourage you to ask the relevant Labour Office about all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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### **WHERE**

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov/penazny-prispevok-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov-suvisiacich-so-zabezpecenim-prevadzky-osobneho-motoroveho-vozidla](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov/penazny-prispevok-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov-suvisiacich-so-zabezpecenim-prevadzky-osobneho-motoroveho-vozidla)



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## **Financial contribution to compensate for increased expenses related to hygiene or wear of clothing, underwear, footwear and home furnishings (Peňažný príspevok na kompenzáciu zvýšených výdavkov súvisiacich s hygienou alebo s opotrebovaním šatstva, bielizne, obuvi a bytového zariadenia)**

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### **WHAT**

The aid is intended to cover expenditures on routine personal hygiene and household hygiene. It is provided monthly in the amount of € 18.52. The competent authority is a Labour Office by place of your stay. We encourage you to ask the relevant Labour Office about all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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### **WHERE**

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kompenzaciou-zvysenych-vydavkov/penazny-prispevok-kompenzaciou-zvysenych-vydavkov-suvisiacich-hygienou-alebo-opotrebovanim-satstva-bielizne-obuvi-bytoveho-zariadenia](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kompenzaciou-zvysenych-vydavkov/penazny-prispevok-kompenzaciou-zvysenych-vydavkov-suvisiacich-hygienou-alebo-opotrebovanim-satstva-bielizne-obuvi-bytoveho-zariadenia)



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## **Financial contribution to compensate for increased dietary expenditure (Peňažný príspevok na kompenzáciu zvýšených výdavkov na diétne stravovanie)**

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### **WHAT**

The aid is intended to cover food expenditure related to dietary regime and it is provided monthly by the Labour Office according to disorder or disease. The competent authority is a Labour Office by place of your stay. We encourage you to ask the relevant Labour Office about all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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### **WHERE**

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov/penazny-prispevok-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov-dietne-stravovanie/](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov/penazny-prispevok-kompenzaci-u-zvysenych-vydavkov-dietne-stravovanie/)



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## Financial contribution for a transport (Peňažný príspevok na prepravu)

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### WHAT

This support is paid monthly in the amount of maximum € 101.78. Labour Office calculate it individually based on actual transport costs. To apply for this support, you need to submit support documents, to the responsible authorities. The competent authority is a Labour Office by place of your stay. We encourage you to ask the Labour Office about all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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### WHERE

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-prepravu/](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-prepravu/)





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## Financial contributions for the modification of a flat, house or a garage (Peňažné príspevky na úpravu bytu, rodinného domu alebo garáže)

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### WHAT

You can receive a lump payment (even repeatedly) for expenses related with disability (e.g. mobility, adaptation of accommodation). Help can be obtained to modify a family house, apartment and garage on a barrier-free construction to increase the ability of a person with disabilities to move, orientate, communicate or be able to provide a self-help, for removing barriers and adjustment of apartment or family house accessories.

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### WHERE

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

<https://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/penazne-prispevky/pp-upravu-bytu-rodinneho-domu-alebo-garaze/>



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# Financial contribution for the modification of a car (Peňažný príspevok na úpravu osobného motorového vozidla)

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## WHAT

To apply for this support, you need to submit support documents, to the responsible authorities. The competent authority is a Labour Office by place of your stay. The amount will be calculated individually but will not exceed € 6,638.79. We encourage you to ask the relevant Labour Office about all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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## WHERE

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-upravu-osobneho-motoroveho-vozidla/](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-upravu-osobneho-motoroveho-vozidla/)



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## Financial contribution for the purchase of a car (Peňažný príspevok na kúpu osobného motorového vozidla)

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### WHAT

To apply for this support, you need to submit support documents, to the responsible authorities. The competent authority is a Labour Office by place of your stay. We encourage you to ask the Labour Office about the amount provided in your case and all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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### WHERE

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kupu-osobneho-motoroveho-vozidla/](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kupu-osobneho-motoroveho-vozidla/)



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## Financial contribution for the purchase of lifting equipment (Peňažný príspevok na kúpu zdvíhacieho zariadenia)

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### WHAT

Above device can be: a climber, inclined stair lifts, vertical stair platforms, lifts, or overhead lifting equipment. To apply for this support, you need to submit support documents, to the responsible authorities. The competent authority is a Labour Office by place of your stay. We encourage you to ask the relevant Labour Office about all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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### WHERE

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kupu-zdvihacieho-zariadenia/](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kupu-zdvihacieho-zariadenia/)



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## Financial contribution to repair the device (Peňažný príspevok na opravu pomôcky)

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### WHAT

The amount of financial aid is calculated individually. To apply for this support, you need to submit support documents, to the responsible authorities. The competent authority is a Labour Office by place of your stay. We encourage you to ask the relevant Labour Office about all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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### WHERE

Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

Information in Slovak:

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-opravu-pomocky/](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-opravu-pomocky/)



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## **Financial contribution for the purchase of a device, for the training of how to use it and for the adjustment of such a device (Peňažný príspevok na kúpu pomôcky, peňažný príspevok na výcvik používania pomôcky a peňažný príspevok na úpravu pomôcky)**

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### **WHAT**

You can obtain this financial aid (maximum of € 8,630.42) if you are a person with a severe disability who is according to a comprehensive assessment dependent on a device or a device that can overcome or mitigate the social consequences of your severe disability.

To apply for this support, you need to submit support documents to the Labour Office at the place of your residence. We encourage you to ask the relevant Labour Office about all details of this application and other documents that you need to attach to it before submitting your application.

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### **WHERE**

Contacts to Labour Offices: [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215)

More information (in Slovak):

[www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kupu-vycvik-pouzivania-upravu-pomocky/](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-kupu-vycvik-pouzivania-upravu-pomocky/)



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## Personal Assistance Contribution (Peňažný príspevok na osobnú asistenciu)

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### WHAT

Personal assistance means practical help in certain areas of life impacted by disability. The official purpose of personal assistance is: activation, support for the social inclusion of the person with the aim of promoting independence and the ability to decide and influence the fulfilment of family roles, the implementation of work, education and leisure activities. The scope of personal assistance is determined annually (€ 2.78 per working hour) according to the set list of activities that the person cannot do on his/her own, and the number of hours needed to carry them out. The responsible authority is a local Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family (Úrad práce) by place of your stay.

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### WHERE

For more information (in Slovak): [www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page\\_id=215](http://www.upsvar.sk/urady-psvr.html?page_id=215) or [www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-osobnu-asistenciu/](http://www.employment.gov.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/p-enazne-prispevky/pp-osobnu-asistenciu/) (in English): [www.employment.gov.sk/en/family-social-assistance/severe-disability](http://www.employment.gov.sk/en/family-social-assistance/severe-disability)

## Students with special needs

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### WHAT

Slovakia has adopted various educational programmes for pupils with health disabilities dependant of the type of disability.

- adapted exam methodology
- individual study plans



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- a personal support services
  - possible exemption of the tuition fees
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## **WHERE**

Contact the State Pedagogical Institute for more information: [www.statpedu.sk](http://www.statpedu.sk)





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# Rights of children with special needs in preschool and school age

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## WHAT

The Slovak school system must respect the following rights of the children with special needs:

- Preschool children:
- School-age children:
- Support through special measures:
- Monthly allowance for education
- Accessibility to public schools

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## WHERE

You can obtain more information at the Migration Information Centre of IOM:  
[www.mic.iom.sk](http://www.mic.iom.sk)



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# Rights and employment of people with special needs

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## WHAT

The law of equality for people with special needs provides the following rights regarding the employment of people with special needs:

- Prohibition of discrimination: companies are obliged of taking measures to enable people with special needs to have access to employment, pursuit of the profession, professional advancement and participation of further trainings and education courses. They also need to take into consideration when one employee has a close relative with special needs.
- Protection against dismissal: protection against unjustified dismissals or one-sided resolutions against people with special needs.
- Remuneration protection: salary cannot be decreased because of disability.
- Certain collective agreements provide for additional holidays for workers with special needs.
- Workplace
- Exemption of income tax
- Personal and professional support: work support, orientation mobility training, mobility support, support for economic self-employment, remuneration allowances, job security support.

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## WHERE

If you think your rights are being violated you can contact directly Commissioner for people with special needs at (in Slovak):

[www.komisarprezdravotnepostihnuty.ch.sk](http://www.komisarprezdravotnepostihnuty.ch.sk)

You can also contact the Slovak Ombudsman (in Slovak): [www.vop.gov.sk](http://www.vop.gov.sk)



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## Assistance to children with special needs

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### WHAT

Principally the same system of financial support of the state is applicable to adults and to children. Basic condition for receiving the state support is a permanent residence permit in Slovakia. Further conditions are dependent on a medical evaluation and assesment. Every type of disability requires the involvement and support of the institutions, but sometimes it is more effective to address informal institutions – the so-called support groups existing on the local level. There are also various NGOs and associations of parents of children with special needs.

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### WHERE

Feel free to contact directly any of them for more information and practical advice:

- Catholic Charity (in English): [www.charita.sk/eng](http://www.charita.sk/eng)
- The Order of Malta (in English): [www.orderofmalta.sk/?lang=en](http://www.orderofmalta.sk/?lang=en)
- Detičky inak obdarené (in Slovak):  
[www.facebook.com/groups/351312944903374/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/351312944903374/)
- Downov syndróm (in Slovak): [www.facebook.com/downovsyndrom.sk/](http://www.facebook.com/downovsyndrom.sk/)



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## Hope Counselling Centre (Poradenské Centrum Nádej)

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### WHAT

Civic association providing direct help to families at risk of violence and victims of domestic violence, and conducting prevention activities.

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### WHERE

Poradenské Centrum Nádej, seated at: Mokrohájska 3, Bratislava, tel: +421 905 463 425, email: [office@centrumnadej.sk](mailto:office@centrumnadej.sk), website: <https://centrumnadej.sk>



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## Home – Rainbow (Domov – Dúha)

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### WHAT

This civic association helps children and mothers with children in a crisis situation; it also runs a mobile crisis centre and a safe house for women.

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### WHERE

Občianske združenie DOMOV – DÚHA, seated at Pavlovova 5, 821 08 Bratislava, tel: +421 918 824 247, email: domovduha@domovduha.sk, website (in English): <http://en-domovduha.webnode.sk>

## Contribution to support employment of person with special needs (Príspevok na udržanie občana so zdravotným postihnutím v zamestnaní)

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### WHAT

Financial contributions is provided by the state monthly to support employment of a person with special needs if such a person performs the work for the employer for at least half of the weekly working time. The Office of Labor, Social Affairs and Family supports an employer who employs within the team more than 25% persons with special needs under condition that it is not recognized as a sheltered workshop or a sheltered workplace.

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## WHERE

Labour Office, more information (in Slovak) at:

[www.upsvar.sk/sluzby-zamestnanosti/nastroje-aktivnych-opatreni-na-trhu-prace/podpora-zamestnavania-obcanov-so-zdravotnym-postihnutim/prispevok-na-udrzanie-obcana-so-zdravotnym-postihnutim-v-zamestnani-56a.html?page\\_id=12995](http://www.upsvar.sk/sluzby-zamestnanosti/nastroje-aktivnych-opatreni-na-trhu-prace/podpora-zamestnavania-obcanov-so-zdravotnym-postihnutim/prispevok-na-udrzanie-obcana-so-zdravotnym-postihnutim-v-zamestnani-56a.html?page_id=12995)

## Persons with special needs

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### WHAT

Slovak legislation does not recognize the definition of a person with a disability or special needs. Disability can be defined as any mental, physical, temporary, long-term or permanent disability or disability that prevents people with disabilities from adapting to the normal demands of life. Disability includes a number of functional limitations that occur in society in every country in the world. It can be physical, mental and combined. A person with a severe disability (in Slovak also as a “ĎZP/S”) is a natural person whose functional impairment level is at least 50%. Slovak legislation only allows such formal recognition of disability to foreigners with the following legal statuses:

- a) a foreigner who is an European Economic Area (“EEA”) citizen with registered residence in the Slovak territory and who is employed or studying in a state recognized school,
- b) a member of the family of such a foreigner who also has permanent residence in Slovakia,
- c) a foreigner who is an EEA citizen with registered permanent residence in Slovakia for an unlimited period of time,
- d) a foreigner who is a family member of a Slovak citizen with permanent residence in Slovakia and who has permanent residence in Slovakia too,
- e) a foreigner who is not an EEA citizen and whose right to compensation is guaranteed by an international treaty,
- f) a foreigner who has been granted asylum.

If you belong to any of the above mentioned foreigners and you have a special ID card, the so-called “preukaz ĎZP/S”, read the text below. If not, contact a non-



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governmental organization providing support to foreigners or IOM for an individual consultation.

## **Local non-profit organisations providing social services**

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### **WHAT**

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### **WHERE**

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## Self-Governing Region (higher territorial unit)

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### WHAT

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# Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

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## WHERE

Town in which you live – or the closest town where possible.



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## Social department of the municipal office

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### WHAT

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### WHERE

Town/municipality in which you live or have your residence registered.

## Migrants' advisory bodies

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### WHAT

There are no advisory bodies for migrants in Slovakia either on the national or on the local level. Foreigners who are active in civic associations may, however, use general means of political participation (i.e. commenting draft laws during the legislation process), take part in the meetings of the city councils or communicate with authorities.

## Civic associations of foreigners in Slovakia



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## WHAT

The Migration Information Centre provides support to migrant communities in organizing information and cultural events through the work of the so-called “Cultural Mediators”.

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## WHERE

For more information on existing organizations, see the Atlas of Communities (in Slovak): <http://mic.iom.sk/atlas/2013/05/vitajte/>



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## Founding an association

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### WHAT

Civic organization is a non-profit organization established for educational or charitable purposes.

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### WHERE

Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic (information in Slovak):  
[www.minv.sk/?obcianske-zdruzenia](http://www.minv.sk/?obcianske-zdruzenia)

## Legally recognized churches and religious associations

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### WHAT

Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic is competent to register and collect the information on legally recognised churches and religious associations in Slovakia.

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### WHERE

You can find the list of legally recognized churches and religious associations in Slovakia here (in Slovak):

<http://www.culture.gov.sk/posobnost-ministerstva/cirkvi-a-nabozenske-spolocnosti-/registrovane-cirkvi-a-nabozenske-spolocnosti-f9.html>





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# Legally recognized churches and registered religious communities.

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## WHAT

Two things are essential for the functioning of the church in Slovakia. The religion that interconnects members of such a religious community and the fulfillment of the legal conditions for registration.

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## STEPS

STEP 1: To apply for the establishment of a state-registered church you need to fulfil the basic requirement: Your religious community must have at least 50,000 permanent members residing in the Slovak Republic who are also citizens of the country.

STEP 2: The registration of that church by the Ministry of Culture will only be approved once at least 50,000 followers sign declarations of honor and attach them to the application. Then wait for a decision.

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## WHERE

For more information take a look (in Slovak) at:

<http://www.culture.gov.sk/vdoc/250/podmienky-registracie-novych-cirkvi-a-nabozenських-spolocnosti-30.html>



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# European Elections

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## WHAT

Representatives of the European Parliament are elected every 5 years. EU citizen over 18 years of age and with main residence in Slovakia can run for a representative. If you want to stand for election to the European Parliament, you must present a statement that you have not been deprived of your right to be elected and that you are not a candidate in another EU Member State. In elections to the European Parliament, you can only vote and stand for one country.

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## WHERE

More information is available here (in Slovak):

[http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/residence/elections-abroad/ep-elections/index\\_sk.htm](http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/residence/elections-abroad/ep-elections/index_sk.htm)



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## **Representatives of the Higher Regional Units and the President of the Higher Regional Units (Poslanci Vyšších územných celkov a župan).**

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### **WHAT**

The President and the representatives of the Region are elected every 5 years. Only Slovak citizen over 18 years old are eligible for a president or representative of the region. EU citizens with main residence in Slovakia can be only candidate for representative of the district.





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## **Representative of the municipality and mayor (Poslanec miestneho zastupitel'stva a starosta)**

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### **WHAT**

They are elected every 5 years. Slovak citizen or EU citizens with main residence in Slovakia older than 18 years are eligible.



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# European Parliament elections

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## WHAT

Representatives of the European Parliament are elected every 5 years. If you are an EU citizen with permanent residence in Slovakia and at least 18 years old, you can vote representatives to the European Parliament. Once you are registered as a resident in a certain settlement, the competent authorities will send you invitations to every elections by post.

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## WHERE

For more information, see (in Slovak):

[http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/residence/elections-abroad/ep-elections/index\\_sk.htm](http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/residence/elections-abroad/ep-elections/index_sk.htm) and

[www.europarl.europa.eu/slovakia/sk/informacie\\_o\\_eu/volby\\_ep\\_2014.html](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/slovakia/sk/informacie_o_eu/volby_ep_2014.html)



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# Self-Governing Regions (Vyššie územné celky)

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## WHAT

The president of the region and the representatives of the region are elected every 4 years. You can vote in a particular region if you have there permanent residence, and also you can enjoy all political rights belonging to the residents of the region. Once you have permanent residence in Slovakia, the competent authorities will send you a letter with information on the elections by post. There are 8 Self-Governing Regions and you can obtain more information on their separate pages.

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## WHERE

Contacts (in Slovak):

<http://greenpages.spectator.sme.sk/sk/c/vyssie-uzemne-celky.html> More

information (in Slovak): <https://www.minv.sk/?volby-vuc>



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## City council and mayor (Mestské zastupiteľstvo a starosta/primátor)

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### WHAT

The right to vote in municipal elections belongs to those who have registered permanent residence in the town, village, in the district of the capital city of Bratislava and the city of Košice and no later than on the election day they have reached 18 years. As an inhabitant of the settlement, you are entitled in particular to elect municipal self-government bodies and to be elected to the municipal administration body, to vote on important issues of life and community development (local referendum), to participate in the meetings of inhabitants and express your opinion there, to participate in the meetings of the General Council, to address the authorities, to use, in a usual manner, general facilities and other assets of the town/village serving for public purposes, to require co-operation to protect yourself, your family and property located in the community and to request assistance at the time of sudden emergency. Once you have registered your address, the competent authorities will send you a document with information on the elections by post.

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### WHERE

More information (in Slovak) here: <https://www.minv.sk/?volby-oso>



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## Voting rights

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### WHAT

Foreigners have no right to participate in public administration directly through elements of the so-called direct democracy such as the referendum and direct election of the Slovak President. By law, foreigners may only vote and stand for elections in Bodies of Self-Governing Regions and elections to Municipal Self-Governing Authorities. Foreigners may also vote in elections to the European Parliament if they are EU nationals and have permanent residence in Slovakia. Below we provide information relevant for foreigners.

## Holiday services

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### WHAT

Leisure time and holidays services depend mostly on the concrete situation in particular towns and municipalities in Slovakia. There are huge differences in possibilities, prices, availability, operation times, etc.

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### WHERE

For more detailed information, ask at the municipal office in the town/municipality in which you live, or search on their websites.



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# School holidays

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## WHAT

Most school holidays do not have exactly set dates and are adjusted according to the working days and public holidays of the given year. Dates of longer holidays are announced by the Ministry of Education for the next 3 years.

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## WHEN

- Fall break: usually two days at the end of October and at the beginning of November
- Christmas holidays: usually two weeks, starting few days before the Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) and lasting until the end of the first full week of the new year
- Mid-term break: one day at the beginning of February
- Spring holidays: one week in February or March, different week for regions in the western, central and eastern Slovakia
- Easter holidays: two days before and two days after Easter
- Summer holidays: two months from July 1<sup>st</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup>



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## Public holidays in Slovakia

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### WHEN

- 1<sup>st</sup> January: Day of the Establishment of the Slovak Republic
- 6<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany
- March, April: Good Friday
- March, April: Easter Monday
- 1<sup>st</sup> May: International Workers' Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> May: Day of victory over fascism
- 5<sup>th</sup> July: St. Cyril and Methodius Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> August : Slovak National Uprising anniversary
- 1<sup>st</sup> September: Day of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic
- 15<sup>th</sup> September: Day of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, patron saint of Slovakia
- 1<sup>st</sup> November: All Saints' Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> November: Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve
- 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> December: St. Stephen's Day

NOTE: See more at: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public\\_holidays\\_in\\_Slovakia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_holidays_in_Slovakia)

## Social networks

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### WHAT

Social networks are a very useful and available means to easily communicate and get valuable information in Slovakia. You can access all universal networks such as Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, LinkedIn, etc. However, you can use also national social networks – general or specialised ones.



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## WHERE

Just ask somebody for information and/or browse on the Internet

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## Marginal n.o., Adra – assistance in searching accommodation

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### WHAT

Housing for people under international protection

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### WHERE

As regards integration services provided in Slovakia to people under international protection – you can ask the Adra and Marginal non-profit organisations for assistance in searching accommodation, contact them at: [www.marginal.sk](http://www.marginal.sk) and [www.adra.sk](http://www.adra.sk)



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## The Migration Information Centre (MIC) – assistance in searching accommodation

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### WHAT

Foreigners from third countries (nationals of countries outside the European Union) can ask for help and assistance.

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### WHERE

The Migration Information Centre can help you find out how and where to search accommodation. Please contact them at [www.mic.iom.sk/sk/kontakt-info.html](http://www.mic.iom.sk/sk/kontakt-info.html)



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## **Social department of the municipal office in the town/municipality in which you live**

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### **WHAT**

Individuals or families (households) which are not able to obtain accommodation on the market on their own due to their small income or discrimination – disadvantaged groups which also include foreigners and migrants.

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### **WHERE**

The Act on Social Housing strictly specifies who can request social housing and under what conditions. Towns and municipalities decide on the provision of social housing on their own. Contact the municipal office at the place of your residence and ask about the conditions and possibilities of social housing.