



Embassy of Hungary

Riyadh

INFORMATION ON LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

Dear Clients,

Please be informed that under the Act on the General Rules for the Entry and Right of Residence of Third-Country Nationals, unless otherwise specified by provision, **no applications for a residence permit or for an interim/a national/an EU residence card (former interim/national/EC permanent residence permits) may be submitted between 1st January 2024 and 29th February 2024.**

Procedures related to the applications for a residence permit and for a permanent residence permit submitted before 1st January 2024 will be suspended between 1st January 2024 and 29th February 2024. Accordingly, **the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing shall not make a decision on these applications.** Attaching a supporting document to your pending application will be available. In case of applications submitted duly by 31st December 2023, after the expiry of the suspension period, **i.e. following 29th February 2024, the aliens policing authority shall continue the procedures concerned** and shall take a decision in accordance with the legislation in force at the time of submission of the given application; **submitting a separate application for this purpose is not required.**

The validity of residence permits and permanent residence permits expiring between 1st January 2024 and 29th February 2024 will be extended until 30th April 2024. For this purpose, no further actions are required to be taken by the persons concerned; neither to appear at the Client Service Offices nor to submit an application. No separate certificate will be issued on the extension of the validity of the documents. **The provision on the extension of the documents concerned allows for legal residence in Hungary.**

Please be advised; however, that you should **consider travelling abroad** in view of the expiry date indicated on your document, as it is uncertain whether you will be allowed to enter Hungary (and thus the Schengen area) in another Member State.

Please note that during the period from 1st January 2024 to 29th February 2024, administration of only the following types of cases will be available:

- taking biometric data for applications submitted electronically by 31st December 2023;
- applications for the replacement or substitution of a document;
- extension of an expiring certificate entitling its holder to temporary residence;
- extension of the validity of an immigration permit document;
- applications of EEA nationals for the issuance of a registration certificate or for a permanent residence card;
- applications of family members of EEA nationals for the issuance or extension of a residence card or a long-term residence card.

Budapest, 22nd December 2023

National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing