

“STATE OF DANGER”



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Validity of Residence Permits during the Second “State of Danger”

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There is **from 4 November 2020 expectedly until 7 February 2021** another officially declared **state of danger** in Hungary due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. The **validity of residence permits** is again subject to **special rules**, similar to the rules during the first state of danger in spring 2020.

Residence permits still valid on 3 November 2020 will be **automatically extended if the period of their validity expires between 4 November 2020 and 7 February 2021**. In this case, residence permits will automatically be **extended until 9 March 2021**, so they will be valid for another 30 days after the end of the state of danger.

Which types of permits will be automatically extended?

These types of residence permits **will be automatically extended**:

- **Residence Card** (residence permits issued to EEA citizens and their family members);
- **Permanent Residence Card**
- **Residence Permit** (given for example for the purpose of family reunification, study, work, gainful activity, other, job search, medical treatment, visit, research, intra-corporate transfer, voluntary service and traineeships, humanitarian reasons);
- **Immigration Permit**
- **Permanent Residence Permit** (interim permanent residence permit, national permanent residence permit, EC permanent residence permit)
- **EU Blue Card**

Which type of permit will NOT be automatically extended?

The following will not be automatically extended:

- **Visas** (short-stay ‘C’ and ‘D’ type visas)
- **Certificate of Temporary Residence**

Residence permits that **expired before 4 November 2020** (no later than 3 November 2020) **will not be automatically extended**.

The duration of the residence permit **will not be automatically extended if there is a change in the purpose of the residence permit or a change in the circumstances on which it is based**.

For example, if you have a work permit and change jobs, your residence permit will not be automatically extended. **Or, for example**, if you go to university in Hungary and your student status is ended, the validity of the residence permit will not be automatically extended. **If there is a change in the purpose of your residence permit or in the circumstances on which it is based**, you must apply for an extension of your residence permit or a new residence permit **according to the normal rules**.

Is the Immigration Office open during the state of danger?

The **Immigration Office** (National Directorate of Immigration) **is open** during the state of danger, but you **must book an appointment first**. You cannot just walk in. You can book an appointment [here](#). You can also **manage your case online through the [Enter Hungary webpage](#)**.

Important!

In almost all cases, the renewal of residence permits must be requested no later than 30 days before the current permit expires. This means that **if your residence permit is automatically renewed due to the state of danger, you will still need to apply for an extension of your residence permit by 8 February 2021 at the latest. Therefore, we recommend that** you request an extension on the Enter Hungary webpage, or book a time for a personal meeting at the Immigration Office.

If you have any questions about your residence permit or status, feel free to contact the Hungarian Helsinki Committee: helsinki@helsinki.hu.

Legislation:

- Government Decree No. 500/2020 (XI. 13.) setting rules on documents and administration in states of emergency;
- Government Decree 478/2020 (XI. 3.) on the declaration of a state of danger; and
- Law CIX of 2020 on control of the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic.