

## Right of residence for citizens of the European Union

Citizens of the European Union who wish to settle in Estonia or want to be granted right of residence, **must submit an application for a personal identification code in the city or rural municipal agency of their residence and a notice of residence to register their residence.** For this purpose, they have to go in person to the city or rural municipal agency of their residence. For a minor child or child under guardianship, the application for a personal identification code and notice of residence can be submitted by a parent or guardian.

**The following have to be submitted to register your residence:**

- notice of residence;
- identity document;
- in case of children, birth document formalised in compliance with the requirements;
- consent of the other parent to register the residence.

If the citizen of the European Union is not the owner of the property, he or she must submit a document certifying the right of use of the property or permission from the owner of the property to enter his or her property as the residence of the applicant in the population register.

**All documents shall be in Estonian, Russian or English.** If the documents are translated, the translation must be prepared by a sworn translator or certified by a notary. A document from a foreign state must be legalised or apostilled, unless otherwise specified by an international treaty.

**Upon registration of residence,** a citizen of the European Union is automatically granted a temporary residence permit for five years in Estonia. In order to be granted an ID-card certifying the right of residence, the person should turn to the Police and Border Guard Board after registering his or her residence.

If, **after five years,** the residence of a citizen of the European Union in Estonia is still registered in the population register, **his or her temporary residence permit shall be automatically extended** for another five years. At the same time, he or she can **apply for a permanent residence permit in Estonia.** For this purpose, the person should turn to the Police and Border Guard Board.

**If a citizen of the European Union leaves Estonia to live in another country, he or she must submit a new notice of residence to the population register.** By submitting residence details in a foreign state his or her temporary right of residence in Estonia shall be terminated. In order to terminate the validity of the ID-card, a citizen of the European Union must turn to the Police and Border Guard Board.