

Validity of Residence Permits during the Second Hungarian Government-declared 'State of Danger'

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It is expected that the Hungarian Government will extend the officially declared **state of danger** due to the Covid-19 pandemic for a period lasting **22 February 2021 until 22 May 2021**. **Exceptional rules will continue to apply to residence permit validity**; the same rules that have been in effect since 4 November 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 22 May 2021**. In this case, residence permits will automatically be **extended until 21 June 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); and
- **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); and
- **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 23 May 2021 at the latest. Therefore, we recommend that** you request an extension on the Enter Hungary webpage during the declared state of danger, 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.) establishing rules on documents and administration in states of emergency; and
- Act I of 2021 on the control of the coronavirus pandemic.