



ANTI-CRISIS SHIELD

What is that?

The shield is a package of solutions prepared by Polish government to protect the Polish state and citizens against the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The act entered into force on March 31 and is based on five pillars:

- Protection of jobs and employee safety,
- Financial support for entrepreneurs,
- Health care,
- Strengthening the financial system,
- Public investments

It includes special solutions for foreigners in Poland.

SELECTED ENTRIES:

■ **a disability certificate or a disability degree certificate** issued for a definite period, the validity of which:

- 1) expired 90 days before the date of entry into force of this Act, provided that another application for a decision is submitted within that period, it shall remain valid until 60 on the day after the date of cancellation of the state of epidemic threat or epidemic;
- 2) expires from the date of entry into force of this Act, is valid until the end of the 60th day from the date of cancellation of the state of epidemic threat or epidemic;

■ **The lease agreement** signed before March 31, 2020 and which expires before June 30, 2020, shall be extended until June 30, 2020 on current terms. The contract is extended on the basis of the tenant's declaration of intent submitted no later than on the date on which this contract expires. Until June 30, 2020, it is not allowed to terminate the rental contract with tenant or the amount of rent.



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FOR FOREIGNER

The new law provides specific facilities for foreigners residing in Poland:

the period for voluntary return which is the result of a decision on mandatory return is extended until the end of the 30th day following the date of cancellation of the state of epidemic threat or epidemic;


the deadline for **the foreigner to leave the territory of the Republic of Poland** in terms of receiving a final decision refusing a residence permit, extending a visa or granting international protection, which ends during the period of state of epidemic threat or epidemic, is extended until the end of the 30th day following the date of cancellation of that state.

foreigners residing legally in Poland and working on a “umowa zlecenie” contract or self-employed will be entitled, after meeting statutory conditions, to **demurrage compensation** - remuneration reduced by no more than 50%, but not lower than the amount of the minimum remuneration for work, taking into consideration working time (**up to approx. PLN 2,000**). **In addition, co-financing of employee salaries - up to 40% of the average monthly salary and flexibility of working time - for companies in trouble is foreseen.**

deadlines, of which the Act entails negative effects for the party (**e.g. deadline for filing an appeal against a negative decision**) do not start running and are suspended until the end of the epidemic threat or epidemic status.

Example: If you received a decision refusing you a temporary residence permit during an epidemic with instructions that you can appeal within 14 days - this period does not run, which means that you will be able to appeal within 14 days of cessation of the epidemic.

EXTENSION OF LEGAL WORK

 **Expiry date of your:**

- **work permit**
- **seasonal work permit**
- **declaration of entrustment of work**

ends within the state of epidemic emergency or state of epidemic?

It will be extended by law until the end of the 30th day following the date of cancellation of the last of the above-mentioned states that was in force.




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EXTENSION OF LEGAL STAY

 **Period of your legal stay** in Poland based on:


- **national visa**
- **temporary residence permit**

ends within the period of state of epidemic emergency or state of epidemic?

Your legal stay will be extended by law until the end of the 30th day following the date of cancellation of the last of the above-mentioned states that was in force.



EXTENSION OF LEGAL STAY

 **Period of your legal stay** based on:


- **national visa**
- **temporary residence permit**

will be extended until the end of the 30th day following the date of cancellation of the state of epidemic emergency or state of epidemic - **do you have to complete any formalities?**

No, your legal stay will be extended by law. This will not involve placing a new visa sticker on your travel document or issuing a new residence card.




EXTENSION OF LEGAL STAY

 **Are you a citizen of Ukraine staying in Poland on a visa-free travel base** - and that period of your legal stay ends during pandemic or epidemic status, and you have no opportunity to return to Ukraine?

You can apply for a temporary residence permit after the voivodship offices restore direct customer service. The deadline for submission of the documents will be extended by law until the end of the 30th day following the date of cancellation of the last of the above-mentioned states that was in force. **Your stay will be considered legal** under the condition of submission of the application within the extended deadline.



STAY

 **You are a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, the European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) or the Swiss Confederation.** Does the introduction of the state of epidemic **affect your residence rights in Poland?**

No, the introduction of the state of epidemic emergency in Poland, followed by the state of epidemic, **does not affect your residence rights or the rights of your family members staying with you.**



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STAY



You stay in Poland based on:

- permanent residence permit or long-term EU
- resident permit
- refugee status or subsidiary protection
- permit for tolerated stay or for humanitarian reasons

and the period of validity of your residence card (or the "permit for tolerated stay") ends during the state of epidemic emergency or state of epidemic?

Your stay will still be legal because these **permits are of an indefinite nature.**

Submit an application for a new residence card after the offices restore regular service.



EXTENSION OF DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS



You would like to apply for:

- extension of a national visa (symbol D) or a
- Schengen visa (symbol C) granting a temporary, permanent or long-term EU resident permit
- extension of stay on the basis of visa-less travel (applies only to citizens of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Singapore and Uruguay)?

The period for submitting these applications will be extended if the deadline falls during the state of epidemic emergency or the state of epidemic. Applications may be submitted to voivodship offices up to the 30th day following the date of cancellation of the last of the abovementioned states that was in force.



Office for Foreigners will inform you of all subsequent changes in the legal status of foreigners staying in Poland - **follow further messages.**



<https://www.udsc.gov.pl>

IMPORTANT SOURCES:



<https://www.udsc.gov.pl/epidemia-koronawirusa-specjalne-rozwiazania-dla-cudzoziemcow>



<https://www.interwencjaprawna.pl/ulawienia-dla-cudzoziemcow-na-czas-epidemii-propozycje-tarczy-antykryzysowej>



<https://www.gov.pl/web/tarczaantykryzysowa>



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