



## Useful information regarding the application for free access to the labour market in the Republic of Serbia

Using this service ensures that your request for **approval for free access to the labour market in the Republic of Serbia** will be processed efficiently and quickly, and the response to the request will be delivered electronically, without visiting various counters of several state bodies of the Republic of Serbia and paying administrative fees prescribed by national legislation for the approval of temporary residence or work permit.

Before submitting a request for free access to the labour market in the Republic of Serbia, you need to obtain an Open Balkan identification number electronically on the eGovernment Portal of your country, which you need as a prerequisite for initiating the service Free access to the labour market on the eGovernment Portal of the Republic of Serbia .

You can submit a request for free access to the labour market of the Republic of Serbia either from abroad or from the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

When submitting a request for free access to the labour market of the Republic of Serbia, in addition to personal data and data on the Open Balkan identification number, you need to enter the required data in accordance with the requirements of the application intended for approval of free access to the labour market.

Mandatory information that you must enter is marked with \*.

You will receive notification of the outcome of your request, i.e. whether you have been granted free access to the labour market in the Republic of Serbia or not, no later than 30 days from the date of submission of the electronic request, to the email address. Check your email regularly so that you can be informed in a timely manner about the status of your request for free access to the labour market in the Republic of Serbia.

If your application for free access to the labour market is approved, you will be sent a document on approved free access to the labour market that is **valid for two years**.

The approval for free access to the labour market allows you to stay and work in the territory of the Republic of Serbia during the period of validity, as a foreign citizen, without the obligation to submit an application for approval of a temporary residence and work permit in accordance with the national legislation of the Republic of Serbia. A person who has been granted a Permit for free access to the labour market is not released from the obligation, in accordance with national legislation, to report the residence of a foreign citizen within 24 hours of entering the Republic of Serbia. The obligation to register a foreign citizen's place of residence belongs to the foreign citizen themselves provided they own real estate in the Republic of Serbia where they will reside, i.e. to the landlord if the person rents the space in which they will reside, or accommodation facility if they stay in a hotel or other type of hospitality accommodation. The certificate of the foreign citizen's registered residence is reflected in a white card (obtained when



registering at the police station) or a certificate issued by accommodation facility. The registration of the foreign citizen's residence must be done every time the address of residence is changed during the validity period of the Permit for free access to the labour market.

When moving, staying and working in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, your national travel document or identity card is a document that proves your identity, and with the Approval for free access to the labour market, in paper or electronic form, you prove that you legally reside and work in the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

After receiving the Approval for free access to the labour market, you can establish an employment relationship with an employer in the Republic of Serbia, i.e. you can register your own business activity in the Republic of Serbia, and exercise other rights based on employment, except for the right to state employment incentives.

Approval for free access to the labour market contains, in addition to other data, the **registration number of foreign citizens**, which is needed by your employer, or you, as a legal entity or entrepreneur, to register in the mandatory social insurance register of the Republic of Serbia.

If your request for free access to the labour market is rejected, this does not exclude the right to re-submit the request for free access to the labour market, and to have your new request reconsidered.

When submitting a request for free access to the labour market, you attach a scanned travel document or an identity card of your country, which should be valid for at least 90 days from the date of submission of the request for free access to the labour market.

If, as a foreign citizen, you already have a valid temporary residence in the Republic of Serbia on one of the grounds prescribed by the Law on Foreign Citizens in the Republic of Serbia, the request for free access to the labour market in the Republic of Serbia will only be considered when, based on your request, the valid temporary residence is terminated.

You submit a personal request for termination of the right to temporary residence at the police administration unit according to the place where you were granted temporary residence.

If you have been granted free access to the labour market, and you decide that it is more favourable for you to regulate your stay in the Republic of Serbia in accordance with the Law on Foreign Citizens in the Republic of Serbia, at your request, the Approval for free access to the labour market can be revoked.

If you have been granted free access to the labour market in the Republic of Serbia, you cannot simultaneously have a temporary residence permit based on any of the grounds prescribed by the Law on Foreign Citizens in the Republic of Serbia.

The period of stay in the Republic of Serbia on the basis of the Approval for free access to the labour market is not counted in the period required for submitting an application for permanent residence in the Republic of Serbia.



Any change in the data that you initially entered when submitting a request for free access to the labour market that was granted to you on the basis of the entered data, you must report via this application no later than 5 working days from the date of the change.

After updating your data, you will be sent an updated Approval for free access to the labour market with new data (change of address, change of passport or identity card number, change of phone number, change of name or surname, etc.).

If, during the validity period of the Approval for free access to the labour market, you change your citizenship in relation to the fact that the rights you exercise exclusively refer to citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia and the Republic of Albania, your Approval for free access to the labour market will cease to be valid.

You can submit a request for a new Approval for free access to the labour market no earlier than 60 days before the expiration of the valid Approval for free access to the labour market, in the same way and using the same service on the eGovernment Portal of the Republic of Serbia that you used when submitting the previous request for free access to the labour market.