

Article 31.
(Application for the approval and extension of residence)

(1) An alien may submit an application for a residence permit in BiH from abroad through BiH Diplomatic Consular Offices and directly in BiH in one of the organizational units of the Service.

(2) An application for a residence permit shall be submitted in person, while a legal representative shall submit the application for a professionally incapable alien.

(3) The application for a first temporary residence permit is generally submitted abroad, through BiH Diplomatic Consular Offices. The application for granting a first temporary residence may be submitted to the competent organizational unit of the Service in BiH only if the alien:

- a) entered BiH with a long-term stay visa (Visa - D)
- b) is a citizen of a non-visa regime country

(4) The prescribed fee shall be paid for the application for the approval or extension of temporary residence and for the application for the approval of permanent residence.

(5) The basis of a temporary residence “work without work permit”, which according to the Law on amendments of the Law on the Movement and Stay of Aliens and Asylum (“Official Gazette BiH”, number 87/12) has included previous bases for temporary residence related to the type of work of the alien, shall be considered the same basis for the extension of such temporary residence.

(6) Extension of a temporary residence may be granted based on the application of the alien but only on the same grounds on which the temporary residence was approved.

(7) Notwithstanding Paragraph (6) of this Article, an adult alien residing in BiH for three consecutive years on the grounds of temporary residence granted for the purpose of a family reunification shall have the right to submit a separate application for a temporary residence based on other grounds, if he/she fulfils the conditions regulated by this Law for temporary residence permit based on other grounds.

(8) In the case that an alien applies for a temporary residence based on other grounds, upon the expiry of the temporary residence, he/she is obliged to leave BiH, and the application for granting residence must be submitted in accordance with Paragraph (3) of this Article.