

Article 60.

(Application for the first temporary residence permit, request for extension of the residence permit and competency)

- (1) An application for the first temporary residence permit and the request for extension of the residence permit shall be submitted to the Service. The request to the Service coming from abroad shall be filed through a BiH DCR, and the request within BiH shall be submitted directly with the competent organizational unit of the Service.
- (2) As a rule, the application for the first temporary residence permit must be submitted outside BiH through DCR, by applicant in person.
- (3) In the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, an alien may file the application for the first temporary residence permit only as outlined below:
 - a) In case he/she entered BiH with a long- term visa (type D visa), or
 - b) In case he/she is a citizen of a country with no visa regime.
- (4) An application for a first temporary residence permit under paragraph (3) herein is to be submitted to the competent organizational unit of the Service, in person or through a legal representative for alien lacking legal capacity, within 15 days the latest prior to expiry of long term visa (visa D), or non-visa stay.
- (5) A request for extension of residence permit shall be submitted in BiH directly to the competent organizational unit of the Service, and outside BiH through the DCR BiH in person or through a legal representative for alien lacking legal capacity, within 15 days prior to expiry of a valid residence permit.
- (6) An application for a first temporary residence permit and the request for extension of residence permit shall be decided by the Service in the form of a (written) decision. The Service shall render the decision and serve the aliens as soon as possible and at the latest within 60 days following the filing of the legitimate application if the application has been submitted through a BiH DCR or within 30 days if the application was submitted directly to the competent organizational unit of the Service.
- (7) If the application for residence permit is submitted in accordance with paragraph (3) herein, the applicant shall be issued an attestation of the submitted application, which shall serve in lieu of a residence permit, pending a final decision upon the application.