

WHAT DOCUMENT DO YOU NEED TO ENTER LITHUANIA?

Short-term entry (i.e., up to 90 days)

Correctly
calculate the
period of legal
stay after
entering the
Schengen area

Without Visa

up to 90days/180days

For foreigners who are citizens of a country that belongs to the visa-free regime

Schengen Visa (C) Residence Permit

up to 90days/180days

Issued by any Member State of the Schengen area

Extend your stay if necessary

During your legal stay in Lithuania, you should immediately apply for a temporary residence permit

Long-term entry (i.e., more than 90 days)



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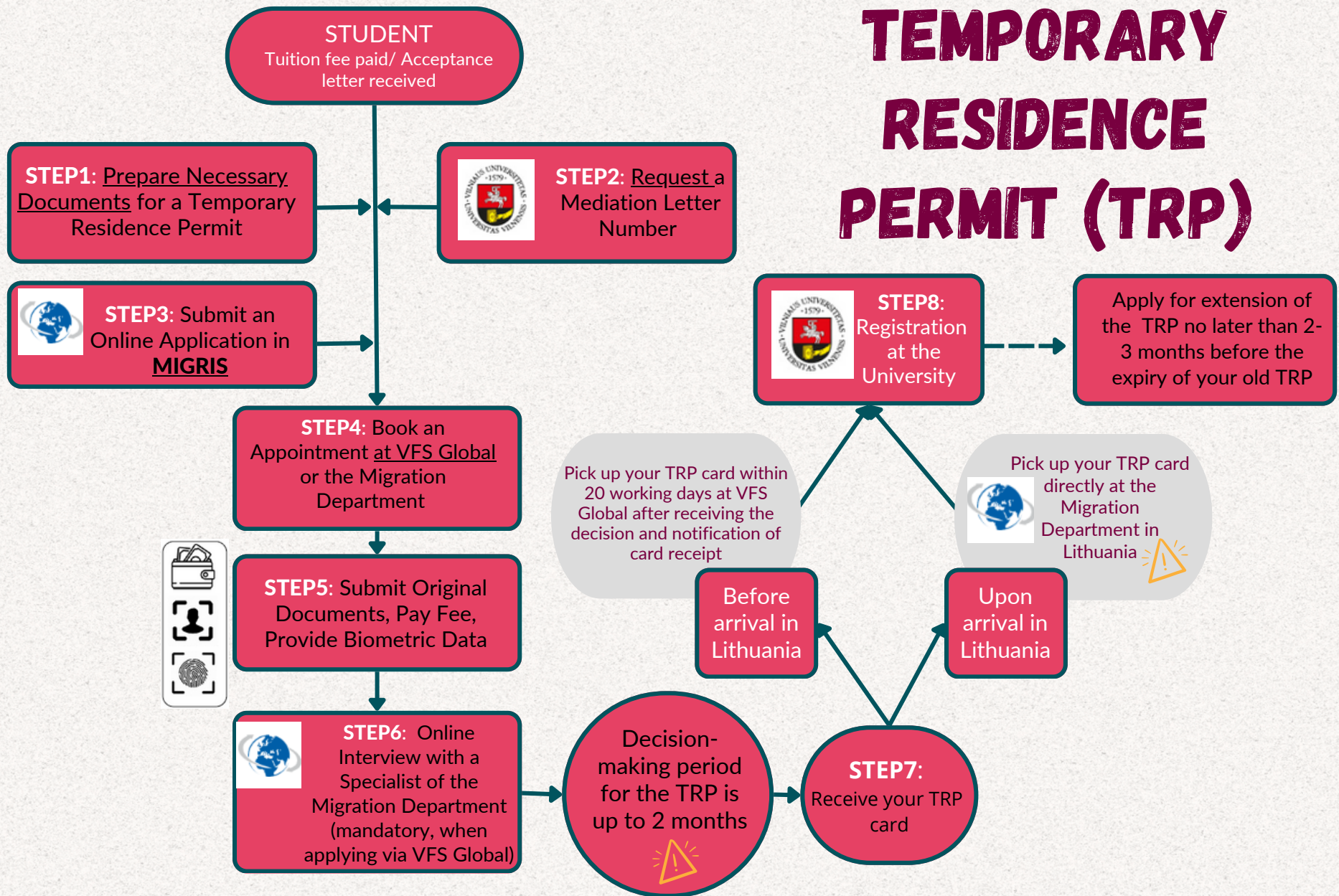
Temporary Residence Permit (TRP)

Issued for up to
1-2 years
(3 years for PhD)
before or after arrival

Extend your TRP if necessary

Apply for an extension at least
4-2 months before the
expiration of the current TRP

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT (TRP)



- The TRP card delivery time from Lithuania to the country of application may take up to 1 month and is NOT included in the decision-making period.
- You can pick up your TRP card in Lithuania ONLY if you can enter and stay in the country legally (i.e., using other documents, such as a visa or residence permit issued in another Schengen country, or your citizenship allows you to enter Lithuania without a visa).

Online

MIGRIS

Application

**IMPORTANT:**

- Application must be filled out fully and correctly according to the data of your passport.

Rejection and Resubmission: After the second application rejection in MIGRIS, a new application can be submitted **ONLY** after 4 months.

What kind of document must be submitted

Online application

IMPORTANT

Migration Department reserves the right to request additional documents and may suspend the decision-making period, affecting application processing time.

Vilnius University serves only as an intermediary and does not influence the outcome or speed of the TRP procedure.

Document requirements

You must electronically via the Lithuanian Migration Information System (MIGRIS) fill-out the request to issue or change the residence permit.

Upload digital copies of the required documents:

After completing the application form and booking your visit time, within 4 months from the day of submitting the request through 'MIGRIS', you must personally bring the original documents to the nearest VFS Global or Migration Department in Lithuania for verification and provide your biometric data.

Please ensure that your visit to submit documents at VFS Global is scheduled no earlier than 7 months and no later than 3 months prior to your intended arrival date (September 1st).

Appointments at the Migration Department and VFS Global are booked through their respective booking systems:

- Book Migration Department appointments through your MIGRIS portal after submitting your application.
- For VFS Global appointments, select the nearest VFS Global and visit its booking website.

NOTE: everyone can apply at VFS Global offices, regardless of whether they are residents of the country where such services are provided (must be **legally** present in the country)

Note:



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- Valid Travel document ([page 5](#)).
- Proof of sufficient amount of funds for subsistence ([page 6](#)).
- Health insurance ([page 7](#)).
- Certificate of presence/absence of a criminal record ([page 8](#)).
- Commitment to declare the place of residence ([page 9](#)).
- Document concerning the place of residence in the Republic of Lithuania ([page 9](#)).
- Number of Mediation Letter provided by the University ([page 10](#)).
- State fee ([page 11](#)).

If you are a minor, provide the consent of parents, guardians, or legal representatives for your intended stay (study) in Lithuania.

Travel Document



IMPORTANT: The passport must be returned to the applicant after document verification (all original documents shall be returned when applying through an External Service Provider-VFS Global).

What kind of document must be submitted

International Passport

Include copies of all stamped pages and previous visas

Document requirements

Passport validity period shall be **at least three months longer** than the validity period of the requested TRP

Passport must have **at least two blank pages**

Passport must have been **issued within the previous 10 years**

It must contain your **name and surname as separate entities** in the Machine Readable Zone

Note:



The TRP card is issued for a period of 3 months shorter than the validity period of the travel document (passport).

If a residence permit has been requested for a longer period, you will need to reprint the TRP immediately after receiving a new passport.

Reprinting does not mean reapplying for TRP. This process is quick and does not require additional documents.

How to find application in Migris: *Service choice* -> *Nationality of ...* -> *I want to get a residence permit in Lithuania* -> *I want to receive temporary residence permit* -> *I want to formalize a new temporary residence permit*.

Reprint Cost:

- General order (decision up to 10 days): €45.
- Urgent order (decision up to 5 days): €90.

Separately, you will be asked to provide a copy of your residence permit if you have lived in another country for more than 6 months within 2 years prior to arrival in Lithuania.

Proof of Sufficient Means of Support



You can submit one of the listed documents or combine them.

IMPORTANT: The value of subsistence funds for students shall be 0.5 minimum wage per month (it must be provided for at least one year)

2024: 462 €* 12 months + 924 €

2025: 519 €* 12 months + 1038 €

What kind of document can be submitted

Your own bank account statement

Another person's commitment to support you

Regular income statement

Document requirements

Each student must have sufficient financial resources at least €462 per month for one year, plus €924 for the return to the state of origin:

- Your bank statement must indicate the balance: at least € 6468 (2025: € 7266)
- It must be original and issued in LT/EN or translated to LT/EN if issued in other languages
- document must be issued no earlier than a month before the application date

Shall be submitted the statement from the sponsor's bank account along with the Affidavit of Sponsorship:

- Bank statement from the sponsor indicating a balance of at least € 6468 (2025: € 7266).
- Affidavit of Sponsorship must be certified by a notary
- All documents should be original and issued in LT/EN or translated to LT/EN if issued in other languages
- document must be issued no earlier than a month before the application date

Scholarship

Salary

Note:



The bank statement for proof of financial means should cover transactions for the last 3–6 months.

In certain cases, e-banking may be used to prove the required amount (mainly when applying in Lithuania).

The sponsor's regular income statement serves as an alternative to a bank statement (only for sponsors operating in Lithuania). Additional requirements:

- The employment contract should be valid for at least one year.
- Ensure that the monthly income meets or exceeds 1.5 minimum wage per month.

If you receive a scholarship paid by Vilnius University, no additional confirmation is required if mentioned in the mediation letter

The employment contract can be submitted **ONLY** if you work in Lithuania.

Health Insurance



IMPORTANT: It is crucial that the health insurance covers the entire period of study, and extensions should be obtained if the initial coverage is for a shorter duration.

What kind of document must be submitted

Health Insurance Policy

Include:

- all pages that list all coverages
- the payment receipt

Document requirements

Must guarantee:

- Payment of emergency medical care services.
- Any expenses related to transportation for medical reasons, including the accompaniment of healthcare specialists (medical evacuation).
- Emergency hospital treatment.
- Expenses arising due to death during the stay (repatriation).

Must be valid for the whole duration of the requested temporary residence permit or for at least one year

Must be valid in Lithuania (in the Schengen area)

The minimum coverage of the private health insurance must be not less than €10 000

Note:



Insurance must be valid for at least one year, **counting** from the date of your visit to the Migration department or several days before your TRP becomes valid when applying through VFS Global

Health insurance policy issued in English does not have to be translated into Lithuanian.

All compulsory information, insurance terms and conditions must be specified in English/Lithuanian. In case the document is issued in another language, it must be translated into either English or Lithuanian.

You do not need health insurance, if compulsory health insurance will be paid for you (in case you will be working in Lithuania)

Citizens outside the EU may obtain their health insurance either in their country or in Lithuania. They can contact one of the insurance companies, the list of which you can find on the [website of Lithuanian Insurers Association \(LDA\)](#).

Certificate of presence/absence of a Criminal Record



IMPORTANT: Certificate of presence/absence of a criminal record provided in the original must be properly legalized

What kind of document must be submitted

Certificate of Non-Criminal Record/

Police Clearance Certificate (PCC)/

Criminal Background Check

Document requirements

Certificates must be provided from all countries where you resided for more than 6 months within 2 years prior to your arrival in Lithuania

Certificate(s) must be issued not earlier than 6 months prior to the day of submitting the original documents

Certificate(s) can be issued in English. If a document is executed in a language other than Lithuanian/English, it has to be translated into Lithuanian/English.

It must be legalized:

- certified with an **Apostille** (certificates issued by States that are party to the Hague Convention);
- certificate issued in a country that is not included in the lists of countries of the Hague Convention must be **double legalized**: by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country where the certificate was issued, and then by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania (or the Lithuanian embassy).

Note: Only certificates that have been originally stamped and signed during the initial legalization process in the country of document issuance will be accepted by Lithuanian authorities.

Note:



If you were convicted, the certificate must indicate when and for which criminal activity you were convicted, what was the sentence awarded and has it been carried-out. The certificate must be translated into Lithuanian.

The original document must be double legalized or approved by certificate (Apostille), not a copy or a document issued electronically

The University can represent students' interests regarding document legalization in Lithuania at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From certain countries, additional attestation for the Certificate is required. It must be legalized by (1) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country, (2) the embassy of the issuing country, and (3) Lithuania. The diplomatic missions accredited to Lithuania:

- Algeria, Qatar, Iran – in Poland
- United Arab Emirates – in Latvia
- Egypt, Nepal, Côte d'Ivoire – in Denmark
- Sri Lanka – in Sweden

Certificates may be exempt from the legalization process when issued:

- in Ukraine, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, or Moldova;
- by a diplomatic mission or consular institution residing in the Republic of Lithuania.

Place of Residence in Lithuania



IMPORTANT: Choose to declare your place of residence after receiving the TRP card, if you currently do not have the appropriate documents about your place of residence or you will live in dormitory of Vilnius university

What kind of document have to be submitted

Commitment to declare the place of residence

Document about a place of residence in the LR

NOTE:

Administrative liability may be applied for non-compliance with the requirement to declare a place of residence in Lithuania.

Document requirements

You must undertake (confirm) that you will declare your place of residence in a dwelling with a living area of at least 4 square metres for each adult declaring residence at the same address.

- Lease or loan-for-use agreement is concluded with the natural person or legal entity.
- Letter issued by the legal entity confirming the right to settle-in the premises belonging to the legal entity or the document confirming accommodation at the hotel, or the granted hostel.
- Consent to Settle-In at the Dwelling Belonging to the Owner (Co-Owner). Approved by a notary or an employee of the migration office when the landlord visits the migration department together with the student

- *Due to the limited number of spots in dormitories, especially in Vilnius, it is essential to explore alternative accommodation options in the city.*
- *Please note that the university does not take responsibility for students' accommodation arrangements.*
- *Before renting any accommodation, ensure that the landlord can declare your residence at this address.*

Note:



Document in Word format

The signed commitment must be uploaded when completing the application via MIGRIS

Choose the appropriate option for declaring residence based on your circumstances (Read More):

- **upon arrival to the Migration Department/VFS Global** at the pre-booked time of your visit for submitting your biometric data, the originals of the documents attached to the application for issue of a temporary residence permit.
- **at the Eldership/Municipality**, within one month after collecting a residence permit (*there is no need to provide documents about your place of residence when applying for a residence permit via MIGRIS*). If you have been confirmed a place in VU dormitory, please select this option.

Mediation Letter



IMPORTANT: Your personal information included in your application, as well as in the mediation letter, must match the information provided in your travel document

What kind of document have to be submitted

Number of Mediation Letter

Document requirements

Mediation letter is submitted by the University electronically through the Lithuanian Migration Information System ("MIGRIS").

The electronic information system provides the mediation letter with the **number, which the student must specify in the online application in MIGRIS.**

Note:



To obtain this number, you must complete the task "Mediation Letter Request" in your online application (<https://apply.vu.lt/>). Please follow these steps:

- Submit the ONLINE REQUEST FORM
- Upload the completed and signed DECLARATION FORM to your online application.

A mediation letter will be prepared within 5 working days after you have submitted the forms and any other requested information, if applicable.

Make sure to upload a copy of your valid passport to your VU online application

Mediation letter is NOT issued:

- If the person is not admitted to the university or if the tuition fee is not paid.
- If not all required information or documents are provided to the university.
- During academic leave when studies are suspended.

Additionally, it is important to collect at least 40 credits for the last academic year to extend the TRP.

State Fee



IMPORTANT: State fee and VFS Global service fee are non-refundable.

What kind of document can be submitted

State fee payment receipt

Document requirements

When applying through VFS Global (before arrival), only the general order is available (decision within 2 months - €80).

Additionally, the VFS Global service fee must be paid: €40-160, depending on the country.

When submitting TRP application documents through the Migration Department (in Lithuania), you can choose the time of consideration of your application:

- General order: decision is made within 2 months - €80
- Urgent order: decision is made within 1 month - €320

Note:



The state fee can be paid directly to VFS Global along with the VFS Global service fee (check with VFS Global).

The fee for courier delivery of the TRP card from Lithuania to the place of submission of documents must be included in the cost of VFS service.

You can pay by bank card or in cash directly at the Migration Division (i.e. when applying in Lithuania)

NOTE: Payment receipt is NOT required if you choose in MIRGIS portal the option to pay at the place of service

Where and How to Collect a Temporary Residence Permit (TRP)



Regularly check the MIGRIS portal for updates on your application status. This may include notifications about approval, additional document requests, or instructions for further steps.

Any sensitive information relating to your application will NOT be shared with you by email or phone, much less with a third party such as a university

Once your application is approved, you will receive a separate notification through MIGRIS portal and the approved residence card will be sent to the location you specified during the application process:

Before arrival in Lithuania:

External Service Provider (VFS Global)

Where your documents and biometric data were submitted.

IMPORTANT:

- A temporary residence permit **card can ONLY be collected in person** by presenting your passport.
- When submitting your residence permit application and arriving to collect an approved card, **you must be in the country LEGALLY.**

NOTE: You do not need to wait for a decision in the country of application if you are not a resident of that country. Your passport must be returned and you will be able to come back as soon as you receive notification of receipt of your residence permit

After arrival in Lithuania:

Migration Division can be selected when submitting an online TRP application **ONLY if you can enter Lithuania and stay there LEGALLY.**

When applying for a temporary residence permit **through External Service Provider**, a temporary residence permit card can be collected after arrival in Lithuania **ONLY** in person by presenting your passport.

When applying for a temporary residence permit **directly at the Migration Department** (while legally in Lithuania), you can choose:

- terms of consideration of your application: general (decisions within two months / 80 euros) or urgent (decision within 1 month / 320 euros).
- who may collect your temporary residence permit – personally you or another person (power of attorney is issued through MIGRIS)
- how to get your card: at the selected migration division or by courier service (only in Lithuania)

This mainly applies to those who have a visa/residence permit issued by any country in the Schengen area, or whose citizenship allows to enter Lithuania without a visa

The processing of Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) applications is typically done on an individual basis. Each applicant's situation is unique, and immigration authorities carefully review the specific details, circumstances, and supporting documentation provided by each individual. Providing accurate, truthful and complete information, along with supporting documentation, is crucial to a successful application process.

Timelines: The time it takes to process a TRP application may vary, and decisions are made based on the merits of each individual case.