Relocation Guide for Foreigners and Lithuanians

Klaipėda iD

Important information to know before returning or arriving from abroad

If you have Lithuanian or any other EU citizenship and are planning your relocation to Lithuania make sure to prepare the necessary documents, which you can get at Employment Services in the country where you live:

- **U1** – Document for summarizing unemployment insurance.
- **U2** – Document on maintenance of social insurance benefits in case of unemployment.
- **E104 / S041 form –** sickness, maternity, benefits for disability or death cases.
- **S2 / E112 form** – necessary to receive health care services.
- **P45 / P60 form** – issued by the employer to recalculate compulsory health insurance (CHI) contributions.

Aggregation of work experience

If you are returning from the EU country (also from Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, or Russia), the work experience accumulated there will be combined with work experience in Lithuania.

For more information, visit:
www.sodra.lt >> information for residents

Sodra in Klaipėda:
Smiltelės St. 12A, Klaipėda
Tel. No.: 1883

Recognition of education and qualification acquired outside Lithuania

This recognition is required if you are seeking to work in a field for which you have acquired a qualification abroad. It is conducted by the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education and several higher education institutions.

There are two main types of recognition of qualifications:

- **Academic recognition** – which determines whether the existing academic qualification meets the requirements of the same academic activity in Lithuania.
- **Professional recognition –** determining whether the existing professional qualification meets the requirements of the same professional activity in Lithuania.

For more information, visit:
www.skvc.lt

Visas for foreign citizens

Lithuania is a member of the Schengen area and the European Union (EU). For those coming from abroad, the rules and types of visas vary according to the nationality and reason of arrival.

For EU citizens

If you are an EU citizen, you can stay in Lithuania for up to 3 months from the date of your arrival. If you plan to stay longer than 3 months within a six-month period, you can apply for a temporary or permanent residence permit.

For more information, visit:
www.migracija.lt >> For EU citizens

For non-EU citizens

Before entering Lithuania for a period **not exceeding 12 months**, you must apply for one of two visas:

- **Schengen visa –** will allow you to enter and stay in Lithuania for a maximum of 3 months in a six - month period.
- **National D visa –** will allow you to enter, stay and work in the country for a maximum of one year.

Other **programs implemented in Lithuania** to facilitate the arrival of talent from third countries:

- **Blue Card** – specially designed for highly qualified professionals from third countries. You can apply for it before your arrival in Lithuania. The Blue Card allows you to live and work in Lithuania for up to 3 years, with the possibility of extending this period for another 3 years. With this visa you can bring your family with you.

For more information, visit:
www.eubluecard.lt

- **Startup Visa Lithuania –** a government-initiated program designed to promote the start-up ecosystem in specific technology areas. After submitting your idea, you can obtain a residence and work permit in Lithuania for up to one year, with the possibility of renewing it.

For more information, visit:
www.startupvisalithuania.com

After you have lived in Lithuania for 5 years and have a temporary residence permit, you can apply for a permanent residence permit.

More information on arrival for non-EU citizens:
www.keliauk.urm.lt >> Entry to Lithuania
www.migracija.lt >> For foreigners

Declaration of residence

The declaration of residence gives the right to public services such as medical treatment, attendance at educational institutions other services in Klaipėda.

- **Lithuanian citizens** can declare their place of residence by logging in to the **electronic government portal >>**
- **Foreigners** may declare their place of residence by going directly to the Civil Registry Office. We recommend that you have the following documents with you:
  For EU citizens – a foreigner's passport or a identity card and a certificate obtained from the migration department about the right to reside in Lithuania.
  For non-EU citizens – a permit of residence in Lithuania.

Contacts of the Civil Registry and Registration Division in Klaipėda **here >>**
Address: S. Šimkaus St. 11, Klaipėda

Health
care

Compulsory health insurance (PSD) – like many other European States Lithuania has put in place the compulsory health insurance system which means that residents of Lithuania are obliged to obtain health insurance coverage (i.e., pay compulsory health insurance contributions). Children under the age of 18, students, and people with social insurance receive this service free of charge. Individuals engaged in private activities pay the PSD contributions themselves. The insurance of employed persons is paid by the employer. This also applies to foreigners with a permanent residence permit.

- **Those who return from abroad and are not working** must pay the PSD contributions to Sodra by themselves. However, if you are looking for a job through the Employment Services, the PSD is paid by the state.
- **Foreigners** who have a Schengen visa or a National D visa, or a temporary residence permit, do not receive compulsory health insurance unless they have been employed in Lithuania or have previously worked for at least 6 months and are registered with the employment services.

For more information, visit:
www.vlk.lt

Healthcare facilities

At Klaipėda you will find public and private health care facilities whose services you can use regardless of whether you are covered by compulsory health insurance. However, if you are not insured, you will have to pay for health care services (both in public and private institutions) yourself.

Public healthcare facilities

- After you have registered a place of residence in the Klaipėda municipality, you can choose the healthcare facility you like best. This can be an outpatient clinic, a primary healthcare centre or a family medicine centre. After making your choice, you go to the clinic, submit your personal documents, register, and choose the right doctor for you.
- In case of illness, first contact the healthcare facilities where your family doctor (GP) works and register for the visit. During the free consultation and examination, your doctor will prescribe the necessary treatment or laboratory tests and, if necessary, hospital stay or consultation with a specialist.
- *Remember that you must have a referral from a general practitioner to receive a free consultation from a specialist.*
- *Remember that to be registered with a particular healthcare facility, you must be insured for PSD.*

Private healthcare facilities

These institutions offer paid services, and their prices are set according to internal procedures. However, some private healthcare institutions have contracts with territorial hospital funds, so that people with PSD can use their services free of charge.

List of healthcare institutions **here >>**

Hospitals

If you need urgent emergency medical care, remember that a referral from a family doctor is not required. Emergency medical services are free of charge for all residents in the territory of Klaipėda city and part of Klaipėda district (home, workplace, schools, public institutions, public places), regardless of whether they are covered by compulsory health insurance, regardless of gender, age, nationality, citizenship, place of registration. *Emergency medical services are provided around the clock, including holidays and weekends. If you seek emergency medical care – take your phone and dial 112 to call an ambulance.*

The following qualify for hospital servicves free of charge:

- Individuals insured with PSD;
- Individuals permanently residing in Lithuania, regardless of their nationality and whether they are insured with PSD;
- Individuals insured in EU countries or Switzerland with a proof of insurance.

Main hospitals of Klaipėda city:

- **Klaipėda University Hospital >>**
- **Klaipėda Seamen's Hospital >>**
- **Klaipėda Republican Hospital >>**
- **Klaipėda Children hospital >>**

Useful information for foreigners

Integration support

For the last few years, the Red Cross Information Centre has been operating in Klaipėda. It offers social, psychological, legal, and vocational counselling, organises information seminars on relevant topics, Lithuanian language courses and public awareness training.

Lithuanian Red Cross Information Centre in Klaipėda:
K. Donelaičio St. 21A, Klaipėda
Tel. No.: 8 650 55476

Lithuanian language courses

Having even the basic knowledge of a foreign language helps you integrate into the society and find a job easier.

Here are several ways to learn Lithuanian:

- Use the free online language learning platform - **Loecsen >>**
- Download the **50LANGUAGES** app to get the free audio courses >>
- Learn in groups online >>
- Join the project "Let's be Friends" and learn Lithuanian with a teacher >>

Attend one of the following language schools in Klaipėda:

- **Amber Language Center >>**
- **Brainster >>**
- **Eurolingvija >>**
- **Kalba.lt >>**

Accommodation

The rental prices in Klaipėda are quite low compared to other major Lithuanian cities. For example, in Klaipėda you can afford an apartment in the city centre while somewhere else the same price range would force you out of the centre.

What you should know when planning to rent a place to live:

- We recommend signing a rental agreement.
- In order to declare your residence in a leased apartment, you must get the written consent of the apartment owner.

What you should know when planning to buy a property:

- The process of buying a property is quite simple and fast. You can buy the property directly from the seller. All you need to do is sign the contract and pay.
- Note, that the purchase of property does not guarantee that you will get a long-term residence permit in Lithuania.

Real estate search portals:

- **Aruodas >>**
- **Domo Plius >>**
- **Skelbiu.lt >>**

If you come from a non-EU country, you can inquire about free Lithuanian language courses at the Red Cross Information Centre.

Banks

Opening a bank account in Lithuania is quite simple. However, foreigners are usually required to already have a residence permit.

Banks operating in Lithuania:

- **SwedBank >>**
- **SEB bank >>**
- **Luminor >>**
- **Šiaulių bank >>**
- **Medicinos bank >>**

Mobile network operators

When looking for a mobile phone network, we offer to choose one of the few largest operators in Lithuania:

- **Telia >>**
- **Tele2 >>**
- **Bitė >>**

Driving licence

- If the driving license is **issued in** another **EU country**, it is also valid in Lithuania.
- If the certificate is **issued in a non-EU country,** it is valid as long as you do not have a residence permit in Lithuania. After obtaining the permit, you must register for the theory and practice test, after passing the test you be issued a Lithuanian driving license.

More information and registration can be found at:
www.regitra.lt

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