

New Home, New Rules: How Are Foreigners' Residency Checks for Temporary and Permanent Residence Permits Handled?

Resolution of the CMU No. 979 of September 12, 2023) A check of foreigners at their place of residence when they are issued a permit for permanent or temporary residence in Ukraine.

Procedure for conducting checks

1. A foreigner who plans to obtain a permanent or temporary residence permit in Ukraine and who submits a number of necessary documents to the territorial body of the State Customs Service of Ukraine to get the permit.
2. When applying for the permit, the foreigner fills in the following fields of the application-questionnaire: "Registered place of residence in Ukraine" and "Actual place of residence in Ukraine".

***Important!** In the field "Actual place of residence in Ukraine", the foreigner has to **indicate true information about his/her actual place of residence**. Providing false information may result in refusal to issue a residence permit to a foreigner.

The foreigner can confirm the fact of his/her residence at the address indicated in the application form by attaching the copies of the below documents:

- Title certificate
- Lease (rental) agreement

3. **In case of failure to provide documents confirming residence at the specified address**, the SMSU employees shall conduct a verification of the place of residence of the foreigner-applicant by visiting him/her at his/her place of residence.

The foreigner is informed about the time of the check by contact phone number and e-mail address one business day prior to the check.

***Important!**

- If according to the database of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine it is established that the foreigner at the time of the check has left Ukraine, the check shall not be carried out.
 - If the foreigner for some reason has left the region of their residence, they should inform the SMSU employee about their departure and the date of their return during the notification about the check of the place of residence.
4. If the foreigner is not found at the declared place of residence during the check, this may serve as **grounds for refusing to issue a permit**.