

To prove Slovak ancestry, you need to submit:

- birth certificates of ancestors showing their place of birth in present-day Slovakia
- birth certificates of direct ancestors proving the family lineage
- evidence of Slovak citizenship of ancestors (census records, passports, citizenship certificates, etc.)
- other historical or official documents relevant to the case such as baptismal records, ship manifests, census records, etc.

To prove your identity, you need to submit:

- proof of identity (passport, identification card)
- birth certificate
- birth certificates of parents
- document of marital status (marriage certificate, valid divorce judgment, death certificate of spouse, if the applicant is married, divorced, or widowed)
- confirmation of permanent residency
- travel passport used to travel abroad (or that of the parents)
- previous citizenships
- other documents confirming the facts stated in the application (confirmation of nationality, etc.) such as citizenship or naturalization certificate

The application must be submitted in person at:

- The **relevant district office in Slovakia** if you are residing in Slovakia
- A **Slovak embassy or consulate abroad** if you live outside Slovakia

A residence permit is a **mandatory requirement** for obtaining citizenship. The easiest option is a **5-year permanent residence permit for exceptional reasons**, which you may qualify for based on your Slovak ancestry. However, Slovak residency is **not required** for a specific period before applying for citizenship. After obtaining residence status, you will have certain legal obligations. If applying for a **5-year permanent residence permit for exceptional reasons**, you can **submit the application together with your citizenship application** in a **single visit** to a Slovak embassy or consulate abroad. You do not need to wait for residence approval before applying for citizenship.

Currently, knowledge of Slovak language is not required for a citizenship application.

The processing time depends on the complexity of the case, document availability, and processing times at the authorities. Generally, obtaining Slovak citizenship takes 2 years, but it could be obtained within 6 months.