

Request for a residence permit

The electronic service "Request for a Residence Permit" enables foreign nationals who wish to stay for a longer period than 90 days in 180 days in Albania, to apply for a residence permit in the Republic of Albania. The foreigner is notified to be present at the regional authorities responsible for border and migration in the territory where the foreigner has resided, upon confirmation of the fulfillment of conditions and documentation to apply for the renewal of the residence permit through this service.

To apply for the first residence, permit in Albania, the proper application form depends on the reason to stay in Albania:

- Family reunification with Albanian citizen
- Family reunification with foreigner, resident in Albania
- Study
- Residence and Work permit
- Other reason
- Special case, Permanent

The application for a residence permit to the regional authorities responsible for border and migration services, must be made within 30 days of entering the territory of the Republic of Albania, ensuring that:

- the legal requirements for the applied residence permit are met;
- all the necessary documents are available;
- the documents from the country of origin are translated and legalized.

After submitting an on-line application for renewal of the residence permit on the E• Albania portal, the foreigner will be notified to apply to the Migration Office of Regional. The processing of applications for a residence permit at the Migration Authority will take up to one month. If not all legal requirements and necessary documentation are met, the processing time may be longer. The Migration Service will contact the requesting foreigner if necessary.

The withdrawal of residence permit is done within 30 days at the same local office where the application is submitted and the foreigner has proven his / her identity.

Required Documents

Application for a residence permit for family reunification of an Albanian citizen with foreign family members (Spouse)	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
Marriage certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Certification of health insurance in Albania – Photocopy of the host's identification document – Marriage certificate from the country of origin legalized, translated, notarized
Application for a residence permit for family reunification of an Albanian citizen with foreign family	

members (Civil Partner)	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania. – Certification of health insurance in Albania – Photocopy of the host's identification document – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Certificate showing single civil status (obtained in the last 6 months) from the country of origin legalized, translated, notarized
Application for a residence permit for family reunification of an Albanian citizen with foreign family members (minor children / adult)	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
Family certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania. – Certification of health insurance in Albania – Photocopy of the host's identification document – Notarized declaration of the parents for the minor child – Family certificate (showing the connection with the host) from the country of origin legalized, translated, notarized
Application for a residence permit for family reunification of an Albanian citizen with foreign family members (Parent)	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Certification of health insurance in Albania – Photocopy of the host's identification document – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Family certificate (showing the connection with the host) from the country of origin legalized, translated, notarized
Application for a residence permit for family reunification of an Albanian citizen with foreign family members (Spouse)	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Certification of health insurance in Albania – Photocopy of the identification document of the host and the residence permit in Albania – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Marriage certificate from the country of origin legalized, translated, notarized
Application for a residence permit for family reunification of an Albanian citizen with foreign family members (Civil Partner)	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Certification of health insurance in Albania – Photocopy of the identification document of the host and the residence permit in Albania – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Certificate showing single civil status (obtained in the last 6 months) from the country of origin legalized, translated, notarized
Application for a residence permit for family reunification of an Albanian citizen with foreign family members (minor children / adult)	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Certification of health insurance in Albania – Photocopy of the identification document of the host and the residence permit in Albania – Notarized declaration of the parents for the minor child – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Family certificate (showing the connection with the invitee) from the country of origin legalized, translated, notarized
Application for a residence permit for family reunification of an Albanian citizen with foreign family members (Parent)	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Certification of health insurance in Albania – Photocopy of the identification document of the host and the residence permit in Albania – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Family certificate (showing the connection with the invitee) from the country of origin legalized, translated, notarized
Application for residence permit for students	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Acceptance document from the host institution – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Evidence of language proficiency of the study program / certificate of admission to the preparatory language course – Document for the payment of fees set by the host institution
Application for a residence permit for pupils	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Document for accommodation in a family or institution that meets the appropriate conditions for minors – Acceptance document from the host institution – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Notarized declaration of the parents for the minor child – Evidence that is age and grade in accordance with national legislation
Application for a residence permit for free training	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Acceptance document from the licensed host institution, including qualification and duration – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Evidence of language proficiency of the study program /

	<p>certificate of admission to the preparatory language course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Document for the payment of fees set by the host institution
Application for residence permit motive au pairs	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Agreement with the host family which provides for the coverage of living expenses, accommodation and risks from accidents – Certification of health insurance in Albania – Evidence of secondary and / or higher education, or professional qualification – Evidence of knowledge of the Albanian language – Judicial Records Certificate evidence legalized by the country of origin (for persons over 18 years old) – Medical report on psychotherapeutic and psychological condition certified by the country of origin
Application for a residence permit for youth exchanges	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Acceptance document from an organization that conducts youth exchange activities in Albania
Application for a residence permit for researchers	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Institucionin e arsimit të lartë në Shqipëri/ Photocopy of the agreement signed with the scientific research organization / Institution of higher education in Albania
Application for a residence permit for job search or business opening by students or researchers	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the

	<p>standards of housing in Albania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Evidence of level of education (not higher than level 7 of the European Framework) – Evidence from the institution of higher education / research organizations in Albania, for the completion of the research activity / possession of an official diploma / certificate / qualification in Albania.
Application for a residence permit for a pensioner	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Proof of annual income from the pension in the country of origin in the amount of over 1200000 ALL – Evidence from a second tier bank in Albania for the transfer of the pension – Certificate of health insurance in Albania – Judicial Records Certificate evidence legalized by the country of origin – Individual statement on the motive of stay in Albania
Application for a residence permit for the use of Real Estate	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Certificate of ownership or notarized photocopy of the sales contract proving the payment of the financial obligation – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Individual statement on the motive of stay in Albania
Application for a UNIQUE permit as an Employee or employed in state, religious, humanitarian institutions, NGOs	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee – Certificate from the tax authorities for the registration / payment of tax obligations, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Employment contract with the employer, drafted according to the Labor Code of the Republic of Albania (which determines the period of employment, job position, profession, salary, etc.) – Evidence of professional training in accordance with the employment contract

Application for a unique permit as a seasonal worker	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee – Certificate from the tax authorities for the registration / payment of tax obligations, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Employment contract drafted according to the Labor Code of the Republic of Albania (which determines the period of employment, job position, profession, salary, etc.) – Evidence of professional training in accordance with the employment contract
Application for unique permit as transferred within the enterprise	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee – Certificate from the tax authorities for the registration / payment of tax obligations, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Within the enterprise transfer statement – Employment contract between the employee and the sending company where the job position is specified, the activities to be performed and other elements of the employment contract according to the Albanian legislation
Application for a unique permit as a cross-border worker	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee – Certificate from the tax authorities for the registration / payment of tax obligations, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of residence in a geographical area bordering the territory of Albania – Photocopy of cross-border employment agreement (if any) – Evidence of professional training in accordance with the employment contract
Application for a unique permit for vocational training	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Certificate of enrollment in the vocational training course from the training provider – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period
Application for a unique permit for athletes	

Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee – Certificate from the tax authorities for the registration / payment of tax obligations, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Employment contract drafted according to the Labor Code of the Republic of Albania (which defines the period of employment, profession as an athlete, salary, etc.) – Proof of registration in the NBC of the Employer Sports Club
Application for a unique permit for voluntary services	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Photocopy of the agreement with the NGO providing charitable services by foreigners in the territory of the Republic of Albania – Evidence of sufficient financial resources for living during the stay in Albania for the required period – Volunteering contract (containing the conditions of stay, financial treatment, accommodation and term of this service not more than one year)
Application for a unique permit as a highly qualified employee Blue Card AL	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee – Certificate from the tax authorities for the registration / payment of tax obligations, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Employment contract as a highly qualified employee, drafted according to the Labor Code of the Republic of Albania (which defines the period of employment, profession as an athlete, salary, etc.) – Evidence of high professional qualification in the profession / job position defined in the contract, above level 4 (fourth) of the Albanian Qualifications Framework
Application for a unique permit for contracting services (over 12 months)	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Service contract of the entity registered abroad with the entity registered in the Republic of Albania – Employment contract of the foreigner in the subject abroad – Evidence of relevant professional qualification related to service delivery – Evidence of at least two years of experience in the specific field, object of the service contract
Application for a unique permit as self-employed	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Evaluation by the evaluation commission for investors and the self-employed in a certain field and territory – Certificate from the tax authorities for the registration / payment of tax obligations, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Proof of registration of the activity in the NBC
Application for a unique permit for investors	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Evaluation by the evaluation commission for investors and the self-employed in a certain field and territory – Certificate from the tax authorities for the registration / payment of tax obligations, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Proof of registration of the activity in the NBC – Financial report on the progress of the activity
Application for a unique vehicle crew permit	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificate from National Agency of Employment and Skills for Approval of employment / registration as an employee – Certificate from the tax authorities for the registration / payment of tax obligations, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Employment contract drafted according to the Labor Code of the Republic of Albania (which defines the period of employment, profession as an athlete, salary, etc.) – Evidence of professional training in accordance with the employment contract
Application for unique permit for digital mobile employees	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Employment contract of a foreign citizen with a subject registered outside the territory of Albania, apostille, translated and notarized, which expresses employment without a concrete headquarters, job position, salary and duration of employment – Evidence of relevant professional qualification as defined in the employment contract – Evidence from a second tier bank in Albania for the transfer of salary specified in the contract – Certificate of health insurance in Albania – Judicial Records Certificate legalized by the country of origin
Application for permanent residence permit type C	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate from the tax authorities for registration / payment of tax liabilities, health insurance, social insurance in Albania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Evidence of health insurance coverage in Albania – Evidence of legal financial resources, sufficient and guaranteeing sustainability and continuity for living in Albania – Certification of the judicial situation in Albania
Application for permanent residence permit for special cases type C	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate / lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania – Marriage / family certificate showing the connection with the Albanian citizen (parents or grandparents) (or) – Birth certificate, accompanied by a permanent residence permit in Albania of the parents according to the certificate – Decision of the Strategic Investment Committee as a Strategic Investor (or) – Family certificate for the family of the strategic investor (or) – Individual term employment contract as key personnel in the entity registered for strategic investment in Albania
Application for temporary residence permit for citizens from Kosovo	
Documents provided by administration officials	Documents uploaded by the applicant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photocopy of valid travel document – Photos taken in the last 6 months (47x36mm) – Evidence of suitable accommodation in Albania, certificate

	/ lease contract of the apartment in accordance with the standards of housing in Albania
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Procedure steps

- Choose the "Residence permit application" service;
- Click the "Use" button;
- Complete the electronic form with the necessary information required on the form;
- Upload all the documents listed on the form in PDF format;
- Click the "Send" button at the bottom of the form;
- The State Police officer is notified electronically of the arrival of the new file and begins to verify the accuracy of the documents;

- If there are any inaccuracies or missing documents, the Migration employee notifies the applicant on the inaccuracies and instructs the applicant to complete the practice;
- If the documents are complete, the citizen is informed of the time and date of submission to the local Migration Office to submit the original documents;

The withdrawal of residence permit is done within 30 days at the same local office where the application is submitted and the foreigner has proven his / her identity.

Deadline for receiving service

Within 30 days of the submission of the application, the foreigner will be notified of the reception / rejection of the application and the date / time of the meeting at the local Migration Office. The foreigner will be contacted by the local Migration Office, if this deadline is to be extended for objective reasons.

Processing of applications for a residence permit is done by the Migration Authority and will take up to one month. Withdrawal of residence permit is done in the same local office where the application is submitted and the foreigner has proved his / her identity.

Period of validity

3-6 months; 1-year; 2-years; 3-years; 5-years; permanent.

Costs

Depending on the residence permit you are applying for.

For more

In regards to any questions or uncertainties about using the service you can contact at helpdesk@e-albania.al