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Border Guard Checkpoint  
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## IMMIGRATION

### *HOW TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE*



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## BORDER GUARD – STRAŻ GRANICZNA

LAW ENFORCEMENT INSTITUTION, UNIFORMED, ARMED

- PATROLS GREEN BORDER
- CHECKS BORDER TRAFFIC
- COMBATS ILLEGAL MIGRATION
  - checks the legality of foreigners' stay

According to the Foreigners Act, Border Guards are authorised to check the legality of foreigners' stay. Border Guards can perform controls only in places open to the public. You can meet Border Guard officers in train stations, on highways - conducting random checks in international trains and buses. In the dormitory or other University property Border Guard can act only on the request or after approval of the University Administration (*Authentica habita*).



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Are you EU citizen or a citizen of Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein or Switzerland ?

YES



- Remember to carry your passport or ID when moving
- Register your stay in Poland
- Skip the presentation and enjoy your stay in Poland!

NO



- Watch carefully following slides



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## Checking the legality of foreigners' stay

When requested by a Border Guard officer, a foreigner is obliged to show all the documents confirming that his stay in Poland is legal e.g. passport, visa, temporary stay permit, work permit and so on. Not providing these documents at request is qualified an offence that is penalized with a fine up to 500 PLN.

If a foreigner does not possess any document authorizing him to stay on the Polish territory or crosses the border without these documents, it is also an offence subject to a fine up to 500 PLN.

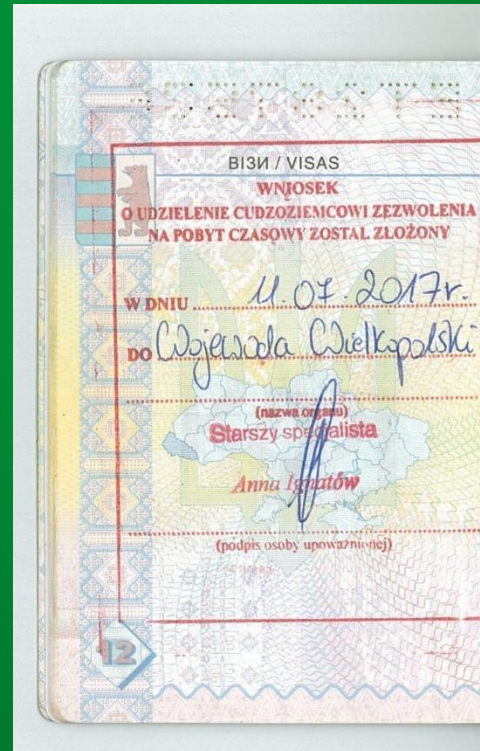


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## OBLIGATIONS

- POSSESS A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND A VALID VISA (if required) OR RESIDENCE PERMIT
- SHOW THESE DOCUMENTS ON REQUEST OF A BORDER GUARD OR POLICE OFFICER



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## Checking the legality of foreigners' stay

Border Guard records 2 the most common breaches of the immigration law by foreigner students:

1. The foreigner overstays his visa/non visa traffic (and in a result the foreigner is late with his application for a temporary stay permit).
2. The foreigner crosses the border against the law.



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## VISA

1. Double check your Visa:  
Please pay attention that your visa has not only the expiration date but also indicates duration of stay.
2. Duration of stay.  
When counting duration of stay (visa or non-visa traffic) please take into account that the day of entry is considered as a day of stay.



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## CROSSING THE BORDER

You cannot cross the border and travel to other European (Schengen countries) if you do not have passport and valid visa or valid temporary stay card. When you are waiting for temporary stay card to be issued and your visa is no longer valid or your non-visa traffic period has ended and all you have is only a stamp in your passport proving that your application was within deadline you must not leave Poland.

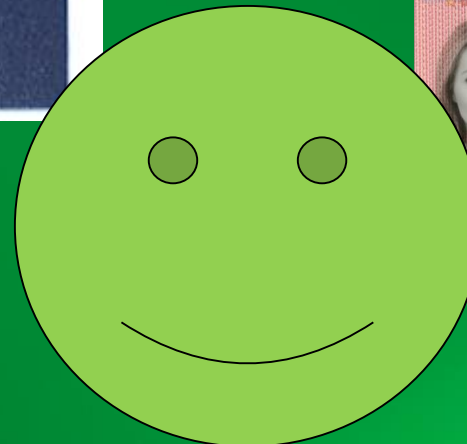


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## CROSSING THE BORDER



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## OBLIGATION TO RETURN (EXPULSION)

When controlling legality of stay, Border Guards check if there are reasons for expulsion of a foreigner from the territory of the Republic of Poland. The most common reasons for expulsion are - among others - illegal stay, illegal employment or crossing the border against the law. If there are reasons for expulsion, Border Guards can detain a foreigner for no longer than 48 hours but it is not obligatory and it depends on the circumstances.

In each of the aforementioned cases expulsion proceedings are initiated. It is an administrative proceeding which shall be closed with issuing a decision obliging a foreigner to leave Poland within 15-30 days. What is important: the result is a ban to enter Poland and Schengen states. The ban can be from 6 months up to 5 years, depending mostly on how severe the breach of the law was



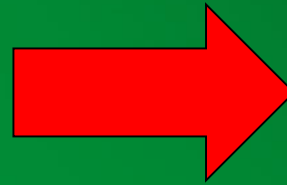
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## OBLIGATION TO RETURN (EXPULSION)

### MAIN REASONS:

1. ILLEGAL STAY
2. ILLEGAL EMPLOYMENT
3. CROSSING THE BORDER AGAINST THE LAW

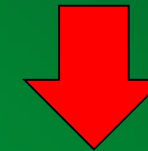


DECISION ON OBLIGATION TO RETURN

- 15 TO 30 DAYS TO LEAVE POLAND



**DETENTION !**  
Max 48 hours



**REENTRY BAN:**  
FROM 6 MONTHS UP TO 5 YEARS  
to POLAND and SCHENGEN AREA



**HOW TO GRADUATE?**



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### *SUMMING UP:*

- 1. Always carry your residence card or passport with visa on you.**
- 2. Don't be late with your residence permit application.**
- 3. Don't cross the border without passport and valid visa or temporary stay card.**



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Special legal solutions for foreigners in connection with the SARS CoV-2 virus epidemic

Follow Office for Foreigners website:

<https://udsc.gov.pl/en/coronavirus-outbreak-special-solutions-for-foreigners/>

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### Extension of legal stay

Period of your legal stay in Poland based on:  
■ national visa  
■ temporary residence permit  
ends within the period of state of epidemic emergency or state of epidemic?

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Your legal stay will be extended by law until the end of the 30th day following the date of cancellation of the last of the above-mentioned states that was in force.

Special solutions for foreigners



OFFICE FOR FOREIGNERS

### Special legal solutions for foreigners in connection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus epidemic (update 16.05.2020)

#### I. General information

On 31 March 2020, the Act of 31 March 2020 amending the Act on special solutions related to the prevention, counteracting and combating of COVID-19, other infectious diseases and crisis situations caused by them, as well as some other acts (Journal of Laws, item 568) entered into force, on 18 April 2020 entered into force the Act of 16 April 2020 on special support instruments in connection with the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus (Journal of Laws, item 695), while on 16 May 2020, entered into force the Act of 14 May 2020 amending some acts in the field of protective activities in connection with the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus (Journal of Laws, item 875). These acts introduce to the Act of 2 March 2020 on special solutions related to preventing, counteracting and combating COVID-19, other infectious diseases and emergencies caused by them (Journal of Laws, item 374) – hereinafter the "Special Act" – a number of specific legal solutions aimed at solving the problems caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus epidemic for the legality of stay of foreigners' in Poland. These solutions are characterized above all by the fact that the majority of effects beneficial for foreigners in the area of their residence rights will take place by virtue of the law itself. Foreigners who have stayed legally in Poland so far, in order to be able to remain in its territory in accordance with legal regulations during the period of the epidemic, which is currently in force, will not have to submit to the public administration bodies any applications for granting or extending permits residence permits or visas or extension of the periods during which they should eventually leave this territory.



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***THANK YOU !***

***ENJOY YOUR STAY IN POLAND!***



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