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Border Guard Checkpoint in Poznań-Ławica

## 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
- CHECK THE LEGALITY OF FOREIGNERS STAY



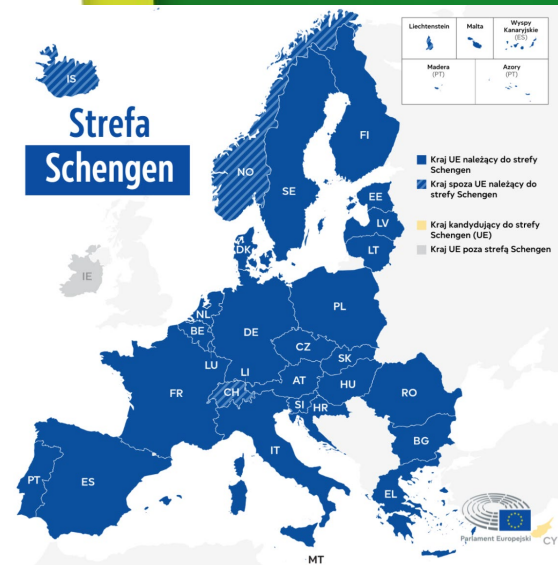
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Are you EU citizen or a citizen of Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein or Switzerland ?



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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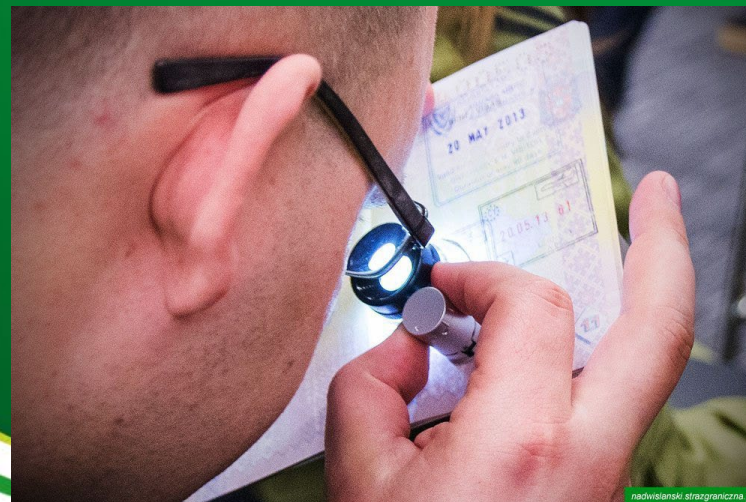
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## Checking the legality of foreigners' stay

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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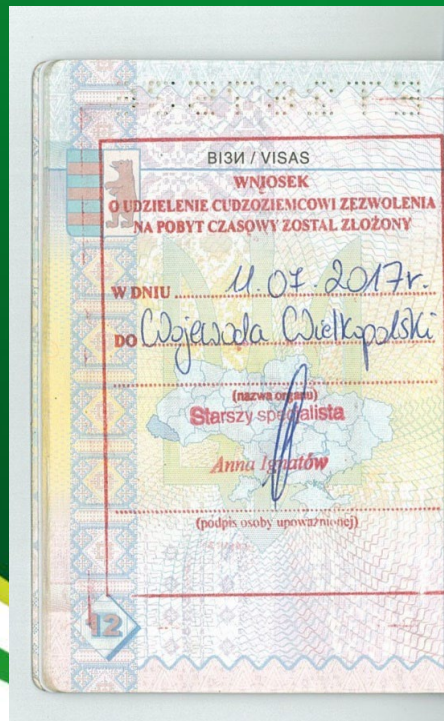
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# OBLIGATIONS

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:

- The foreigner overstays his visa/non visa traffic (and in a result the foreigner is late with his application for a temporary stay permit).
- 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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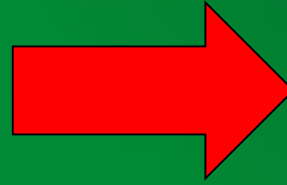
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## OBLIGATION TO RETURN (EXPULSION)

### MAIN REASONS:

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

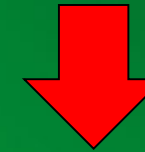


DECISION ON OBLIGATION TO RETURN (8 TO 30 DAYS TO LEAVE POLAND)



### DETENTION !

48 hours (extended to MAX 72)



### REENTRY BAN:

FROM 6 MONTHS UP TO 10 YEARS  
to POLAND and SCHENGEN AREA



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Follow Office for Foreigners website: <https://gov.pl/web/udsc-en>

The screenshot shows the 'Office for Foreigners' website. At the top, there's a search bar and a language dropdown set to 'EN'. Below the header, a 'MENU' dropdown is visible. The main content area features a 'mos' module with the text 'OBTAIN INFORMATION, PREPARE AN APPLICATION OR A LETTER - MOS.CUDZOZIEMCY.GOV.PL' and a 'TEMPORARY PROTECTION FOR FOREIGNERS' section. The 'News' section is highlighted with a 'See all' link. A calendar icon with a checkmark is shown below the news section.

13.07.2025  
[Extension of validity of certificates of temporary protection until March 4, 2027](#)

25.07.2025  
[Restriction of the right to make an application for international protection](#)

04.03.2025

The flowchart consists of three steps connected by downward arrows. The first step is 'Read the information' with an information icon. The second step is 'Avoid mistakes' with a red 'X' icon. The third step is 'Fill out the application or prepare legal documents' with a document icon.

**Read the information**

**Avoid mistakes**

**Fill out the application or prepare legal documents**

**News** SHOW ALL

October 22, 2024

**Brexit – it's worth getting a residence**

The screenshot shows a list of news articles on the 'Office for Foreigners' website. Each article includes a date, a title, and a link to the full article. A 'Get your case done' section is also visible at the bottom.

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[Warning against dishonest intermediaries](#)

**Get your case done**  
[See all](#)

[Case Handling Module - obtain information, prepare an application or a letter](#)

[Arrival and stay in Poland](#)

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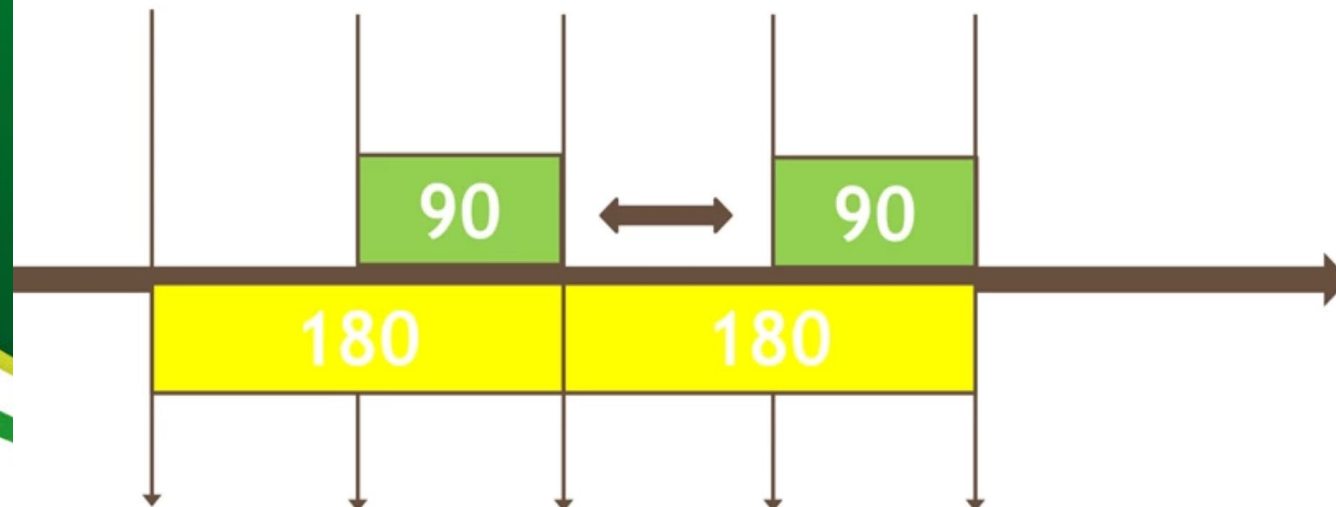


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# REMEMBER

A D-type national visa permits to travel in the territory of other Schengen Area Member States for up to 90 days during a 180-day period, during the validity period of the visa.

## Obliczanie czasu pobytu cudzoziemca





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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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**THANK YOU !**

**ENJOY YOUR STAY IN POLAND!**



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