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w Poznaniu-Ławicy

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Border Guard Checkpoint in Poznań-Ławica

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HOW TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE



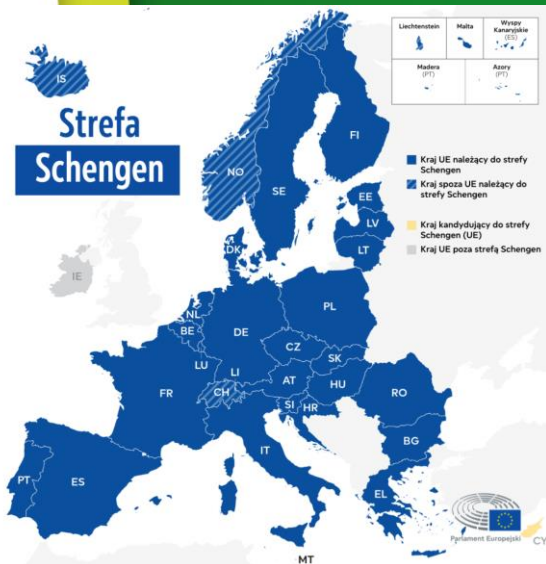
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Are you EU citizen or a citizen of Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein or Switzerland ?



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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BORDER GUARD

UNIFORMED, ARMED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

- Border protection
- Border control / passport control
- Combating illegal migration
- Checking the legality of stay
- Countering cross-border crime



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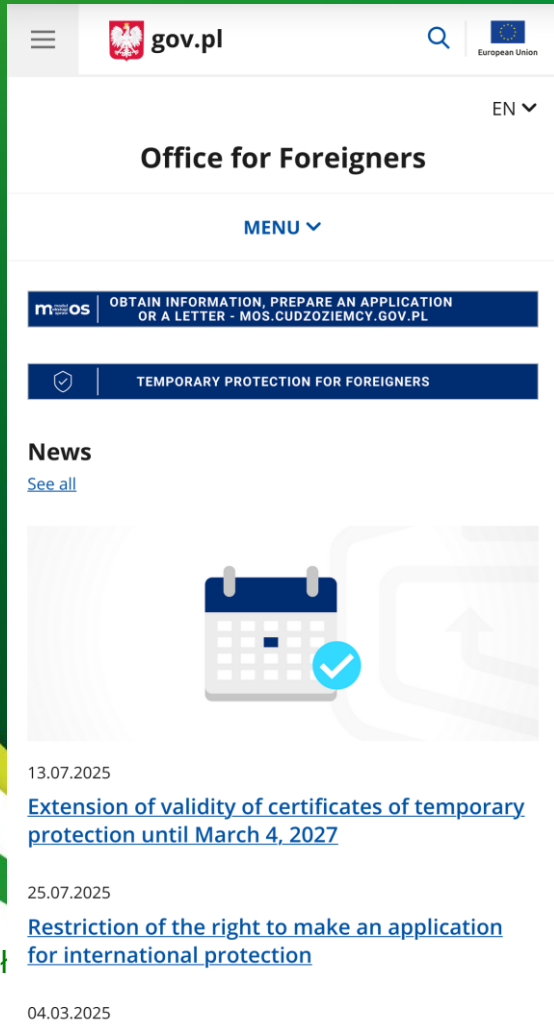
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Follow Office for Foreigners website: <https://gov.pl/web/udsc-en>



The screenshot shows the 'Office for Foreigners' website. At the top, there's a header with the 'gov.pl' logo, a search bar, and the European Union flag. Below the header, the text 'Office for Foreigners' is displayed. A 'MENU' dropdown is visible. Under the menu, there are two main sections: 'm:os' (OBTAIN INFORMATION, PREPARE AN APPLICATION OR A LETTER - MOS.CUDZOZIEMCY.GOV.PL) and 'TEMPORARY PROTECTION FOR FOREIGNERS'. The 'News' section is highlighted, with a 'See all' link. Below the news section, there's a calendar icon with a checkmark. The news items listed are:

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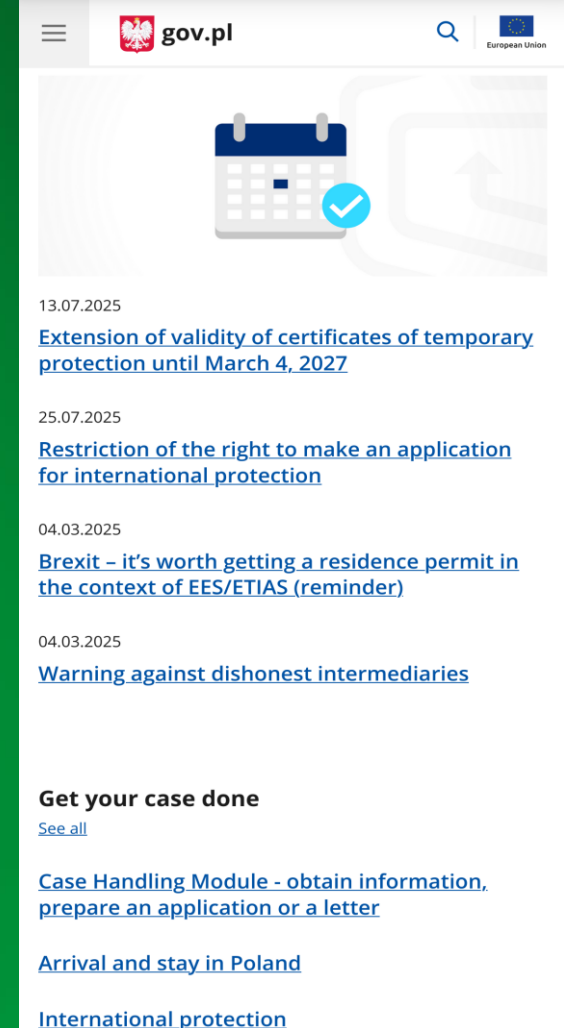


The screenshot shows the 'm:os' website. At the top, there's a header with the 'm:os' logo and the text 'URZĄD DO SPRAW CUDZOZIEMCÓW'. Below the header, there's a search bar. A flowchart is displayed with three steps:

- Read the information (with an information icon)
- Avoid mistakes (with a red X icon)
- Fill out the application or prepare legal documents (with a document icon)

Below the flowchart, there's a 'News' section with a 'SHOW ALL' link. The news item listed is:

- October 22, 2024: [Brexit – it's worth getting a residence](#)



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Below the news section, there's a 'Get your case done' section with a 'See all' link. The items listed are:

- [Case Handling Module - obtain information, prepare an application or a letter](#)
- [Arrival and stay in Poland](#)
- [International protection](#)



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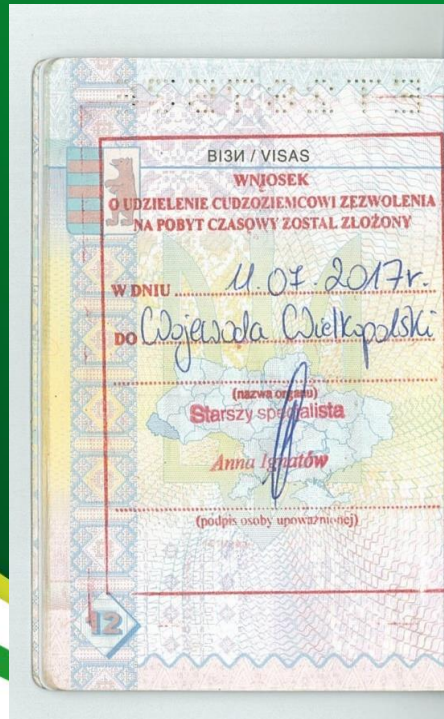
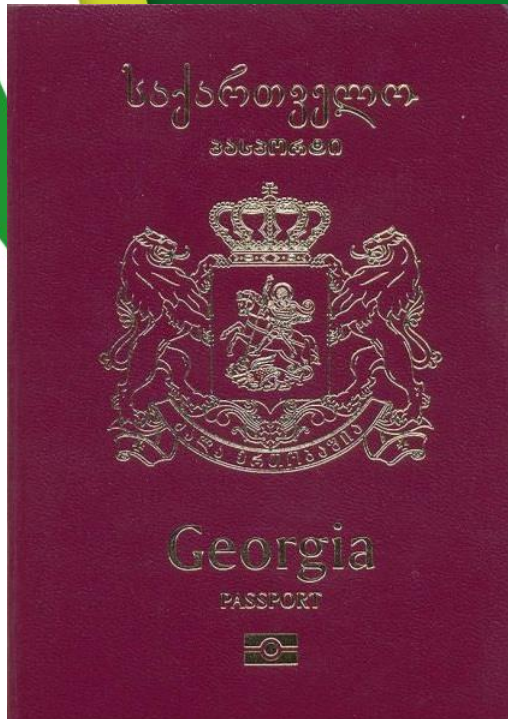
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OBLIGATIONS

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 foreign 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.



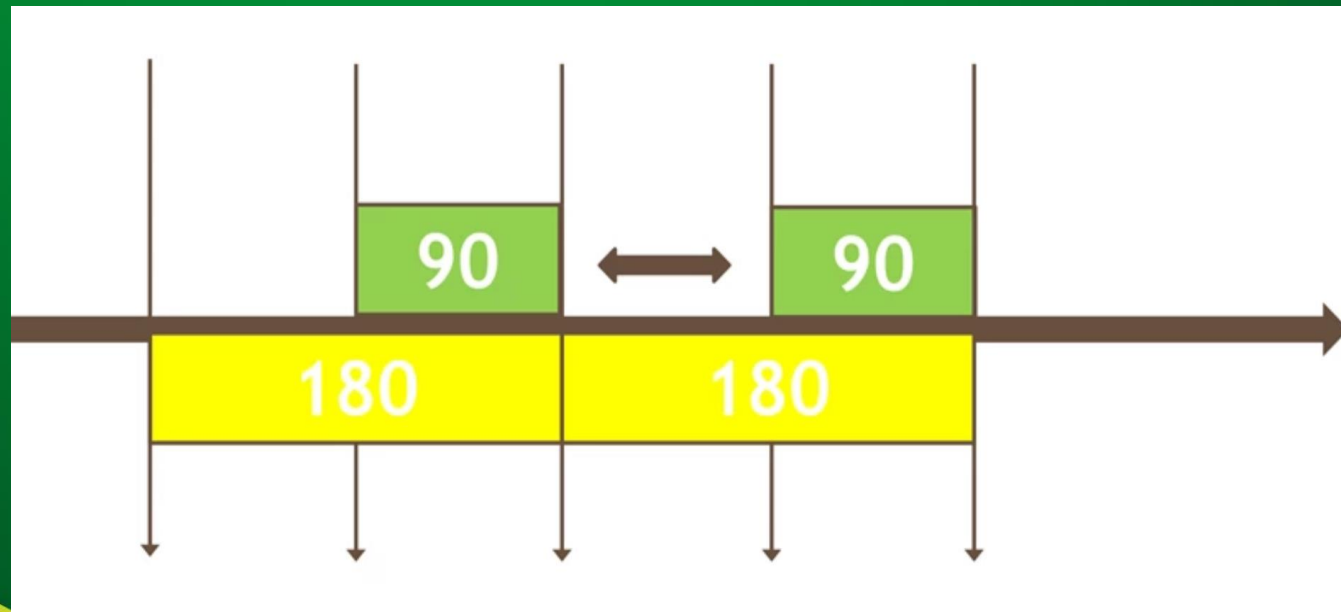
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REMEMBER

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.



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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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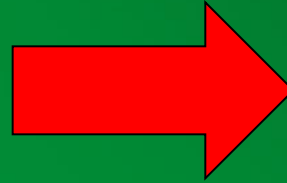


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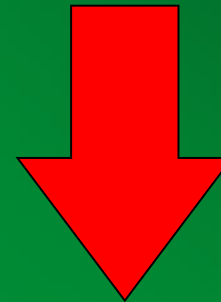
OBLIGATION TO RETURN (EXPULSION)

MAIN REASONS:

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

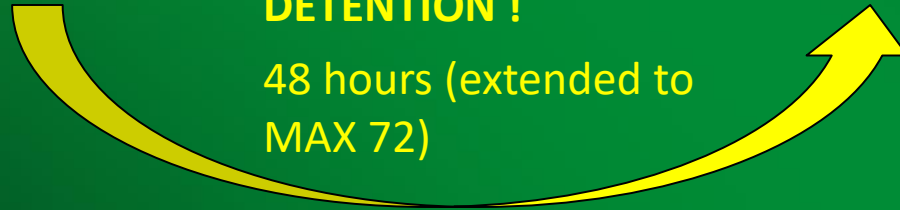


DECISION ON OBLIGATION TO RETURN (8 TO 30 DAYS TO LEAVE POLAND)



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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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 residence permit.



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THANK YOU !

ENJOY YOUR STAY IN POLAND!



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