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THE RIGHTS, AND OBLIGATIONS

OF FOREIGNERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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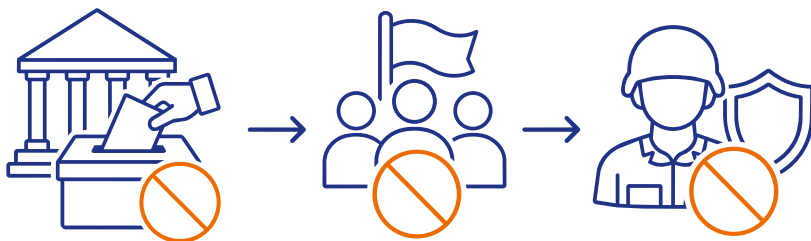
GENERAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Foreign nationals in the Republic of Moldova enjoy the same rights and freedoms as citizens of the Republic of Moldova, as guaranteed by the Constitution and by the international treaties to which the Republic of Moldova is party.



RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW

- Foreign nationals do not have the right to vote or stand for election to legislative, executive or local government bodies and may not participate in universal suffrage
- Foreign nationals may not be members of political parties or other socio-political organisations
- Foreign nationals may not perform military service in the armed forces of the Republic of Moldova



THE RIGHT TO WORK AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

- Foreign nationals with the right of residence in the Republic of Moldova have the right to work and to labour protection, in accordance with the legislation in force and with the permission of the competent authorities in the field of employment

- Foreign nationals are subject to taxes, duties and other payments under general conditions, in the same way as citizens of the Republic of Moldova, unless international treaties provide otherwise
- The employer is responsible for the integration of the migrant worker, to the extent of the obligations assumed under the individual employment contract. They may pay for Romanian language courses for foreigners or implement other integration measures



THE RIGHT TO REST, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

- Foreign nationals with the right of residence in the Republic of Moldova are entitled to rest and healthcare under general conditions, in the same way as citizens of the Republic of Moldova



- Foreign nationals employed under an individual employment contract, foreign nationals with a right of permanent residence and beneficiaries of international protection have the same rights and obligations regarding compulsory health insurance as citizens of the Republic of Moldova



- Foreign nationals with a temporary right of residence for family reunification, study, humanitarian, voluntary or religious activities are obliged to take out individual insurance by paying the compulsory health insurance premium



- Foreign nationals with a right of residence are entitled to receive allowances, pensions and other social security benefits in accordance with the legislation in force



RESIDENCE. PROPERTY. EDUCATION

The right to residence and housing

- Foreign nationals have the right to residence in the Republic of Moldova, based on valid identity documents
- Foreign nationals have the right to housing on the same terms as citizens of the Republic of Moldova



Right to property and intellectual property

- Foreign nationals have the right to own houses and other property in private ownership, to inherit or bequeath property, and to exercise copyright over a literary, artistic or scientific work



Note: Ownership of real estate within the territory of the Republic of Moldova does not confer on a foreigner priority in obtaining the right of residence.



Right to education

- Foreigners have access to pre-school, primary and secondary (lower and upper secondary) education under conditions similar to those established for citizens of the Republic of Moldova
- Access to technical and vocational education and higher education is ensured under the eligibility conditions established by law



OTHER GUARANTEED RIGHTS

- The right of association – foreigners may join cultural, scientific and sporting societies, cooperative organisations and production associations, unless their statutes provide otherwise
- The right to freedom of conscience, opinion and expression is guaranteed in accordance with the legislation in force
- Right to family life – foreigners have the right to marry and divorce citizens of the Republic of Moldova or other persons
- The right to freedom of movement – foreigners have the right to move about within the territory of the Republic of Moldova and to establish their residence under the conditions provided for by law
- The right to inviolability of the person and the home – guaranteed in accordance with the legislation in force. Foreign nationals have the right to judicial protection against any acts that infringe their legitimate rights and freedoms
- Procedural rights – foreigners enjoy the same procedural rights as citizens of the Republic of Moldova, including access to free or contracted legal aid, the right to appeal to the Ombudsman and the right to seek protection from their country's diplomatic mission



FOREIGNERS HAVE THE FOLLOWING MAIN OBLIGATIONS



- To comply with the purpose for which they were granted the right of entry and residence and to leave the territory of the Republic of Moldova upon expiry of the period of stay



- To comply with the laws of the Republic of Moldova and to submit to checks by the competent authorities



- To declare to the competent authority for foreigners, within 15 days, any change to the travel document on the basis of which the right of residence was obtained



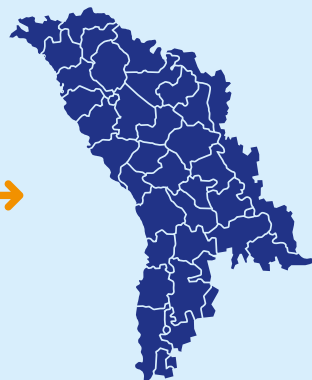
- To inform the competent authority for foreign nationals, within 15 days, of any change of domicile or residence



- To inform the competent authority for foreigners, within 15 days, of any change of nationality, or the dissolution or annulment of marriage



- To report to the local police authority, within 15 days, the theft or loss of the travel document, residence permit/identity card/identity document for stateless persons





ACCESS TO INTEGRATION MEASURES

Foreign nationals who have been granted the right of residence in the Republic of Moldova are ensured support for integration into economic, social and cultural life through the central and local public authorities. The General Inspectorate for Migration coordinates this process through integration centres for foreign nationals.

Foreign nationals have access to integration measures in accordance with the provisions of the legislation on the integration of foreign nationals in the Republic of Moldova. These measures may include: socio-cultural orientation sessions, Romanian language courses, information on the labour market and others.

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