

# LEGAL ALERT

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## SPECIAL SOLUTIONS FOR FOREIGNERS BEING PRESENT IN POLAND DURING COVID-19

RESIDENCE AND WORK PERMITS

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## Regulations

Pursuant to the Act on special solutions related to the prevention, counteraction and eradication of COVID-19, other infectious diseases and crisis situations caused by them of March 2, 2020 (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 374) (amended by 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, and the Act of 16 April 2020, which entered into force on 18 April 2020 on special support instruments in connection with the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus (Journal of Laws, item 695) (in following referred to as Act on COVID-19) special solutions were introduced for Foreigners staying on the territory of the Republic of Poland.

## Extensions

Extensions up to the 30th day following the date of cancellation of the epidemic emergency status or epidemic status (depending on which last state was in force) are subject to:

1). validity of temporary residence permits (art. 15zd para.3 of the Act on COVID-19) and national visas (art. 15zd para. 1 of the Act on COVID-19).

2). legality of foreigners' stay in case they were on the territory of Poland:

- under the visa-free travel regime,
  - on the basis of Schengen visas issued by Polish authorities,
  - on the basis of Schengen visas or long-stay visas issued by other Schengen countries,
  - residence permits issued by other Schengen countries,
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## Extentions

- long-term visas or residence permits issued by Member States of the European Union that are not Schengen countries (when, in accordance with European Union law, such visas or documents entitle to stay on the territory of the Republic of Poland (Article 15z1 para. 1 of the Act on COVID-19).

3). validity of work permits and seasonal work permits, as well as periods of permissible work based on declarations on entrusting work to a foreigner, entered in the register of declarations (art. 15zzq of the Act on COVID-19).

4). validity of residence cards (Article 15z2 para 1 of the Act on COVID-19).

5). the deadlines for submitting an application for temporary residence permit, permanent residence permit, EU long-term resident's residence permit, for visa extension or for extension of visa-free travel (Article 15 of the Act on COVID-19).

6). the deadline for leaving the territory of the Republic of Poland falling out during the period of state of epidemic emergency or state of epidemic and resulting from Article 299 para. 6 of the Act of the 12th of December 2013 on foreigners (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 35) (art. 15zzza of the Act on COVID-19).

7). voluntary return set out in the decisions obliging the Foreigner to return (Article 15zzzb of the Act on COVID-19).

8). temporary foreigner's IDs (TZTCs) (Article 15z3 para. 1 of the Act on COVID-19).

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After cancelling an epidemic emergency status or epidemic status (depending on which last state was in force), foreigners whose residence permits expired during one of the introduced states are obliged to submit applications for legalization of their stay within 30 days.

**If the validity of documents legalizing the foreigner's stay expires in the course of an introduced epidemic or emergency state, travel freely in other Schengen countries will not be possible because the Act only legalizes the stay and work in Poland.**

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## How can TAAC Solutions support you

Shall you need any assistant in preparing motion for any of above mentioned permits, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our team remains for your disposal.

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