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In accordance with the Law of the Republic of Belarus of 29 December, 1998 "On Immigration", the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus RESOLVES that:

1. the attached Provision on Types of Residence Permits of a Foreign Citizen and Person without Citizenship in the Republic of Belarus shall be approved.
2. the Ministry of Interior shall, in agreement with the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labor, Committee of State Security, and other involved republican agencies of state administration, within 2 months, approve samples and descriptions of types of residence permits of a foreigner and person without citizenship in the Republic of Belarus. Also, it shall develop and approve instruction on implementation of the Provision on Types of Residence Permits of a Foreign Citizen and Person without Citizenship in the Republic of Belarus.
3. Paragraph 18 of the Regulation on Stay of Foreign Citizens and Persons without Citizenship in the Republic of Belarus, approved by the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus on 26 January, 1996, No. 64 (see Collection of Decrees of the President and Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus, 1996, Vol. 3, Art.68) shall be considered invalid.

Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus S. Ling APPROVED

Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus

25 October, 1999, No. 1660

PROVISION

On Types of Residence Permits of a Foreign Citizen and Person without Citizenship in the Republic of Belarus

1. Residence permit of a foreign citizen and person without citizenship in the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter – Residence Permit) is the main document identifying the personality of the foreign citizen or person without citizenship who have obtained, in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus a permission for permanent residence in the Republic of Belarus.

2. The Residence Permit shall be issued to a foreign citizen or to a person without citizenship permanently residing in the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter, if other is not stipulated, foreigners).

3. Records and notes shall be entered into the Residence Permit in Belarusian and Russian languages.

4. The following information about personality of the foreigner receiving the document, shall be entered in the Residence Permit: last, first, middle (if a middle name is present) names; day, month and year of birth; place of birth; citizenship or former citizenship; identification number; sex; legal status.

The Residence Permit shall also include information about children of the Residence Permit holder who have not reached the age of 16 years (last, first and middle name (if middle name is present); day, month and year of birth and sex).

In the Residence Permit there shall be a signature of its holder, a signature of the official and name of agency issuing the Residence Permit, date of issuance and time of its validity.

5. The following information shall be recorded in the Residence Permit:

about marriage (last, first and middle names; year of birth of the spouse; place and time of marriage registration);

about divorce;

about place of residence and all its changes;

about issuance of the Travel Document of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter – Travel Document).

At the foreigner's consent, information about his/her blood group and Rhesus factor shall be recorded in the Residence Permit.

6. Records and notes in the Residence Permit shall be made by:

agencies of the interior on information stipulated in paragraph 4 of this Provision, on marriage and issuance of the Travel Document;

registry offices (ZAGS) about children under 16 years of age, about registration and dissolution of marriage;

agencies of the interior as well as local executive and administrative agencies – about place of residence and all its changes;

health agencies about blood group and Rhesus factor.

7. A foreign citizen who has obtained permission for permanent residence in the Republic of Belarus shall be issued a residence permit for a period up to 2 years but not exceeding the time of validity of his/her national passport or another document replacing it (hereinafter – passport). Upon the end of validity of the Residence Permit, the foreign citizen shall be issued a new Residence Permit for a period up to 5 years but not exceeding the time of validity of his/her passport.

A foreign citizen permanently residing in the Republic of Belarus who has reached the age of 60 years shall be issued a Residence Permit for the full period of validity of his/her passport.

A foreign citizen permanently residing in the Republic of Belarus who has not extended the time of validity of his/her passport, a Residence Permit shall be issued for 1 year.

A person without citizenship who has received a permission for permanent residence in the Republic of Belarus shall be issued a Residence Permit for 2 years. Upon the end of validity of the Residence Permit, a person without citizenship shall be issued a new Residence Permit for a period of 5 years provided that he/she has a permission for permanent residence in the Republic of Belarus.

A person without citizenship permanently residing in the Republic of Belarus who has reached the age of 60 years, a Residence Permit shall be issued for a period of 40 years.

8. A foreigner who has been recognized as refugee and who has a permission for permanent residence in the Republic of Belarus, shall be issued a Residence Permit for the time of recognition as refugee.

Upon the end of validity of his/her Residence Permit, agencies of the interior shall issue to a foreigner recognized as refugee a new Residence Permit for the period of 5 years, provided that he/she has the permission for permanent residence in the Republic of Belarus.

9. Issuance, exchange, withdrawal of Residence Permit shall be made by the agency of the interior at the foreigner's place of permanent residence.

10. The Residence Permit shall be exchanged in the following cases:

end of its validity;

change of the foreigner's last, first or middle names;

discovery of inaccuracies of information (records) and/or notes entered in the Residence Permit;

unfitness for further use;

11. Written request for issuance or exchange of Residence Permit shall be reviewed no later than within 30 days upon submission of proper documents by the foreigner.

12. A state fee shall be imposed at the amount and in order established by the legislation, shall be imposed on issuance or exchange of Residence Permit.

13. The Residence Permit shall be withdrawn from a foreigner who has obtained citizenship of the Republic of Belarus.

14. From a foreigner whose permission for permanent residence has been cancelled or who leaves the Republic of Belarus for permanent residence in another country the Residence Permit shall be withdrawn and documents shall be prepared in the established order for his/her departure from the Republic of Belarus.

15. Investigation agencies or court shall withdraw Residence Permit from a foreigner under arrest, sentenced to imprisonment, on suspended imprisonment with mandatory job assignment. Upon discharge of such person or completion of the time of sentence, the Residence Permit shall be given back or a new Residence Permit shall be issued to that person provided that he/she still has a valid permission for residence in the Republic of Belarus.

16. Accepting and leaving Residence Permit as a deposit, is prohibited.

17. The Residence Permit of a deceased foreigner shall be returned to the registry office (ZAGS) that shall forward it upon registration of death to the agency of the interior at the place of last residence of that person.

18. A foreigner shall immediately notify the agency of the interior at his/her residence about loss of his/her Residence Permit, that agency shall issue to him/her a certificate of established form.

In case of loss of Residence Permit, a new Residence Permit shall be issued as stipulated by this Provision.

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