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Application packet

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IMMIGRATION OFFICE

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Application for dispensation

- to prevent a residence permit from lapsing while living abroad

What can you use this form for?

This form is to be used when requesting that your residence permit remains valid, even though you intend to reside outside the Faroe Islands for an extended period of time. Residence in Denmark or Greenland is considered residence outside the Faroe Islands. This form can be used by both children and adults.

What happens if my residence permit lapses?

If your residence permit lapses, you lose your right to reside in the Faroe Islands. This means you may be denied re-entry if you have been out of the Faroe Islands for an extended period of time.

If your residence permit lapses you will need to apply for a new residence permit. Your new application will be processed according to current regulations. The grounds for issuing your original residence permit will not be considered.

How can my residence permit lapse?

Your residence permit lapses automatically if you no longer maintain an address in the Faroe Islands and you leave the country without any intention to return. This applies even if you have a permanent residence permit.

If you maintain an address in the Faroe Islands, the period of time you may remain outside the country before your residence permit lapses depends on how long you have lived in the Faroe Islands. If you have been a legal resident for less than 2 years, you may remain outside the Faroe Islands for up to 6 months. If you have been a legal resident for more than 2 years and qualify for permanent residence, you may remain outside the Faroe Islands for up to 12 months. If you fail to return within the time limit, your permit will automatically lapse.

How do I prevent my residence permit from lapsing?

If you expect to remain outside the Faroe Islands for an extended period of time and would like your residence permit to remain valid, you may apply for dispensation. Requests for dispensation must be received by the Immigration Office before you leave the Faroe Islands, and you must have a specific purpose for residing abroad, such as:

- work
- education
- foreign posting for a Danish/Faroese authority, institution, organisation or company
- foreign posting for an international institution, organisation or company headquartered in Denmark/the Faroe Islands

What about family members with residence permits?

If you are granted dispensation, it can also include your spouse/cohabiting partner as well as any children under 18 who are living with you. The length of your family members' dispensation will be the same as yours.

Family reunified spouses/partners who remain in the Faroe Islands may have their residence permits revoked after 6 months, since you would no longer meet the joint residency requirement.

What is the maximum dispensation period?

Decisions about dispensation are made on a case-by-case basis and depend on a number of factors, such as: the purpose of your stay abroad, the length of time you have lived in the Faroe Islands and your ties to the Faroe Islands. Normally, the maximum dispensation period is 3 years. However, extensions can be granted if you do not wish to return before the dispensation period expires. Applications for extension are made using this form (BF1).

If you do not return to the Faroe Islands before the dispensation period expires, your residence permit will lapse and you will need to apply for a new Faroese residence permit.

Instructions

1. Complete this form and sign section 8 (following the instructions in the form).
2. Attach the required documentation (indicated below)
3. Send or submit the application to the Immigration Office or submit the form at a Faroese police station.

What documents should I enclose with my application?

- A copy of your passport (all pages including empty pages and front and back cover)
- Documentation of the purpose of your stay outside the Faroe Islands – e.g. employment contract or a statement from your employer or educational institution

For more information

More information about the rules for residing outside Faroe Islands is available at: www.utlendingastovan.fo/en/permits/your-situation-is-changing/family-reunification, where you can also find information about processing times. If you have questions when filling out the forms, you can also contact the Immigration Office. See contact information at: www.utlendingastovan.fo/en/about

For a faster reply

Your application will be processed faster if you complete the form correctly and enclose all necessary documentation.

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Date received	Received by (name)	Authority (stamp)	Civil registration number (p-tal):
			Personal ID:

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1. Applicant

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Surname	Civil registration number (p-tal) / personal ID
Given name(s)	
Nationality	Date of birth

Will any of your accompanying family members (spouse/partner or children under 18) who are not Danish citizens be living outside the Faroe Islands with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the names and dates of birth for each family member:

Name	Date of birth
Name	Date of birth
Name	Date of birth
Name	Date of birth

2. Purpose of stay abroad

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What is the purpose of your stay outside the Faroe Islands?

Please enclose documentation covering the entire dispensation period. (Valid documentation – e.g. employment contracts or statements from your employer or educational institution.)

3. Date of departure and duration of stay

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When are you scheduled to leave the Faroe Islands?

How long do you plan to stay abroad?

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4. Your residence in the Faroe Islands

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Do you plan to maintain an address in the Faroe Islands while you are away?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, do you intend to sell your home/cancel your lease?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Other:

5. Contact address in the Faroe Islands

PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Please give an address where you can be reached:

C/O (if applicable)	E-mail address
Telephone number	Mobile telephone number

6. Other

PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Use the space below for additional information you feel should be considered when evaluating your request.

Please remember to enclose any documentation that could support your request.

7. Sworn declarations and information

A. Sworn declaration of correctness
I solemnly swear that the information in this application is correct and complete in accordance with Section 161 of the Faroese Criminal Code, cf. Statutory Publication No 8 of 20 February 2024, as well as Section 40 of Ordinance No 182 of 22 March 2001 (Application of the Aliens Act in the Faroe Islands).

If the information is later found to be false or incomplete, I am subject to the following penalties:
• fine or imprisonment for up to two years
• I can be required to repay the expenses incurred by the Faroese authorities as a consequence of the false information
• my residence permit can be revoked in accordance with Section 19 of Ordinance No 182 of 22 March 2001

B. Declaration of consent – release of information required for processing my application
I consent to allowing the Immigration Office to obtain and release information about my private affairs if it is necessary in order to process this application, cf. Sections 27 and 28 of the Public Administration Act No 132 of 10 June 1993. The information can be gathered from or released to other Faroese and foreign public authorities, including the police.

Such information includes:
• previous criminal proceedings against me
• information about my family
• information about the documents submitted with my application, including verification that they are genuine

I also consent to giving authorities contacted by the Immigration Office while processing my application permission to gather information about my private affairs in order to respond to the enquiry.

C. Notification that information can be released to Danish intelligence agencies and prosecuting authorities
The information and documentation you submit with your application can, in certain cases and based on an individual review, be released to Danish intelligence agencies and the public prosecuting authority, cf. Public Administration Act, Section 28, Paragraph 2 (3), No 132 of 10 June 1993.

The prosecuting authority will use the information to evaluate whether there are grounds for prosecuting you for crimes committed in the Faroe Islands/Denmark or abroad.

D. Notification that some information will be released to Danish authorities
The Immigration Office will request the Danish Immigration Service for a binding recommendation regarding your application. The Immigration Office will release certain information to the Danish Immigration Service or to the Faroese Police, cf. Public Administration Act, Section 27, Paragraph 2, cf. Ordinance No 1144 of 22 December 1993.

Such information includes:
• the grounds for issuing you a residence permit
• any waivers granted

The police will be informed if:
• your residence permit is revoked or not extended
• your residence permit is found to have lapsed *or*
• your residence permit is made permanent

E. Notification that the Immigration Office will register information about you and your private affairs
The information you submit when applying for a residence permit will be registered in the Immigration Office's case handling system. The same holds true for information submitted when applying to extend your Faroese residence permit.

The information in the Immigration Office's case handling system will be used to answer questions about your residence in the Faroe Islands. The Danish Immigration Appeals Board will receive case files from the Immigration Office's case handling system in the event of a complaint.

Other authorities or organisations will receive information about you from the Immigration Office's case handling system if the information is necessary to answer questions about your residence in the Faroe Islands.

You are obliged to provide the information necessary for deciding whether you are eligible for a Faroese residence permit, cf. Section 40 of Ordinance No 182 of 22 March 2001. Failure to provide the information can result in a fine or to six months mitigated imprisonment, as well as jeopardising your residence permit. You are entitled to right of access to the information about you in the case handling system of the Immigration Office. Enquiries about accessing information contained in the case handling system can be addressed to:

The Immigration Office
Skálatrøð 20
Postbox 264
FO-110 Tórshavn

F. Verification of the information you submit
The Immigration Office may seek to verify the accuracy of the information enclosed in your application. This may happen while your application is being reviewed or after you have received your residence permit.

The verification may involve the Immigration Office contacting other authorities and checking public registers.

You may be asked to provide supplementary information.

G. Notification that certain information will be released to municipalities and Gigni
The Immigration Office will release necessary personal information to the applicant's municipality of residence and, where relevant, to Gigni (the Faroese child health care) service, cf. section 8 of the Faroese Integration Act (Integratiónslógin).
Such information includes:

- the applicant's name, nationality, civil registration number (p-tal), address and contact information;
- that the applicant and accompanying family members have been granted residence in the Faroe Islands;
- whether the applicant has children under the age of 18 accompanying them to the Faroe Islands; and
- whether a child under the age of 18 has been reunified with parents or family members already residing in the Faroe Islands.

The municipality and Gigni will use the information to carry out their responsibilities under the Faroese Integration Act.
The information will be released in accordance with the Faroese Integration Act and applicable rules on confidentiality and data protection.

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8. Signature

By signing below, I confirm that the information I have given is correct and that I have read, understood and accepted the terms laid out above.

Date and place	Signature

Checklist

Please check to make sure the form has been filled out correctly – before you submit.

If all forms are filled out correctly and the required documentation enclosed, the Immigration Office can process your application faster.

We recommend using the checklist below to make sure your application is filled out correctly and complete.

Before submitting your application, it is important to make sure you have enclosed the following:

☐ A copy of your passport (all pages including empty pages and front and back cover)

☐ Documentation of the reason for your stay abroad, such as an employment contract or statement from your employer or educational institution

Please make sure that you have:

☐ answered all questions *and*

☐ signed and dated the application