

Application packet

GL/BF1_en_230224

Petition to prevent residence permit from lapsing while living abroad

Uses

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

What happens if my residence permit lapses?

If your residence permit lapses, you lose your right to reside in Greenland and you may be denied re-entry if you have been out of Greenland 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.

How can my residence permit lapse?

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

If you maintain an address in Greenland, the period of time you may remain outside the country before your residence permit lapses depends on how long you have lived in Greenland. If you have been a legal resident for less than two years, you may remain outside Greenland for up to six months. If you have been a legal resident for more than two years and are eligible for permanent residence, you may remain outside Greenland 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 Greenland 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 Danish Immigration Service before you depart from Greenland. Moreover, you must have a specific purpose for residing abroad, such as:

- work
- education
- foreign posting for a Danish/Greenlandic authority, institution, organisation or company
- foreign posting for an international institution, organisation or company headquartered in Denmark/Greenland

Family members with Danish residence permits

Dispensation can also be granted to 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 Greenland can have their residence permits revoked after six 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 Greenland and your ties to the country. Normally, the maximum dispensation period is two years. Extensions can be granted if you are unable to return before the dispensation period expires. Applications for extension are made using form GL/BF1.

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

Instructions

1. Complete this form and sign Section 7 (following the instructions in the form).
2. Attach the required documentation (see below)
3. Send the application to the Danish Immigration Service or submit the form at a Greenlandic police station.

If you are in Denmark, the form can be submitted at the Danish Immigration Service's Citizen Service. You must book an appointment before you show up at the Citizen Service. Read more about where the Immigration Service's Citizen Service has branch offices and how to book an appointment at www.newtodenmark.dk/visitus.

What documents should I include with my application?

- A copy of your passport (all pages including blank pages and cover)
- Documentation of your reason for being outside Greenland – includes employment contract or a statement from your employer or educational institution

For more information

More information about the rules for residing outside Greenland is available at newtodenmark.dk, where you can also find information about processing times. If you have questions when filling out the forms, you can also contact the Danish Immigration Service. See contact information at www.newtodenmark.dk/contact-us.

For a faster reply

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



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Date received	Received by (name)	Authority (stamp)	Alien identification number (Udl. nr.) / personal ID
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1. Applicant

PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Surname	Alien identification number (udl.nr.)
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 Greenland with you? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Reason for residing abroad

PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Why will you be living outside Greenland?

Please include documentation proving that you have valid grounds for remaining outside Greenland for the entire dispensation period. (Valid documentation includes 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 Greenland?

How long do you plan to stay abroad?

4. Your residence in Greenland

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Do you plan to maintain an address in Greenland while you are away?

Yes No

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

Yes No

Other:

5. Point of contact in Greenland

PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Please provide the name and address of a person in Greenland who will be able to get in touch with you:

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 include any documentation that could support your request.

7. Declarations

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 Danish Criminal Code, cf. Section 40 of Ordinance No 150 of 23 February 2001 (Application of the Aliens Act in Greenland).

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 Danish state as a consequence of the false information
- my residence permit can be revoked in accordance with Section 19 of Ordinance No 150 of 23 February 2001

B. Declaration of consent – release of information required for processing my application

I consent to allowing the Danish immigration authorities obtain and release information about my private affairs if it is necessary in order to process this application, cf. Public Administration Act Sections 28 and 29, cf. Ordinance No 1188 of 27 December 1994 (Application of the Public Administration Act in Greenland). The information can be gathered from or released to other Danish and foreign public authorities, including the police.

Such information includes:

- previous criminal proceedings against me
- information about my family
- verification that the documents submitted with my application are genuine

I also consent to giving authorities contacted by the Danish Immigration Service 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 (4), cf. Ordinance No 1188 of 27 December 1994.

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

D. Notification that some information will be released to Greenlandic authorities

Danish immigration authorities are permitted to release certain information to the Self-Rule authorities or to Greenlandic Police, cf. Public Administration Act, Section 28, Paragraph 3, cf. Ordinance No 1188 of 27 December 1994.

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 expired *or*
- your residence permit is made permanent

E. Notification that Danish authorities will register information about you and your personal affairs

The information you submit when applying for a residence permit will be entered in the Danish Immigration Service's registers. The same holds true for information submitted when applying to extend your residence permit in Greenland.

The information in the Danish Immigration Service's registers will be used to answer questions about your residence in Greenland. The police will have access to the information contained in the register for record keeping and verification purposes. The Ministry of Immigration and Integration will be permitted to access the Danish Immigration Service's registers in the event of a complaint.

Other authorities or organisations will receive information about you from the Danish Immigration Service's registers if the information is necessary to answer questions about your residence in Greenland.

You are obliged to provide the information necessary for deciding whether you are eligible for a residence permit in Greenland, cf. Section 40 of Ordinance No 150 of 23 February 2001. You are entitled to right of access to the information about you in the Danish Immigration Service's registers, cf. Danish law No 294 of 8 June 1978 (Public Registers). Enquiries about accessing information contained in the register can be addressed to:

The Danish Immigration Service
Farimagvej 51A
4700 Næstved
Denmark

F. Verification of the information you submit

The Danish Immigration Service may seek to verify the accuracy of the information included in your application. This may happen while your application is being reviewed or after you have received your residence permit.

Verification may involve contacting other authorities.

Should authorities seek to verify your information, you may be asked to provide supplementary information.

8. Signature

By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understood and accepted the terms laid out in Section 7.

Date and place

Signature

Checklist

The Danish Immigration Service can process your request faster if all forms are filled out correctly and include the required documentation.

Before submitting your application, we suggest that you use the checklist below to make sure you have filled out the form correctly and included the necessary documents.

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

- A copy of your passport (all pages including blank pages and cover)
- Documentation of the reason for your stay abroad, such as an employment contract or statement from your employer or educational institution

Please also make sure that you have

- answered all relevant questions *and*
- signed and dated the application.