

Application for dispensation - to prevent a 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 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 two years, you may remain outside the Faroe Islands for up to six months. If you have been a legal resident for more than two 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 Service 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 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 the Faroe Islands and your ties to the Faroe Islands. Normally, the maximum dispensation period is three 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 (FO/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 7 (following the instructions in the form).
2. Send the application and any required documentation as indicated below to the Immigration Service or the police.
3. If you are outside the Faroe Islands, you can submit the form at the Danish embassy or consulate in the country in which you are staying. If you are in Denmark, the form can be submitted at the Immigration Service or at a police station.

What documents should I include with my application?

- A copy of your passport (all pages including 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 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.) / 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? <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. Purpose of stay abroad		PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS
What is the purpose of your stay outside the Faroe Islands?		
<p>Please include documentation covering the entire dispensation period. (Valid documentation – e.g. employment contracts or statements from your employer or educational institution.)</p>		
3. Date of departure and duration of stay		PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS
When are you scheduled to leave the Faroe Islands?		
How long do you plan to stay abroad?		

**4. Your residence in the Faroe Islands****PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS**

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 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. Act No 215 of 24 June 1939, with amendments, 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 Danish state 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 Danish immigration authorities to 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 1144 of 22 December 1993 (Application of the Public Administration Act in the Faroe Islands), and altered on 2 March 1999 by Ordinance No 119. 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
- information about the documents submitted with my application, including verification that they are genuine

I also consent to giving authorities contacted by the 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 (3), cf. Ordinance No 1144 of 22 December 1993.

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

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

Danish immigration authorities are permitted to release certain information to the Faroese Immigration Office or to the Faroese Police, cf. Public Administration Act, Section 28, Paragraph 3, 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 Danish authorities will register information about you and your private 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 Faroese residence permit.

The information in the Danish Immigration Service's registers will be used to answer questions about your residence in the Faroe Islands. The police will have access to the information contained in the registers 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 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 up 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 Danish Immigration Service's registers, cf. Danish law No 294 of 8 June 1978 (Public Registers). Enquiries about accessing information contained in the registers can be addressed to:

The Danish Immigration Service
Farimagsvej 51A
4700 Næstved
Denmark

F. Verification of the information you submit

The 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 above.

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 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