**Regarding legal provision for subsistence**

**for receipt of the residence permit**

 It is set forth in Paragraph 5 of Part One of Section 4 of the Immigration Law that a foreigner shall be entitled to enter and reside in the Republic of Latvia, if he or she has the necessary financial means in order to reside in the Republic of Latvia. The amount of necessary financial means is determined by the Cabinet.

 As of **1 April 2021** the required provision for subsistence, pursuant to the 25 **April 2017** Cabinet Regulations **No. 225** “Regulations regarding the Amount of Necessary Financial Means for a Foreigner and Procedures for the Determination of the Existence of Financial Means” (hereinafter the Regulations), is as follows:

**1. a foreigner who enters the Republic of Latvia with a visa or is a citizen of a country who does not need a visa and wishes to receive a visa and the right to employment:**

1.1. in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5.3 of the Regulations, the required means of subsistence is determined not less than the salary in accordance with the average monthly gross salary of employees in the Republic of Latvia: it is **1143 euros** per month, according to the latest published information of the Central Statistics (www.csb.gov.lv) ;

1.2. in accordance with Sub-paragraph 5.4 of the Regulations, not less than the average gross salary of employees in the **expected employment sector** of the foreigner, in the previous year, if the foreigner receives a visa and the right to employment as a **seasonal employee** in the agricultural, forestry and fish farming sector:

• crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities - **933 euros**;

• forestry and logging - **1232 euros**;

• fisheries - **994 euros** (data of the Central Statistics - Average monthly earnings of employees by type of activity, www.csb.gov.lv).

In accordance with Paragraph 10 of the Regulations, if a foreigner has received a visa and the right to employment, the necessary means of subsistence are required for the entire period of employment.

**2. for a** **foreigner who requests or has received a residence permit:**

2.1. based on the data of the Central Statistical Bureau:

* in accordance with Sub-paragraph 11.1 of the Regulations - wages or income from commercial activities in the Republic of Latvia in accordance with twice the average monthly gross wages of employees in the previous year, if the residence permit is requested by foreigners referred to in Section 23, Paragraph one, Clauses 2, 3 and 4; their stay is related to employment or business - **2286 euros** (www.csb.gov.lv);
* in accordance with Sub-paragraph 11.2 of the Regulations - salary in the Republic of Latvia in accordance with the average monthly gross salary of employees in the previous year, applying a coefficient of 1.5, if a foreigner who wishes to receive a European Union Blue Card requests a residence permit - **1715 euros** (www.csb.gov .lv);
* in accordance with Sub-paragraph 11.3 of the Regulations - wages in the Republic of Latvia in accordance with the average monthly gross wages of employees in the previous year, applying a coefficient of 1.2, if a residence permit is requested by a foreigner wishing to receive a European Union Blue Card which the Cabinet of Ministers has included in the list of specialties (professions) in which a significant shortage of labor is forecasted - **1372 euros** (www.csb.gov.lv);
* in accordance with Sub-paragraph 11.4 of the Regulations - wages and salaries in the Republic of Latvia in accordance with the average monthly gross wages and salaries of employees in the previous year, if the application for a residence permit is related to employment not referred to in Articles 11.1, 11.2. or in Sub-paragraph 11.3 - **1143 euros** (www.csb.gov.lv);
* in accordance with Sub-paragraph 11.5 of the Regulations - personal and regular pension according to twice the average amount of monthly old-age pensions paid to pensioners registered by social insurance institutions, if a residence permit is requested by a foreigner referred to in Section 23, Paragraph one, Clause 26 of the Immigration Law .csb.gov.lv);
* 2.2. in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Cabinet Regulation No. 656 of 24 November 2015 “Regulations regarding the amount of the minimum monthly wage within normal working hours and calculation of the minimum hourly rate” in the Republic of Latvia, the minimum monthly wage is **500 euros**:
* in accordance with Sub-paragraph 11.6 of the Regulations - financial resources in accordance with three times the minimum monthly salary, if a foreigner requests a residence permit in accordance with Section 23, Paragraph one, Clause 29 of the Immigration Law - **1500 euros**;
* in accordance with Sub-paragraph 11.7 of the Regulations - financial resources in accordance with the minimum monthly salary, in cases which are not provided for in Sub-paragraphs 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5 of the Regulations. and in Sub-paragraph 11.6 - **500 euros**;
* in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the Regulations, the subsistence security required for a minor child - **150 euros**.

If, together with Regulations 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6. or the residence permit of the main applicants referred to in Sub-paragraph 11.7 is also requested by his or her family members, they must submit a document certifying legal means of subsistence in accordance with Rule 11.7. or paragraph 12.