

In the near future foreigners will have a possibility to arrange a foreigner eID card

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Currently, the process of approving amendments to the regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers is underway, so that in the coming months, the OCMA can start issuing a foreigner eID card.

On Monday, 28 June, amendments came into force in the Personal Identification Documents Law, pursuant to which a new type of personal identity card - foreigner eID - will be introduced.

Further on, when registering the Register of Natural Persons, a personal identity number as well as the right to prepare a foreigner eID card will be granted to a foreigner, who complies with Section 4, Paragraph one, Clause 2(d),(e), (f) and (i) of the Law on the Register of Natural Persons.

Currently the coordination process on the amendments to the Cabinet Regulation No. 134 "Regulations Regarding Personal Identification Documents", adopted on 21 February 2012, and Cabinet Regulation No. 133 "Regulations Regarding the State Duty for the Issuance of Personal Identification Documents", adopted on 21 February 2012, takes place.

Amendments provide to determine a design of the foreigner personal identity card (eID card) and the amount of the State fee for issuance of the above-mentioned eID in the amount of EUR 80. It is expected that amendments to the Cabinet Regulation No. 134 "Regulations Regarding Personal Identification Documents" and Cabinet Regulation No. 133 "Regulations Regarding the State

Duty for the Issuance of Personal Identification Documents” will enter into force in the nearest months, and then a foreigner, who will be registered in the Register of Natural Persons, in accordance with Section 4, Paragraph one, Clause 2 (d), (e), (f), and (i) of the Law on the Register of Natural Persons, will have a possibility to arrange a foreigner’s personal identity card at all 30 territorial units of the Office.

It will be possible to receive a foreigner eID by a foreigner, who has a legal relation with Latvia, on the basis of which the mutual rights and obligations establish or have been established in the field of immovable property, commercial activity, health, taxes, benefits and education; a foreigner, who wishes to receive the Latvian personal identity card - foreigner’s eID card, in order to facilitate development of economics, science, education or culture relations; a foreigner, who wishes to receive the state administration services electronically in Latvia by using the electronic identification mean of a Member State of the European Union, a Member State of the European Economic Area or Swiss Confederation, or a asylum seeker in the Republic of Latvia.

The eID card will be issued to foreigners for allocation of the electronic identification tools that will provide a possibility to use the range of services provided by the State, for example, to use the public administration e-services, to use e-address, to electronically identify and sign documents.

It is important that unlike other types of personal identity cards, a foreigner eID card is not a mandatory personal identification document and is not a travel document, as well as does not confirm in any form the right of stay of the person in Latvia.

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