

eID card, residence permit card and foreigner's eID card. Read, what is common and what is different

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The interest on the acquisition of the foreigner's eID card is increasing even more. However, it is not always clear in what cases it is necessary.

For convenience of the customers of the Office we compare three types of personal identity cards: foreigner's eID card, eID card of the citizen or non-citizen of Latvia and residence permit.

In the comparative table we explain:

Who can apply for each of these types of personal identity card;

Which persons can use the personal identity cards in order to confirm their identity in the digital environment;

Where it is possible to arrange them and other nuances.

You can read more about the foreigner's eID card [HERE](#).

	Foreigner's eID card	eID card of the citizen or non-citizen of Latvia	Residence permit (as of 2 April 2012 they are issued in the format of a personal identity card)
Personal identity card	Yes	Yes	Yes

Confirms the identity of its holder in presence	Jā	Yes	Yes
Confirms the identity of its holder in the digital environment	Yes	Yes	Yes
Who can apply for?	<p>Foreigner's eID card is provided for foreigners , who permanently do not stay in Latvia and mostly settle their transactions in the electronic environment, and wish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to establish and maintain mutual rights and obligations in the field of immovable property, commercial activity, health, taxes, benefits, asylum and education; to develop the economic, science, education or culture relations; want to receive the state administration services in Latvia electronically; is an asylum seeker in Latvia. 	<p>As of 1 January 2023 eID card will be a mandatory personal identity document for a citizen or non-citizen of Latvia, who has attained the age of 15 years.**</p>	<p>A foreigner, who wants to stay in Latvia for longer than 90 days within half-a-year, counting as of the first day of entry, if the Immigration Law provides for a relevant ground to receive a residence permit.</p>
May be arranged at any territorial unit of the Office, when applying in advance for receipt of the service	Yes	Yes	Yes

<p>Documents to be submitted in order to receive it</p>	<p>A foreigner should be registered with the Register of Natural Persons. When arranging a foreigner's eID card, a personal identity document of his/her come country/country of citizenship should be presented. The asylum seeker should present a personal identity document of the asylum seeker.</p>	<p>The previous passport or eID card, if any has been, should be submitted or presented.</p>	<p>Citizens of any country referred to in this list for receipt of the residence permit should submit the following documents.</p> <p>Citizens of other countries should submit the following documents. Read more HERE.</p>
<p>Time of issue</p>	<p>within 2 working days</p>	<p>within 10 working days or 2 working days</p>	<p>within 10 working days or 2 working days</p>
<p>Price</p>	<p>80 euros For asylum seekers - free of charge.</p>	<p>within 10 working days - 15 euros; within 2 working days - 30 euros</p>	<p>Review of the documents submitted for requesting of a temporary residence permit:</p> <p>within 30 working days - 100 euros</p> <p>within 10 working days - 200 euros</p> <p>within 5 working days - 400 euros</p> <p>More: read HERE.</p> <p>production of eID card -</p> <p> within 10 working days - 15 euros</p> <p> within 2 working days - 30 euros</p>

Features	<p>Confirm the e-identity of the holder thereof in presence and digital environment;</p> <p>Entitles to use the state and municipal e-services;</p> <p>Entitles to sign documents electronically;</p> <p>Entitles to receive and use official electronic address in order to communicate with the state and municipal authorities.</p>	<p>Confirms the identity of the holder thereof in presence and digital environment;</p> <p>May be completely replaced with a passport (except in relation to the use of the right to elect, until introduction of the electronic registration system of voters);</p> <p>Entitles to sign documents electronically.</p>	<p>Entitles a foreigner to reside in Latvia for a specified period of time (temporary residence permits) or permanently (permanent residence permits);</p> <p>Confirms the identity of the holder thereof in presence and digital environment;</p> <p>May completely replace the passport (except in relation to the use of right to vote);</p> <p>Entitles to sign documents electronically.</p>
Is it mandatory?	No	Not mandatory until 1 January 2023.	No
Does it confirm the right of stay of the holder of the card in Latvia?	No	Yes	Yes
Does it confirm the right of stay in other countries of the European Union, European Economic Area and Swiss Confederation?	No	Yes - for the citizens of Latvia, no - for non-citizens of Latvia.	Yes - up to 90 days within 180 days - in the territory of the countries of the European Union, European Economic Area and Swiss Confederation by presenting also a valid travel document (passport).

* Foreigner's personal identity card is issued to the foreigner, who is [registered in the Register of Natural Persons in cases referred to in Section 4](#), Paragraph one, Clause 2(d)(e)(f) and (i) of the Law on the Register of Natural Persons.

** except the groups of persons determined in the Personal Identification Documents Law, which are subject to the provision on the personal identity card (eID card) as a mandatory personal identity document in a longer period of time, namely, from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2030. The list of these groups of persons is available [HERE](#).

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