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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Within the framework of standard security checks carried out as part of the admission procedure, the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, as the national immigration service, verifies whether applicants for long-stay visas and residence permits have clean criminal records in countries where they reside. For this purpose, each applicant is required to submit a document proving the absence of his/her criminal history that is typically called "Criminal Record Certificate", "Police Clearance Certificate", "Extract from the Penal Register Record", etc., and is usually issued by the Ministry of Justice, the court, the police etc. The applicant is required to submit a criminal record certificate issued by a competent authority of a country of which he/she is a citizen, and any other country in which he/she has resided for a total of six months in the three years preceding the application.


In certain cases, the latter requirement imposes a significant administrative burden on applicants who have recently resided in other countries, including some categories of highly qualified mobile workers to whom Czechia provides preferential treatment and fast-tracking. To evaluate its security standards and strike the right balance between preventing security risks on the one hand and attracting talent and raising international competitiveness on the other, Czechia seeks to compare its national policy described above with policies and practices of other Member States.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.
2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.
3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.
4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?
5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?
6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.
7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.
8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.
9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO.
10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.

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RESPONSES

		Unrestricted Dissemination?	
	EMN NCP Austria	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>In Austria, residence permits for third-country nationals and visas may not be issued if the alien's stay would jeopardize public order or security (Art. 11 para. 4 subpara. 1 Settlement and Residence Act, Art. 21 para. 2 subpara. 7 Aliens Police Act 2005). For residence permits: In practice, applicants are required to provide criminal record certificates from their country of origin or previous country of residence (Ammann, Stiller, 2025, p. 26). For visas: Austria does not require applicants for long-stay visas to submit any kind of criminal record certificates. Nevertheless, a query in the EKIS (Electronic Information System of the Criminal Police) will be carried out in every visa procedure.</p> <p>Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>In Austria, there are no exceptions for certain categories of applicants.</p> <p>For visas: n/a</p> <p>Source: Ministry of the Interior</p>

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3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.

For residence permits: Yes, a criminal record check from the previous country of residence is usually required, which may also be different from the country of origin.

Source: Ministry of the Interior

4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?

For residence permits: There is no minimum duration specified by law.

Source: Ministry of the Interior

5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?

For residence permits: No exceptions apply.

Source: Ministry of the Interior

6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.


For visas: See answer to question 1.

Source: Ministry of the Interior

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			<p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>For residence permits: Pursuant to Art. 6 para. 1 Regulation on the Implementation of the Settlement and Residence Act, the documents and evidence required for the application must be submitted to the authority or representative body in the form of originals and copies. Documents and evidence that are not written in German must also be submitted in German translation at the request of the authority or representative body, in accordance with Art. 6 para. 3 Regulation on the Implementation of the Settlement and Residence Act.</p> <p>Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>For visas: See answer to question 1.</p> <p>Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>Source: Ministry of the Interior</p>
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 EMN NCP Belgium	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes. As a general rule, anyone aged 18 or over who wishes to stay in Belgium for more than 90 days must present a certificate confirming the absence of convictions for common law crimes or offenses (a criminal record extract, etc.).</p> <p>This document must be issued by the competent authority of the country of origin or provenance maximum 6 months preceding the visa application.</p> <p>If they are unable to obtain this document (e.g. warzone), applicants must explain why they are not providing a certificate or why they are providing a certificate issued more than 6 months old.</p> <p>Source: Immigration Office.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>All applicants, except if they are unable to obtain the certificate due to exceptional circumstances (see Q1).</p> <p>Source: Immigration Office.</p>
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3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.

Yes. The certificates must cover a period of five years. If the person lived in different countries during that period, they must provide certificates issued by the authorities of these countries along with the one from their country of origin.

Source: Immigration Office.

4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?

3 months.

Source: Immigration Office.

5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?


All applicants. The only exception is in case applicants are in a situation where it is impossible for them to provide such certificates (see answer to Q1).

Source: Immigration Office.

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			<p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>Yes. The Immigration Office does not accept affidavits, but documents must always be translated into the official languages of Belgium (French, Dutch, German), or English.</p> <p>Source: Immigration Office.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>N/A</p>
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	<p>EMN NCP Bulgaria</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>Foreigners over the age of 18, with the exception of persons who hold stateless status in the Republic of Bulgaria, must also submit a criminal record certificate or documents confirming criminal or police registration, issued in accordance with the laws of their country of nationality, country of origin, or habitual residence.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>Criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of other countries shall be submitted by applicants, in which they have spent more than one year prior to lodging the application in Bulgaria.</p>
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			<p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>N A</p> <p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>N A</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>Yes, they need to be translated and legalised according to the appropriate procedure.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>N A</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>N A</p>
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	EMN NCP Croatia	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>YES.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>When applying for temporary stay for the first time, applicants provide a document proving that he has not been convicted of criminal offences by a final ruling, which has been issued by his home country or a country in which he has resided for more than a year immediately prior to arriving in the Republic of Croatia, unless he is a posted worker, or a student, a researcher or an intra-corporate transferee utilizing mobility, arriving from another EEA Member State.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>YES.</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>As mentioned in the Q2, when applying for temporary stay for the first time, applicants provide a document proving that he has not been convicted of criminal offences by a final ruling, which has been issued by his home country or a country in which he has resided</p>
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			<p>for more than a year immediately prior to arriving in the Republic of Croatia.</p> <p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>When applying for temporary stay for the first time, provides a document proving that he has not been convicted of criminal offences by a final ruling, which has been issued by his home country or a country in which he has resided for more than a year immediately prior to arriving in the Republic of Croatia, unless he is a posted worker, or a student, a researcher or an intra-corporate transferee utilizing mobility, arriving from another EEA Member State.</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>Foreign documents attached to the applications provided by the Ordinance must be legalized in accordance with special regulations and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• in a certified translation into Croatian (exception in the case of digital nomads, who may submit foreign documents in English)
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in a certified translation into English, if there is no authorized court interpreter for Croatian language in the country of origin or in the country where the diplomatic mission or consular office of the Republic of Croatia where the application where the application for temporary residence is submitted. <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>No.</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Cyprus</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>In accordance with CY national procedures, the submission of Criminal Record Certificates from both the Country of Origin and the Country of Residence is required for all applicants.</p>

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			<p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>No</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>No</p> <p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>N/A</p>
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			<p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>YES. The certificate must be translated into either Greek or English.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>No</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Czech Republic</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>The criminal record certificate is required from all categories of applicants. An exemption applies in rare cases where the relevant country does not issue this type of certificate at all or temporarily.</p>

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			<p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>The applicant is required to submit the criminal record certificate from every country in which he or she has resided for a total of six months within the three years preceding the application.</p> <p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>The requirement applies to all categories of applicants. However, an exemption applies in rare cases where the relevant country does not issue this type of certificate at all or only temporarily.</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>N/A</p>
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			<p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works. N/A</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain. YES. However, there is an exemption for applicants admitted to government programmes of preferential economic migration. These applicants are allowed to submit criminal record certificates issued in English (or two or more languages, one of which is English) without translation into Czech, provided that the criminal record is clean.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO N/A</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate. N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Estonia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Until 31 December 2025: No. Under the Aliens Act, an applicant is required to notify the Police and Border Guard Board (PBGB) of any punishment under criminal procedure if the punishment was imposed on an alien by a law enforcement authority of a foreign state. There is no requirement to submit a criminal record certificate as a part of the visa/resident permit procedure but the document may be requested on a needs-based basis.</p>

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			<p>From 1 January 2026: Yes. According to Regulation No. 82 § 5 (for visas) and Regulation No. 7 § 221 (for residence permits), applicants will be required to submit a criminal record certificate confirming the existence or absence of criminal convictions.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>From 1 January 2026, the requirement applies generally to all applicants with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants under 14 years of age;• Applicants who have already submitted a criminal record certificate in a previous procedure, provided that the data have not changed and the previously submitted document is still valid. <p>The certificate is valid for 6 months from the date of issue.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes, starting from 2026 it is required that the applicant submits a criminal record certificate from the competent authority of any country in which the person has resided, not only from the country of citizenship.</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>The regulations do not specify a minimum length of stay; therefore, the obligation applies to any country of residence, regardless of duration.</p>
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5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?

The same exemptions apply as in question 2:

- Applicants under 14 years old;
- Applicants who have already submitted a valid criminal record certificate in an earlier procedure and whose situation has not changed.

6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

No

7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

n/a

8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

Yes. A criminal record certificate must be submitted in Estonian or accompanied by an official translation into Estonian, unless it is issued in English and accepted by PBGB without translation. Requirements follow the general rules for document submission in migration procedures.

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9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO

The applicant must indicate in the application whether they have any criminal record in their country of origin. The Police and Border Guard Board may request proof of this if needed, but providing such a certificate is not a mandatory part of the application process in every case. In practice, no cases have arisen where an applicant would need to provide alternative proof of a clean criminal record, and therefore Estonia does not have an established approach to accepting or refusing such alternative documents.

From 1 January 2026, the applicant must submit either: a criminal record certificate from the relevant foreign authority, or an official document confirming that the applicant is unable to obtain such a certificate. Practical implementation will develop once the requirement enters into force.

10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.

Until 31 December 2025: the applicant must declare in the application whether they have any criminal convictions or ongoing criminal proceedings in their country of origin or previous country of residence. The Police and Border Guard Board may request an official criminal record certificate or other supporting documents if additional verification is required. Submission of such a certificate is therefore needs-based rather than mandatory.

From 1 January 2026: under the new regulations, the applicant will be required to submit either: a criminal record certificate confirming the existence or absence of criminal convictions issued by the competent authority of the foreign state, ora document proving that it is not possible for the applicant to obtain such a certificate from that state.The latter must be an official confirmation issued by the relevant foreign authority (for example, a statement that such certificates are not issued in that country or cannot be provided for specific legal reasons).

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			<p>At this stage, Estonia does not yet have established practice regarding how such certificates will be handled, as the requirement will only enter into force in 2026. Therefore, more detailed procedural guidance will develop once practical cases arise.</p>
+	EMN NCP Finland	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>-</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>-</p>

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5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?

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6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

Not required.

7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

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8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

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9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO

Yes.

10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.

A residence permit application in itself has questions regarding the applicant's possible criminal record. The applicant must disclose any previous criminal convictions.


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	<p>EMN NCP France</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>YES, for two types of grounds for residence in France, namely as a corporate officer or legal representative of a company in France.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>Only two categories are subject to the requirement to produce a criminal record in order to apply for a residence permit : for an application for a "talent - project leader" residence permit and for an application for a temporary or multi-year residence permit marked "self-employed entrepreneur," in the case of a new commercial, industrial, or craft activity. They must provide an extract from the criminal record or equivalent document from the country of which the applicant is a national.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>N/A</p>
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			<p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>The criminal record extract or equivalent document from the applicant's country of nationality must be translated into French by a translator certified by a court of appeal if the document is not originally written in French.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate</p> <p>N/A.</p>
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	EMN NCP Germany	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>n.a.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>n.a.</p> <p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>n.a.</p>
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6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

No.

7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

n.a.

8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

n.a.

9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO


Yes.

10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.

In the application form for a national visa, questions are stipulated with regards to convictions in Germany as well as in other countries. The visa form asks for the reason as well as the nature and extent of the penalty. Pursuant to Section 95 (2) of the German Residence Act furnishing or using false or incomplete information in order to procure a residence title is punishable.

In order to investigate the criminal record of a foreigner in Germany the diplomatic missions abroad and the competent local foreigners' offices can request unrestricted information from the Federal Central Register (Section 41 Act on the Central register and

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			<p>the Educative Measures Register). The Federal Central Register contains final decisions in respect of an unlawful act by means of which a German court has imposed a penalty or another punitive measure.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Greece</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>YES for the long-stay visas. As far as residence permits are concerned, the national legal migration legislation does not provide for the submission of a criminal record certificate. However, a third country national in order to be granted a residence permit shall not be considered a threat to public order, public security or international relations and shall not be registered as undesirable in national databases for serious reasons of public order and security for a period exceeding five years. The examination of reasons relating to public order and security of the country is a prerequisite for the initial granting, as well as the renewal of the residence permit of a third-country national. The services of the Ministry of Citizen Protection are competent to respond to the migration authorities regarding the reasons of public order/security within certain deadline.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>According to the contribution by C4 Directorate for Justice, Home Affairs, Migration and Schengen of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the following cases are exempt from the practice mentioned in the question:</p> <p>(a) officials of diplomatic missions or consular authorities who are on assignment, members of diplomatic missions or consular authorities who are on assignment, officials of international and European organisations who have been announced to the competent Greek authorities and are on assignment, to the extent that the legal status of the above-mentioned officials and members is governed by international conventions,</p>

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including headquarters agreements, and (b) their spouses, registered partners, and children up to the age of twenty-three (23).

(b) In cases of family reunification of refugees, where the issuance of a criminal record certificate is objectively impossible, the visa shall, by reasoned decision of the consular authority, be issued without the criminal record certificate, by way of derogation from Article 4 of Decision No. Φ3497.3/ΑΠ24245/28.04.2014 (Government Gazette, Issue B, No. 1820).

3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.

YES

4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?


In cases where the period of residence of the applicant in a country different than their country of origin, before submitting an application for a national entry visa, exceeds one (1) year, the consular authority may additionally request the submission of a criminal record certificate from the third-country national's country of origin, provided that the country of residence, in order to grant the foreign applicant a residence permit, does not require a criminal record certificate from their country of origin.

If the third-country national applicant has previously resided in Greece, the Greek diplomatic or consular authority may, on its own initiative, request from the Ministry of Justice a criminal record certificate of the applicant for judicial use.

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			<p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>There are no exemptions.</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>-</p> <p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>-</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>YES. It must be translated into Greek or into any other official EU language understood by the consular authority.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>-</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>-</p>
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 <p>EMN NCP Hungary</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes. The above document must be submitted only when applying for a long-term residence permit.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>In case of long-term residence permits all applicants are required to submit the above document regardless of their origin. Minor applicants under the age of fourteen are exempt from the obligation to submit a document certifying that they have no criminal record.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes. When submitting an application for a long-term residence permit, the applicant must enclose a document issued by the authorities of the country of permanent or habitual residence prior to entering Hungary, certifying that the applicant has no criminal record, which must not be older than six months. The country of whose authority is required to issue the document depends on where the applicant was staying before entering Hungary.</p>
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			<p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>The concept of habitual residence and the criteria for determining it are not defined in the aliens policing legal regulations in force.</p> <p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>In case of long-term residence permits, all applicants are required to submit the above document regardless of their origin. Minor applicants under the age of fourteen are exempt from the obligation to submit a document certifying that they have no criminal record.</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>Documents issued in languages other than Hungarian can only be accepted if accompanied by a certified Hungarian translation. Other documents (e.g., foreign income certificates, bank account statements in English/German) may be submitted without a</p>
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			<p>certified Hungarian translation.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>See above</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Italy</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>No. For the first issuance or renewal of a residence permit or an EU long-stay residence permit, the criminal record from the third-country national's country of origin or from any Member State where they may have previously resided before entering Italy is not required. The Italian criminal record is required only at the stage of the first application for an EU long-stay residence permit. If, during the residence permit issuance process, criminal offences committed by the third-country national in Italy emerge from police databases, or if alerts entered by Member States appear in the Schengen Information System (SIS) database, the police authorities initiate SIS consultations.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p>

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3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.

NO.

4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?

5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?


6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

No, as the criminal record from a third country is not required at the stage of applying for a residence permit or an EU long-stay residence permit. Moreover, self-certification of this type of documentation is not provided for.

7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

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			<p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>Proof of the absence of criminal records in other Member States is not required. However, if the third-country national has an alert in the SIS database entered by another Member State, this circumstance is examined through SIS consultations prior to the issuance of the residence permit or the EU long-stay residence permit.</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Latvia</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>A criminal record certificate does not need to be submitted by EU citizens and TCN who enter from countries of visa-free regime.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p>

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4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?

A criminal record certificate (for a third-country citizens over 14 years of age) issued by the competent authority in the country of citizenship or residence, if TCN has resided there for more than 12 months.

5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?

A TCN of a country with which a visa-free regime has been concluded, regardless of which country he has resided in during the last 12 months, does not need to submit a criminal record certificate.

6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

No.


7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

N/a

8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

The documents required for the approval of a summons or the request for a residence permit specified by the Cabinet of Ministers may be submitted in Latvian, English, French, Russian or German. The inviter shall provide the application and explanations

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			<p>required for the approval of a summons only in Latvian.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allow the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>N/a</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>N/a</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Lithuania</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice require the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>A criminal record certificate is required only for applicants older than 14 years. Other exceptions from the requirement are listed in Articles 8(6)(1-5) of the Description of the Procedure for Issuing a Temporary Residence Permit. The following categories are exempt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants falling under specific humanitarian, medical, protection-related or exceptional personal circumstances (8.6.1). No criminal record certificate is required where the temporary residence permit application is submitted on the basis of: humanitarian or non-returnability circumstances; an urgent medical condition that prevents departure from Lithuania; victim status in trafficking in


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			<p>human beings or severe labour exploitation cases combined with cooperation with competent authorities; recent completion of studies or research activities in Lithuania followed by an application to remain; particularly difficult personal or family circumstances that justify the issuing of a residence permit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants under certain employment or investment grounds, and their family members (8.6.2). No certificate is required where the application is submitted on specific employment or investment grounds, or by a family member of such a person, provided that the applicant (or family member) has not been convicted in the countries of residence during the past two years. In such cases, the applicant confirms the absence of criminal convictions in the application form.• Holders of a valid temporary residence permit who have declared their place of residence in Lithuania (8.6.3). Applicants who already hold a valid temporary residence permit and have registered their place of residence in Lithuania are exempt from submitting a criminal record certificate when applying for a new permit.• Situations where the foreign state does not issue criminal record certificates (8.6.4). If the state of previous residence does not issue criminal record certificates, the requirement is waived. The applicant submits a document from the competent authority confirming that such certificates are not issued.• Situations involving clearly disproportionate costs or time burden (8.6.5) The requirement may be waived where obtaining a criminal record certificate would involve clearly disproportionate financial or time-related burdens and the applicant has not been convicted in the relevant state(s). The application must include factual justification explaining why the certificate cannot be obtained and a formal confirmation of no criminal convictions. The final decision to waive the requirement is taken by the Migration Department.
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			<p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>The obligation applies only if the applicant lived in the other country for at least six months within a twelve-month period during the two years prior to applying for a temporary residence permit in Lithuania.</p> <p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>The same exemptions described in the answer to Q2 apply here as well, including cases involving humanitarian or exceptional circumstances, certain employment or investment grounds, existing residence in Lithuania, situations where the foreign state does not issue certificates, or where obtaining the certificate would impose a clearly disproportionate burden.</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>No. When a foreign state does not issue criminal record certificates, the applicant must submit an official document from the competent authority of that state confirming that</p>
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			<p>such certificates are not issued.</p> <p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>Yes. Foreign-language documents must be accompanied by a translation into Lithuanian.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Luxembourg</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>YES. According to article 38 of the amended law of 28 August 2008 on free movement of persons and immigration (Immigration Law), the applicants for the authorizations of stay for salaried worker, highly qualified worker, ICT, seasonal worker, self-employed worker, sportsmen and trainers, family member, private reasons, pupil, volunteer, jeune au pair, international student, trainee, and researcher must attach to their application an extract from the criminal records or an affidavit (sworn declaration) established in the country of</p>

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			<p>residence. This extract from the criminal records must not be older than six months.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>In Luxembourg the requirement of the extract of criminal records is required for all the applicants.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>YES. As indicated in the answer to Q.1, the third country national applicant must present an extract of criminal records established in the country of residence (not necessarily in the country of origin).</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>There is no minimum period of residence in another country that triggers the obligation to provide a criminal record certificate. Such a certificate is always required from the country of residence, regardless of how long the applicant has lived there. In some cases, certificates from both the country of residence and the country of origin may be requested.</p>
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5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?

YES. It applies to all applicants who are third-country nationals and who reside in a country different from their country of origin. See answer to Q.1.

6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

YES.

7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

In the affidavit it must be explained not only that s/he has not a criminal record but explain why the authorities in her/his country of residence/origin do not issue an extract of the criminal record.


8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

YES. For all documents (extract of criminal record or affidavit) not issued in Luxembourgish, French, German or English, the applicant must translate them through an official translator of the country of residence/origin.

9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO

N/A.

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			<p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate. N/A.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Netherlands</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>NO. The Netherlands does not require a specific criminal record certificate, however they do check signals during the screening of applicants in the admission procedure. Additionally, the Netherlands uses the Schengen Information System (SIS) for each application to check for safety in other countries systems.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>N/A.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>N/A.</p>

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5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?

N/A.

6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

NO.

7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

N/A.


8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

N/A.

9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO

NO. The applicant can be asked to provide additional information from their foreign criminal record (such as a verdict). This is usually requested in the response to the antecedents certificate the applicants are obligated to fill out. On this form, the applicants have to indicate whether they have ever committed a crime or criminal offence. This concerns crimes committed in the Netherlands and criminal offences committed outside the Netherlands.

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			<p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>N/A.</p>
	EMN NCP Poland	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>NO. But before making the decision in the procedure for residence permit the foreigner is examined by the Police, Border Guard and The Agency of Internal Security to check if s/he presents a threat to state's security or public order. There are always checked his/her criminal records in Poland, records in SIS II and the list of persons undesirable on Polish territory. This checking is applicable to all adult foreigners applying for any kind of residence permit. In case of any doubts the foreigner is asked to present the criminal record from Polish register, but generally the competent institution collects this information on it's own.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>N/a</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>NO</p>

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4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?

N/a

5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?

N/a

6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

Yes


7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

The foreigner declares it in the application form (for residence permit) being aware of possible penal liability in case of declaring untruth.

8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

The application form for any type of residence permit must be fulfilled in Polish language, so the part with declaration of clean criminal record also.

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			<p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>YES</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>At any stage of the procedure for residence permit an applicant can submit the documents confirming statements given in the form or during the interview (if it was taken). The competent authority examines those documents and decides if they are crucial in decision making process or not.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Slovakia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes. To apply for temporary residence or permanent residence for 5 years the criminal records certificate is required. In the Slovak Republic the criminal records certificate is not required for national D visa (e.g. for 1 year). It is also not required for long term residence.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>Criminal record certificate does not have to be attached to the application by a third-country national who: is a full-time secondary school student and is younger than 20 years of age on the date of submitting the application for temporary residence; if the pupil is a pupil of post-secondary studies, qualification studies, specialisation studies or higher professional studies on the date of submission of the application for temporary residence is under 23 years of age, applies for temporary residence for the purpose of</p>

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fulfilling service duties by civilian units of the armed forces has been granted the status of a long-term resident in another Member State is under 14 years of age this document does not have to be attached to the application for a change of the type or purpose of residence if the application for a previous residence was accompanied by a criminal records certificate has been granted the status of a Slovak living abroad who submits an application for temporary residence as a Slovak living abroad within 60 days of the issuance of the Slovak living abroad certificate applies for temporary residence for the purpose of research and development, submits the criminal record of the country in which he/she has resided for the longest time in the last ten years (as opposed to the obligation under question 4 below)

3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.

Yes.

4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?

Integrity is proved by criminal record certificate of the state of which the foreigner is a national and an extract from the criminal record of the country in which the foreigner has resided for more than 90 days in the last three years for six consecutive months.

5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?

Exception is temporary residence for research and development. In that case the criminal record of the country in which the applicant has resided for the longest time in the last

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ten years has to be submitted (as opposed to the obligation under question 4).

6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

Yes. If the State does not issue criminal record certificate, it may be replaced by an equivalent document issued by the competent judicial or administrative authority of the country of origin, or it may be replaced by an affidavit made by the third-country national before the competent judicial or administrative authority or, where applicable, by a notary of the country from which he proves his integrity. The criminal record certificate must prove integrity throughout the territory of the state that issued the document, otherwise the police department will not accept such a document; In justified cases, the police department may, with the prior consent of the Ministry of the Interior, accept a criminal record certificate that does not prove integrity throughout the territory of the state.

7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

See question 6.


8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

Yes.

9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO

NA

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			<p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>NA</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Slovenia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>YES.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>All applicants (except persons who cannot be held criminally responsible, e.g., minors) are required to submit a certificate from the criminal record if their country of origin keeps such records. If the home country does not keep such a record, the foreigner is required to make a statement on the record about not having been convicted or about any convictions. Before making the statement, the foreigner, as a party to the proceedings, must be warned of the criminal and material liability if they make a false statement.</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>NO</p>

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4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?

N/A

5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?

N/A

6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.

YES


7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.

If the country of origin does not keep a criminal record, the foreigner is required to make a statement on the record about not having been convicted or about any convictions. Before making the statement, the foreigner, as a party to the proceedings, must be warned of the criminal and material liability if they make a false statement.

8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.

YES. Documents written in a foreign language must also be accompanied by a certified translation, if necessary (for example, a translation is not necessary if the case worker understands the language in which the document is written).

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			<p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>YES. Visa applicants are checked in the SIS, VIS and national (SI) databases only.</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>See answer to Q6.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Spain</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>In Spain, the submission of criminal record certificates is required for the application of certain visas and permits, both under the general regime (regulated through Royal Decree 1155/2024, of 19 November, approving the Regulation of Organic Law 4/2000, of 11 January, on the rights and freedoms of foreigners in Spain and their social integration) and under Law 14/2013, of 27 September, on support for entrepreneurs and their internationalization (including entrepreneurs, highly qualified professionals, researchers, workers undertaking intra-company transfers, and international teleworkers). Below is a list of the visas and permits that require such submission, the applicable conditions (where they exist), the period of time considered, and the countries to which they must refer.</p>

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			<p>Under the general regime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long-term stay visas for studies, student mobility, volunteer services, or training activities: Required if the applicant is of legal age and the stay exceeds six months. The applicant must have no criminal record in the countries where they have resided during the last five years for offenses under Spanish law.• Residence visas: Required if the applicant is of legal age. The applicant must have no criminal record in the countries where they have resided during the last five years for offenses under Spanish law.• Extraordinary visas: Required if the applicant is of legal age. The applicant must have no criminal record in Spain or in the countries where they have resided during the last five years for offenses under Spanish law. In cases where duly proven reasons prevent the applicant from obtaining the certificate from countries of previous residence, a sworn declaration of the absence of criminal records in those countries during the past five years may be submitted for offenses listed under Spanish law.• Authorizations for long-term stays for studies, student mobility, volunteer services or training activities; non-lucrative temporary residence; temporary residence for family reunification; temporary residence and work as an employee; temporary residence and work as self-employed; temporary residence with exemption from the work authorization: Although the applicant is not required to provide it, the Immigration Office obtains the criminal record certificate in Spain ex officio to verify that the applicant does not pose a threat to public order, safety, or public health.• Temporary residence authorization for family members of Spanish nationals: Proof of the absence of criminal records is required if the applicant is a foreign unmarried person over 18 years old; if the applicant is a family member who provides or will provide care for a Spanish national recognized as dependent; if the
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			<p>applicant is the child of a parent who is or was originally Spanish; or if the applicant is another relative (not otherwise specified in the law) who is dependent on the Spanish national.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temporary residence authorization for exceptional circumstances: For all “arraigo” categories and certain cases of humanitarian reasons or cooperation with the authorities, the applicant must prove the absence of criminal records in Spain and in the country or countries where they have resided during the five years prior to entering Spain. The Immigration Office checks Spanish criminal records ex officio.• Temporary placement of foreign minors under humanitarian programs: Although applicants are not required to submit a criminal record certificate, the report issued by the Government Delegation or Sub-delegation must include the criminal record certificate and the certificate of sexual offenses issued by the Ministry of the Presidency, Justice, and Relations with Parliament, for all individuals over 14 years old who will live with the minor.• EU long-term residence permit and national long-term residence permit: The applicant must provide the criminal record certificate from their country of origin or any countries where they have resided during the past five years. Under Law 14/2013, of 27 September:• Residence and long-term visas: The applicant must have no criminal record in Spain and in the country or countries where they have resided during the past two years for offenses under Spanish law, and must submit a sworn declaration of the absence of criminal records during the last five years.• Residence authorization for internships: The applicant must have no criminal record in the country or countries where they have resided during the past five years for offenses under Spanish law.
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			<p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>No minimum residence period is established.</p> <p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>N/A</p>
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			<p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>Yes, it must be submitted translated into Spanish or into the co-official language of the territory where the application is filed. The translation must be carried out by a person holding the title of Sworn Translator-Interpreter, Sworn Translator or Sworn Interpreter issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, as established in the sixteenth additional provision of Law 2/2014 of 25 March, as amended by the fourth final provision of Law 29/2015 of 30 July.</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>NO. Except in the case of extraordinary visas, where circumstances preventing the applicant from obtaining such a certificate exist and have been duly substantiated, as explained in the answer to the first question.</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>N/A.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Sweden</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State require, as a part of the admission procedure, applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are citizens? YES / NO.</p> <p>No.</p>

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			<p>2. If yes to Q1, does your national practice requires the criminal record certificate from all applicants or there are exceptions made for certain category of applicants? Please explain.</p> <p>-</p> <p>3. Does your Member State also require applicants for long-stay visas and/or residence permits to submit criminal record certificates issued by the competent authorities of countries of which they are not citizens, but in which they have spent a certain period of time prior to lodging the application in your Member State? YES / NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>4. If you answer yes to Q3, what is the minimum period of the applicant's residence in another country to generate the obligation to provide such a certificate?</p> <p>-</p> <p>5. If you answer yes to Q3, does the requirement to present a criminal record certificate apply to all applicants who have resided in a third country from which they are not nationals, or are there exemptions?</p> <p>-</p> <p>6. If NO to Q1 or Q3 or in the cases that the competent national authorities of a third country does not issue a certificate of criminal record certificate, does your Member State require/accept at least an affidavit declaring the applicant has a clean criminal record? YES / NO.</p> <p>No. Currently the issue is in the Swedish legislative process.</p>
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			<p>7. If YES to Q6, please explain how it works.</p> <p>-</p> <p>8. If YES to Q1, Q3 or Q6, is the certificate or the affidavit required to be translated into the official language(s) of your Member State? YES / NO. Please explain.</p> <p>-</p> <p>9. If NO to Q1, Q3, and Q6, does your Member State allows the applicant to prove by any other means the non-existence of his/her criminal record in the country of origin or in which he/she has recently resided? YES / NO</p> <p>No.</p> <p>10. If YES to Q,9, please elaborate.</p> <p>-</p>
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