



LABOUR LEGISLATION

State Labour Inspectorate www.vdi.gov.lv



IMMIGRATION, WORK PERMITS & VISAS

Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs www.pmlp.gov.lv

Ministry of Foreign Affairs www.am.gov.lv



TRANSPORT

Riga International airport www.riga-airport.com

Ferry Lines to / from Riga www.tallink.lv

Ferry Lines to / from Liepāja, Ventspils www.stenaline.lv

Latvian Railway www.ldz.lv

Riga International bus station www.autoosta.lv

International passengers carriage www.ecolines.lv
www.eurolines.lt
www.luxexpress.eu
Public transport in Riga www.rigassatiksme.lv



ACCOMMODATION

Hostels www.hostellinglatvia.com

Hotels www.allhotels.lv

Rent / buy apartment or house www.nekustamaisipasums.lv
www.nams24.lv • www.city24.lv
www.ss.lv • www.reklama.lv



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT LATVIA

www.latvia.eu • www.latvia.travel/lv
www.travellatvia.lv

EURES – FAIR JOB MOBILITY IN EUROPE

eures@nva.gov.lv | www.nva.gov.lv/eures



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LIVING AND WORKING IN LATVIA



NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN 2020



EUROPEAN UNION
European Social
Fund

INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

CHECKLIST for before and after you arrive in a country

BEFORE COMING TO LATVIA

Make sure you can answer the following questions:

Do I have a valid travel document?

Prior to entering Latvia, check that your personal identification document will be valid for the entire planned period of stay in Latvia.

Do I have a European health insurance card (EHIC) or another form of health insurance?

You can receive the European health insurance card from the competent institution in your home country. If you commence working in Latvia, you can obtain the EHIC free of charge at the National Healthcare Service in Latvia: www.vmnvd.gov.lv

Do I know about working conditions in Latvia and how employment contracts are concluded?

Before a person can start work, the employee and employer must conclude a written employment contract. Employment contracts are usually concluded for an indefinite term, except in specific cases. You can find information about employment rights on the State Labour Inspectorate homepage: www.vdi.gov.lv

Do I have the appropriate European social security documents?

If you wish to continue receiving unemployment benefits granted by your home country while you are looking for a job in Latvia, you will need a portable document U2 issued by the competent institution in your home country.

To be entitled to benefits in Latvia, your insurance or employment periods accrued in another Member State may be taken into account. To have your insurance or employment periods aggregated, you require a U1 certificate issued by the competent institution in your home country.

The State Social Insurance Agency is the body responsible for coordinating European social insurance issues in Latvia: www.vsaa.lv

Is my education suitable for working in Latvia? It is the employer who evaluates whether your professional and academic education is suitable for the job, but in cases where you wish to work in Latvia in a regulated profession, for example, as a physician, engineer, teacher, etc., you must obtain recognition for your educational documents and qualifications before starting work. You can do this at the Academic Information Centre – www.aic.lv, where the list of regulated professions in Latvia can also be found.

Do I have sufficient knowledge of the Latvian language?

In Latvia the state language is Latvian and it is used in state institutions and the majority of workplaces. Knowledge of Russian and in some cases English or German may also be of advantage to you. Learn Latvian www.valoda.lv

AFTER ARRIVING IN LATVIA

- You must register with the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs and obtain a residence registration certificate if you wish to stay in Latvia longer than three months (6 months if you are actively looking for a job): www.pmlp.gov.lv
- If you are looking for a job and want assistance or wish to export unemployment benefit to Latvia, you can register with the State Employment Agency: www.nva.gov.lv. You can register in any local employment office as long as you have your passport or ID card with you.
- When you find a job, you must be registered as a taxpayer with the State Revenue Service. You will be registered by your employer: www.vid.gov.lv
- If you want to start a business, you must register the type of business you want at the Register of Enterprises: www.ur.gov.lv and register as a taxpayer with the State Revenue Service: www.vid.gov.lv. More information about starting a business on mentioned webpages and www.liaa.gov.lv, www.een.lv, www.latvija.lv



FINDING A JOB IN LATVIA

NVA	ASTgaetne cEym ployment	www.nva.gov.lv
NVA	Portal of CV and Vacancies	cvvp.nva.gov.lv
EURES	The European Job Mobility Portal	www.eures.europa.eu
EURES Latvia	EURES network in Latvia	www.nva.gov.lv/eures



RECRUITMENT AGENCIES

www.nva.gov.lv list and contact information of licensed private recruitment agencies (see section „Licensed private recruitment agencies”).



RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS, EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Academic information centre – Latvian ENIC / NARIC	www.aic.lv
Ministry of Education and Science	www.izm.gov.lv
Studies in Latvia	www.studyinlatvia.eu
National Database of Learning Opportunities	www.niid.lv
Europass	www.europass.lv



TAXATION & SOCIAL SECURITY

State Revenue Service	www.vid.gov.lv
State Social Insurance Agency	www.vsaa.lv
National Health Service	www.vmnvd.gov.lv
Ministry of Welfare	www.lm.gov.lv