

## **Extension of the period of validity of residence permits - New decision**

Ministerial Decision 14119/2020 (OFFICIAL GAZZETTE 1654 B): "Extension of the period of validity of residence permits, residence cards and permanent residence cards"

1. The residence permits, issued pursuant to Law 4251/2014 and to Presidential Decree 106/2007 respectively, which expired during the period from December 1st 2019 to March 11th 2020 and were intended for renewal in accordance with the provisions of Law 4251/2014 and of Presidential Decree 106/2007, where relevant, and the residence permits that expire during the period from March 12th 2020 to June 30th 2020, may be renewed by December 31st 2020 without the need to issue a relevant finding.
2. The receipts certifying submission of an application referred to in articles 8 and 9 of Law 4251/2014 and the specific attestations of legal residence referred to article 25 of Law 4251/2014, which expired March 11th 2020 and which were intended for renewal in accordance with relevant provisions, and those expiring during the period from March 12th 2020 to June 30th 2020, may be renewed by December 31st 2020.
3. For the time period from the date that marks the end of their entitlement to stay, as referred to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this decision, and until the date that the application for renewal is submitted, these residence permits are considered to be ex officio extended without the need to issue a relevant finding. The validity of the residence permits, which shall be issued pursuant to the above paragraphs 1 and 2, begins on the day following the expiry date of the previous residence permits.
4. Third-country nationals who are under the obligation, during the period from March 12th 2020 to May 15th 2020, to submit an application for initial granting of a residence permit or residence card, by virtue of a relevant entry visa in accordance with the provisions of Law 4251/14 and of Presidential Decree 106/2007, are entitled to submit the relevant application no later than September 30th 2020.
5. Decision number 12889/2020 (B 1086) of the Ministry for Migration and Asylum shall be repealed upon the publication of this decision.