



IMPORTANT information about the consequences of submitting an application for extension too late

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DANISH IMMIGRATION SERVICE



It is very important that you submit an application for an extension of your residence permit before your current residence permit expires. Otherwise, you are residing **illegally** in Denmark.

If you submit your application after your current residence permit has expired, you should expect that the Immigration Service will **reject** your application.

This means that the Immigration Service will not process your application and that you will have to **leave Denmark** and submit a new application for a residence permit from your **country of origin**.

An application submitted in your country of origin will be regarded and processed as an **entirely new application** for a residence permit. This means that it will be processed in accordance with the current rules for first-time applications, and that you will **lose the right to an extension** of the residence permit you held while you were residing legally in Denmark.

If you are residing illegally in Denmark you risk being **expelled** from Denmark and given an **entry ban**.

This means that you are banned from entering Denmark for a certain period of time.

When and how should I apply?

Your current residence permit is valid until a certain date (the expiration date). You can find the expiration date in your residence permit letter or on your residence card.

An application for an extension can be submitted no sooner than two months before your current residence permit expires. It must be submitted **before** your current residence permit expires.

You can submit your application at the Service Centre of the Immigration Service. If you live outside Greater Copenhagen, you can also submit your application at the local police or send it by post to the Immigration Service.

For more information

On the web portal Newtodenmark.dk you can find all relevant application forms and phone numbers.

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