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Introduction

International assignees working in Bulgaria

This booklet traces your assignment to Bulgaria through several steps - what to do before you arrive in the country, what to do once you are here, and what to do before you leave.

Following these steps will make your assignment easier and hopefully, more enjoyable.

This booklet is not intended to be a comprehensive or exhaustive study on Bulgarian law and the relevant practices. It should be used as a guide as you prepare for your assignment to the country. We would suggest that you seek professional advice before making any decisions, as laws and interpretations in Bulgaria continue to frequently change. This booklet will however give you the preliminary information you can use to define the issues that may be relevant to your situation.

The handbook refers to Bulgarian legislation as of 1 January 2021.

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Immigration procedures - what to do before you arrive

EU/EEA ASSIGNEES

I. Entry requirements

Being a citizen of an EU, an EEA Member State or Switzerland, you can enter, reside for up to 90 days and depart from Bulgaria with your personal ID card or international passport. The same rules apply for your family members if they are citizens of any of these countries.

If your family members are not EU, EEA or Swiss citizens themselves, they can enter into and depart from Bulgaria if they have a residence permit issued for one of these countries and a valid international passport. If they do not have such a permit, they will need to travel to Bulgaria with a valid international passport and/or an entry visa that may be required too, depending on the case.

If you wish to stay for more than 90 days in the country, you should apply for a certificate for long-term residence in Bulgaria.

Work permits and visa D are not required for EU/EEA citizens.

UK/Northern Ireland Assignees

Citizens of the UK/Northern Ireland who have Bulgarian residence certificates the term of validity of which expires in the period 13 March 2020 – 31 January 2021, shall consider them extended by 6 months. The extension is valid for the territory of Bulgaria for the purpose of residency. UK/Northern Ireland nationals are obliged to replace their document before the expiry of its term of validity, extended as specified above, and in any case before the end of 2021 – whichever of the two comes first.

Following the end of the transition period envisaged in the Withdrawal Agreement, the following requirements shall be applied to UK nationals who do not have Bulgarian residence certificates issued before 31.12.2020:

- For the purpose of a short-term stay, up to 90 days within the 180 period, UK nationals shall enter the territory of Bulgaria with their passport without a visa. Family members shall present a valid passport and visa, if required, depending on their nationality.
- Bulgaria considers equal to its national visas for transit or planned stay, not going beyond 90 days within 180 days period, the following: (i) permission for residence, (ii) long-term and short-term visas (visa type "D" and visa type "C"), issued by a country that fully applies the Schengen acquis, Romania, Croatia and Cyprus.

- For a stay longer than 90 days, besides a valid passport, UK nationals shall need a long-term Bulgarian visa type "D" or a valid permission for residence in Bulgaria.

UK/Northern Ireland nationals sent to Bulgaria as posted workers can work for up to 90 days in every 12 months period following a registration with the Bulgarian Employment Agency.

In compliance with the regulations of the Withdrawal Agreement, citizens of the UK/Northern Ireland shall keep their Bulgarian residence rights under the conditions listed below:

- UK nationals and their family members who reside legally on the territory of Bulgaria at the moment of Brexit or who are in possession of a valid Bulgarian residence document: they will keep their right of residence and will be able to reside in Bulgaria by virtue of their valid Bulgarian residence documents for a period of up to 1 year after the end of the transition period (ending on 31.12.2020) or up to the expiry of the term of validity of their Bulgarian residence documents - whichever comes first. Within this period, they have to apply for (i) re-issuance of their Bulgarian residence or (ii) issuance of a new document.
- UK nationals and their family members who arrived in Bulgaria within the timeframe of the transition period or got the status of a family member during the transition period (ending on 31.12.2020): they need to apply for a Bulgarian residence within 3 months as of their date of entry in Bulgaria, but not later than 31.12.2020.
- Family members of UK nationals who have obtained the status of a family member after the transition period (ending on 31.12.2020): they need to apply for a Bulgarian residence permit within 3 months as of their date of entry in Bulgaria.

Work permits and a visa type D will be required for citizens of the UK/Northern Ireland who arrive in Bulgaria after the transition period and who do not fall in any of the above stated categories.

Non-EU/EEA ASSIGNEES

Before you arrive to Bulgaria, and depending on the purpose of your stay, you may need to obtain an entry visa (short-term visa type C) or a work permit and a long-term visa type D.

I. Entry visa

Generally, non-EU nationals need a visa to enter Bulgaria.

An entry visa serves the purpose of short-term visits to the country, e.g. (up to 90 days) on business or private trips, yet it does not allow you to work in Bulgaria.

Citizens of certain countries (e.g. the USA, Canada, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and some others) can reside in Bulgaria without visas for up to 90 days within a period of 6 months.

As of 19 December 2009 citizens of Serbia, North Macedonia and Montenegro, who previously needed entry visas for Bulgaria, are also entitled to up to 90 days non-visa stay in Bulgaria within a period of 6 months, provided that their international passports contain biometrical data.

By the date of Bulgaria's accession to the Schengen area, our country will unilaterally apply a visa-free system for holders of valid Schengen visas. They will have the right to enter and reside in Bulgaria for a period of no more than 3 months in any 6-months period from the date of the first entry, without a Bulgarian short-stay visa.

In addition, by the date of Bulgaria's accession to the Schengen area, our country will unilaterally apply a visa-free system for holders of valid visas and residence permits issued by Romania, Cyprus and Croatia for a stay of up to 90 days. They will have the right to enter and stay in Bulgaria for a period of not more than 90 days in any 180-day period, without a Bulgarian short-stay visa.

If your intention is to work and live in Bulgaria, you should follow the procedures described below in addition to the entry visa requirements.

II. Work permit

1. General rules for work permits

If you intend to work in Bulgaria, you must obtain a work permit before you arrive in the country. The work permit procedure is quite lengthy and you should contact an advisor for immigration assistance at least 3-4 months before the envisaged start date of your assignment to help you prepare the set of documents required.

Generally, you should not be in the country when your application is made and should not work or reside in Bulgaria while the procedure is underway.

Depending on the type of work permit, exceptions are made.

Work permits can be issued on two main group of grounds - employment with a Bulgarian resident company, or secondment to a Bulgarian resident company. Secondments can be arranged on the basis of either an inter-company transfer between two companies of the same group or an agreement between two independent companies to post an employee within the framework of provision of services.

Work permits can be issued also to foreigners who are highly skilled professionals and who want to apply for issuance of a European Union Blue Card.

Work permit can be also granted to an individual who would like to work as a freelance professional, seasonal workers, researchers/scholars, students and interns.

Work permits are valid for a definite period of time, a specific job position and place of work.

Changes in these conditions require a new permit.

2. Exceptions to the work permit requirement

a) Managers of Bulgarian companies

A work permit is not required for certain positions which are subject to statutory registration with the Bulgarian Commercial Register and the Register of Non-For-Profit Legal Persons or the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, e.g. managing directors, board members and procurators of a Bulgarian company and managers of a branch or a representative office of a non-resident company.

Please see also the section below on obtaining a residence permit.

b) Short-term assignment

If you are assigned to Bulgaria for up to 3 months in a 12-months period to perform certain tasks, under a service agreement concluded between the local company and your employer, the local company where you will work should only register you with the Employment Agency prior to your arrival in Bulgaria. A work permit is not required.

No residence permit is required for short-term assignments.

c) Third country nationals in possession of Bulgarian long-term residence status or permanent residence permit

Foreigners who have been granted a long-term residence status or permanent residence in Bulgaria can work without the need of a work permit.

d) Family members of Bulgarian citizens and EU/ EEA/ Swiss citizens

If you are a member of the family of a Bulgarian, or an EU citizen, or a foreigner having received a long-term residence status or permanent residence permit in Bulgaria you may work without a work permit in Bulgaria. The only requirement is that the local company where you will work should register you with the Labour Bureau Directorate within 7 days as from the beginning of the employment.

Please see also the sections below on obtaining a visa D and a residence permit.

e) Tourist operator secondees

Individuals, seconded by a foreign tour operator for particular tasks related to control and coordination of tourist services agreements with Bulgarian tour operators or hoteliers may also work without work permits for up to 6 months within a 12-month period based on a one-off registration with the Employment Agency.

Please see also the sections below on obtaining a visa D and a residence permit.

3. Procedure and timing

As mentioned, you should not be in Bulgaria when your work permit application is made and should not work or reside in Bulgaria while the procedure is underway. Exceptions are made depending on the type of work permit.

Work permits are issued by the Employment Agency with the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy. The application is made by the Bulgarian company where you will work.

The statutory term for issuance of a work permit is up to 1 month from application but in practice it takes much longer (sometimes more than 2 months from application).

Work permits allowing foreigners who are highly skilled professionals to work in Bulgaria are issued within 15 days from application.

The statutory fee for issuance of a work permit is currently approximately EUR 50. Depending on the type of work permit it can reach EUR 200.

4. Documents

a) General set of documents:

Certain company documents are always required with the work permit application, regardless of the grounds of the application (e.g. a company registration certificate, a declaration containing information on the number of personnel (Bulgarians and expatriates) working for the local company, etc.).

There are also specific documents to be submitted, which vary depending on the specific case.

b) Work permit on the grounds of employment with a Bulgarian company:

Some specific documents are required for an application on the above grounds: an employment contract signed between the expatriate and the Bulgarian company, a justification letter, diplomas and other education documents, etc.

c) Work permit on the grounds of secondment to a Bulgarian company:

The documents required for an application for all secondments include: a document for the incorporation of the foreign employer, issued by the competent authority abroad; a confirmation letter for the assignment of the expatriate to Bulgaria, signed by the Management of the foreign employer; legalised and apostilled official documents proving the relationship between the foreign employer and the Bulgarian company; a CV of the expatriate, legalised and apostilled diploma, etc. For secondments between independent parties, in addition to the above an inter- company agreement (e.g. for provision of services) is required to explain the purposes of the arrangement and the necessity of foreign personnel, etc.

d) Work permit issued to highly skilled professionals (i.e. European Union Blue Card):

The specific documents required are a diploma or other educational document certifying at least 3-years of tuition in an educational establishment in the respective country recognised as high school/college or university; the contracted salary of the foreigner in

Bulgaria should be at least 1.5 times higher than the average salary in Bulgaria as per the statistical data for the previous 12 months.

Quite often the Employment Agency would require additional documents, and you should check the status of your application and whether more information and documentation should be prepared and filed.

In view of the large number of documents and the complex procedures, we recommend that you consult with a specialist as early as possible, preferably 4-5 months before the start date of your assignment in Bulgaria.

5. Validity of work permits

Regular work permits are issued for a period of up to 1 year. A permit issued on the grounds of local employment can usually be prolonged each year, if the initial grounds for claiming the permit are still in place. A one-month interruption may be necessary after the third year. Exceptions are possible in very limited cases.

Work permits issued to seconded foreign nationals (as opposed to directly hired by the Bulgarian employer) might be extended by up to 12 months after the expiry of the initial one-year validity term but in exceptional cases.

Work permits for highly skilled professionals (i.e. Blue Cards) are issued on the grounds of a local employment contract with a Bulgarian resident company for a period of up to 4 years, further extension is possible. The validity of the contract should not be less than 12 months.

III. Long-term visa type D

Once your work permit is approved and issued or once you are registered as a manager, board member or procurator of a Bulgarian company, you will need to apply for a long-term visa type D, in order to apply for a residence permit at a later stage when you are in Bulgaria (see next section).

A visa D cannot be issued in Bulgaria and you will need to apply for it in the Bulgarian embassy in your country of residence.

Depending on your work and civil status, you will need to file different documents. The consulate section of each embassy may require different documents so it is advisable that your consultant checks what these are well in advance.

As with the work permit, the consulate officials may require additional documents and you should check the status of your application and whether more information and documentation should be prepared and filed.

Visa D will allow you to stay in the country for 180 days within a 6-month period and to apply for a Bulgarian residence permit.

Visa D is a multiple entry visa. The visa will be destroyed upon issuance of a residence permit. Please see the following section on residence permits.

The term for issuance of a visa D is 35 working days, but in practice it could take twice as long. You should check the status of your application and whether more information and documentation should be prepared and filed. In view of this, we recommend that you consult with a specialist as early as possible.



Immigration procedures - what to do on arrival

EU/EEA ASSIGNEES

1. Residence Certificate

Once you are in the country, if you wish to stay for more than 90 days, you should apply for a certificate for long-term residence in Bulgaria from the Bulgarian Migration authorities.

The application for issuance of the residence certificate should be filed to the Migration Directorate, Sofia Directorate of Interior or the Regional Directorate of the Ministry of Interior within 3 months of your first entry into the country. Certain documents need to be enclosed to the application proving the purpose of your stay in Bulgaria (e.g. employment, self-employment, education, etc.), the availability of health insurance and financial means to cover your living expenses for the term of your stay in Bulgaria.

The statutory term for issuance of the certificate is 1 working day. The maximum term of validity of the certificate is 5 years.

Upon your request, the residence certificate may be issued in the form of an ID card. An administrative fee of around EUR 9 is payable and the ID card would be issued within a month of application (or within 3 working days if you pay double the administrative fee, i.e. EUR 19).

2. Family members

a) Citizens of EU/EEA Member States or Switzerland

To obtain a residence certificate, your family members who are also EU, EEA or Swiss citizens should follow the same procedure as described above. They should support their applications with documents evidencing their family relations to you.

Family members include spouses, partners, children under 21 years, and dependents.

b) Non-EU citizens (third country nationals)

If your family members are non-EU citizens, they should apply for a residence card within 3 months from the date of first entry in the country. The application should be filed to the Migration Directorate, Sofia Directorate of Interior or the Regional Directorate of the Ministry of Interior and should be supported with documents evidencing family relations to you, and a copy of your certificate for long-term residence in Bulgaria, availability of financial means to cover their expenses in Bulgaria (e.g. a declaration for financial support signed by you).

The statutory term for issuance of the residency card is 3 months from the date of application. During this 3-month period the family members reside with a temporary certificate, which should be issued within 1 business day as of the day application submission.

The term of validity of the card is tied to the term of validity of your residence certificate (i.e. up to 5 years).

Non-EU/EEA ASSIGNEES

1. Address registration

Until you have a residence permit, every time you enter the country you need to fill out an address registration card at the border.

If you are staying at a hotel, the hotel administration should register you in a special register and

report this information to the local police station as per the location of the hotel.

If you are not staying at a hotel, upon each entry to the country your landlord should report to the local police station within 3 days your personal data – name, nationality, date of birth and passport details.

2. Residence permit

a) **Issuance** - There are different types of residence permits, namely:

- Short-term residence permit for up to 90 days.
- Prolonged residence permit for up to 1 year.
- Long-term residence status for an initial term of 5 years with a possibility for extension – it may be issued to foreigners who have resided legally in Bulgaria for 5 years without interruption.
- Permanent residence permit for an indefinite period of time.

Residence permits are issued by the Migration Directorate with the Ministry of Interior upon submission of certain documents in person to the police authorities.

The statutory term for issuance of a residence permit for prolonged residence is 14 working days, but in more complex cases where additional documents should be presented, this term may be extended to one month. In practice, it may take longer.

The statutory fee for a 1-year permit (the most frequently applied for) is currently approximately EUR 250.

b) Family members

If you have obtained the necessary permits, your spouse and children can also apply for a visa D first, and then for a residence permit following the completion of a family reunification procedure. Their applications should be supported with certain documents, including a copy of your residence permit; your marriage certificate, birth certificates, as well as documents evidencing you have sufficient funds to cover their living expenses.

Residence permits issued to family members allow them to reside in the country but not to work. To work, they need to apply for a work permit on their own grounds.

3. ID card

a) Filing for your ID card

Once you have a residence permit, you should file in person an application for an ID card.

b) Term and fee

The statutory term for issuance of the ID card vary between 30 calendar days and 3 working days and the statutory fee is currently vary between approximately EUR 23 and EUR 115, bank fees excluded.

When you are issued a Bulgarian ID card for the first time, you are provided with a Personal Identification Number (PI Number). The PI Number needs to be additionally registered with the Bulgarian Revenue Agency and it is used in communications with the tax, social security and other public authorities in Bulgaria. The PI Number is unique and does not change even if you are issued new ID documents later.

4. European Union Blue Card

The EU Blue Card is a permit which gives highly skilled non-EU nationals the right to work and reside in the European Union. In Bulgaria the EU Blue Card is issued by the Ministry of Interior (Migration Directorate) once the foreigner has obtained a visa D for Bulgaria and a work permit as a highly skilled professional. The Blue Card represents a plastic Bulgarian ID card where your PI number, job position, and the name of your employer are stated.

In view of the number of documents and procedures, we recommend early consultation with a specialist.

5. UK/Northern Ireland nationals

Citizens of the UK/Northern Ireland who arrive to Bulgaria after the transition period, do not possess a Bulgarian residence certificate and would like to stay, work and reside legally in Bulgaria shall undergo the same immigration process as non-EU/EEA nationals.



Bulgarian income taxes – basic principles

I. Tax registration requirements

EU/ EEA ASSIGNEES

You should apply for a Personal Identification Number (PI Number), which will be used in all further communications with the Bulgarian National Revenue Agency (NRA) regarding tax and social security matters. Such numbers are obtained, after application, either to the Migration Directorate based on the residency certificate or from the tax office directly. If you obtain a PI Number from the Migration Directorate, you should also register it with the Bulgarian National Revenue Agency.

Non-EU/EEA ASSIGNEES

The Personal Identification Number provided to you with your Bulgarian ID card is used in communications with the revenue and other public authorities in Bulgaria. A registration of the PI Number with the Bulgarian National Revenue Agency is also required.

II. Basic principles of taxation

The Bulgarian tax year is the calendar year.

Taxation in Bulgaria depends on your tax residence status:

- Bulgarian tax residents are taxed on their worldwide income.
- Bulgarian tax non-residents are taxed on their income with Bulgarian source only.

1. Tax residence

According to Bulgarian tax law, irrespective of your citizenship, you will be considered a Bulgarian tax resident if:

- a) you have a permanent address in Bulgaria.
- b) you reside in the country for more than 183 days in any 12-month period.

In this case you will become a Bulgarian tax resident for the whole calendar year in which the 183rd day is exceeded.

- c) you have been assigned to work in another country by a Bulgarian enterprise (or the Bulgarian state or state organisations), or
- d) your centre of vital interests is in Bulgaria.

Your centre of vital interests is determined based on your personal and economic ties with the country. A number of factors are considered in this respect, such as where your closest family is, possession of property in the country, the place where you perform

your employment, professional or economic activity, etc.

However, if you have a permanent address in Bulgaria but your centre of vital interests is not in Bulgaria, you will not be considered a Bulgarian tax resident.

If a double tax treaty (DTT) is in place, your tax residence status will be determined in accordance with the provisions of the DTT, which has prevalence over domestic legislation.

2. Bulgarian source income

The following income is of Bulgarian source and is taxable in Bulgaria, even if you are a tax non- resident:

- employment income, when the work is performed on the territory of Bulgaria, regardless of
 - the payment source.
 - income from services rendered on the territory of Bulgaria.
 - fees received by managers and members of management boards of Bulgarian registered companies or the remuneration of the manager of a representative office or a branch of a foreign company in Bulgaria, regardless of the payment source.
 - dividends and liquidation proceeds from participation in Bulgarian resident companies and unincorporated entities.
 - interest paid by Bulgarian resident entities.
 - rental or other income derived from real estate or movable property in Bulgaria.
 - copyright and license royalties paid by Bulgarian resident entities.
 - technical services fees paid by Bulgarian resident entities.
 - fees earned under franchise and factoring agreements paid by Bulgarian resident entities.
 - capital gains from disposal of assets such as real estate located in Bulgaria or securities in Bulgarian companies.
 - income from securities, bonds and other financial instruments issued by the Bulgarian State or municipalities, or by Bulgarian resident companies.
 - awards from games, contests and competitions that are not provided by an employer/assignor.

- certain types of income payable by Bulgarian resident entities to residents of offshore zones (such as service fees and rights, unless they are actually rendered, and penalties and compensation of any type, except for compensation paid under insurance contracts).

III. Types of income

1. Employment income

Income received for work under an employment contract is considered employment income. All income, with few exceptions, provided in cash or as benefits in kind by the employer to the employee is considered taxable employment income.

a) Taxable employment income:

- salary.
- bonuses.
- cost-of-living allowance.
- hardship allowance.
- relocation allowance.
- rental and utilities payments.
- extra luggage allowance.
- home trip allowance or airplane tickets.
- school fees.
- language training fees (unless work-required).
- voluntary pension or medical cover.
- company car for private use.
- food allowance.
- health club and other private subscriptions.
- other cash or in-kind payments.

Payments made by the employer directly to a vendor/third party in favour or for the benefit of an employee are also taxable income for the employee.

b) **Non-taxable employment income:**

- business trip travel and accommodation costs.
- business trip daily allowances up to the double amount of the statutory allowed limits.
- moving expenses within the country.
- the value of special working or representative clothes or personal protection means.
- the value of free protection food and antidotes.
- travel cards provided by the employer to commuting employees (mainly for public transportation).
- compensation for redundancy or for temporary incapacity.
- social benefits provided by the employer in-kind or as one-off payments up to BGN 2,400 in case of certain events (e.g. marriage, childbirth or medical treatment), if taxed on corporate level.
- food vouchers up to BGN 80 per month provided to employees under an employee social program.
- insurance premiums up to BGN 60 per month for voluntary pension, unemployment, health and life insurance.

No special concessions are granted to expatriates currently.

c) **Tax payments**

Upon payment of salaries, the employer should withhold the personal tax due on employment

income and should remit it to the tax authorities by the 25th day of the following month. Employment income is taxed with a flat tax rate of 10%.

2. Income from independent services

a) **Freelancers and individuals providing services**

i. **Bulgarian tax residents**

Bulgarian tax residents working under services agreements (e.g. freelancers) by statute may deduct 25% of their gross income before taxation as pre-estimated expenses. This taxable base is subject to advance tax payments of 10% on a quarterly basis and to a final annual tax settlement.

ii. Foreign tax residents

Fees for technical services paid to a foreign tax resident individual are subject to a 10% final one-off tax. No deductions are allowed.

Foreigners who perform business activities or provide independent personal services in Bulgaria are required to obtain BULSTAT registration numbers with the Bulgarian Registry Agency. They may also be required to register for VAT purposes if their turnover exceeds BGN 50,000 within 12 months or under other circumstances specified in local VAT legislation.

3. Rental income

i. Bulgarian tax residents

A statutory deduction of 10% of the gross income is allowed for income from rent, or other income derived from letting movable or immovable property including from lease, franchise and factoring agreements.

The income is subject to quarterly advance tax payments at the rate of 10% and to a final tax on an annual basis. If the income is paid by a Bulgarian entity or a freelancer, they are obliged to withhold from the lessor the due advance tax upon payment of the income. The tax due should be remitted by the entity or the freelancer to the tax office by the end of the month following the quarter when the income was paid. Expenses exceeding 10% are not accepted for tax deduction purposes. Rental loss is not recognised for tax purposes and may not be offset against rental profit.

ii. Foreign tax residents

Rental income from property located in Bulgaria received by individuals who are foreign tax residents is subject to a 10% final one-off tax. No deductions are allowed.

Foreigners who have not been issued a Bulgarian PI Number and who own real estate in Bulgaria are required to obtain BULSTAT registration numbers with the Bulgarian Registry Agency.

In case the payer of income from rent is an entity or a freelancer, the advance tax shall be deducted and remitted to the tax office by the entity or the freelancer – payer of the rental income.

In case the income payer is an individual, the obligation for payment of the advance tax lies with the individual who has earned the rental income (i.e. the lessor).

4. Income from disposal of real estate

i. Bulgarian tax residents

Income from capital gains from disposal of real estate, including when the real estate is acquired through donation, is taxable income. A statutory deduction of 10% of the capital gain is allowed. The capital gain is added to the annual taxable income of the individual and is taxed with a 10% flat tax.

Tax exemption is provided in limited cases, e.g.

- For gains from the sale of 1 residential property per year, if it had been owned at least 3 years (applicable to Bulgarian tax residents and residents of EU/EEA Member States)
- For gains from the sale of up to 2 real estate properties¹ owned more than 5 years (applicable to Bulgarian tax residents and residents of EU/EEA Member State).

ii. Foreign tax residents

Any capital gain from disposal of real estate located in Bulgaria is subject to a 10% final tax. A

5. Income from capital

a) Capital gains

i. Bulgarian tax residents

The capital gain on the sale or exchange of securities or other financial assets, as well as from foreign currency transactions is taxable income. The gain realised from all disposals during the year may be offset against any capital loss from disposals during the year, and the remaining gain (if any) is added to the annual taxable income of the individual and is taxed with a 10% flat tax.

Capital gains from transactions with securities of public companies on a regulated Bulgarian stock exchange or on a regulated stock exchange in another EU/EEA country are tax-free.

A temporary preferential tax regime will apply for trading activities of individuals on the emerging markets within the meaning of Art. 122, para. 1 of the Markets in Financial Instruments Act. Capital gains from transactions with securities on such markets are tax-free until 31 December 2025.

¹ Residential or business properties, land or forests

ii. Foreign tax residents

Capital gains on disposal of securities are subject to 10% final tax. The taxable base is the difference between the total amount of capital gain and the capital loss realised during the year. Treaty relief may be possible depending on the specific applicable DTT and after following certain specific procedures.

b) Dividends

i. Bulgarian tax residents

Dividends paid by Bulgarian tax resident entities to Bulgarian tax residents are subject to a 5% final tax at source.

Stock dividends (i.e. company profits distributed as new shares, as well as profits distributed as an increase in the existing par value of shares) are non-taxable.

Dividends paid by entities which are foreign tax residents (non-Bulgarian tax residents) to Bulgarian tax residents qualify as income sourced in the particular foreign country. If a DTT is in place, the taxation of the dividend income will be determined in accordance with the provisions of the DTT.

ii. Foreign tax residents

Dividends paid by Bulgarian resident entities to foreign tax residents are also subject to a 5% final tax at source. Treaty relief may be available. The tax is due by the end of the month, following the quarter when the decision for distribution of dividends is taken. The tax is withheld and remitted by the Bulgarian resident entity.

6. Interest

Interest income from all types of bank accounts (regular bank accounts, saving, checking accounts, fixed-term deposits) is taxable for Bulgarian tax residents with a final tax rate of 8% and with a final tax rate of 10% for non-Bulgarian tax residents.

Interest and discounts on state, municipal and corporate securities are exempt from taxation.

Investment income (similar to interest) on voluntary insurance for pension and unemployment, voluntary health insurance and life insurance contracts is exempt from taxation.

IV. Deductions and allowances

1. Deductions

The following costs are tax deductible when borne by individuals:

- Mandatory health, pension, unemployment, and other related contributions - fully tax-deductible.
- Voluntary Life insurance premiums paid to an insurer licensed in Bulgaria or another EU/EEA country, or OECD country – up to a total of 10% of the taxable income.
- Voluntary pension or health insurance premiums paid to a fund licensed in Bulgaria or another EU/EEA country, or OECD country – up to a total of 10% of the taxable income.
- Donations to certain non-profit organizations in Bulgaria or EU/EEA - up to 5% (and in some specific cases 15% or 50%) of the taxable income. The total amount of the tax relief for donations may not exceed 65% of the total annual tax base.
- The interest on the first BGN 100,000 of a mortgage loan, under certain conditions for young married couples – Bulgarian tax residents (including foreign individual tax residents of an EU/EEA member state).
- For taxpayers (Bulgarian or EU/ EEA tax residents) with children - reduction of the total annual taxable base for 2021 with amounts between BGN 4,500 and BGN 13,500 depending on the number of the children. The conditions for this tax relief require that the child is under age, not placed in a social or integrated health and social service for residential care at full state support as at 31 December of the fiscal year and is a resident of an EU/EEA Member State as at the same date.
- For taxpayers (Bulgarian or EU/ EEA tax residents) with children with disabilities - reduction of the total annual tax base with the amount of BGN 9,000 for parents whose children have at least 50% disabilities. The conditions for this tax relief require that the child is under age, not placed in a social or integrated health and social service for residential care at full state support as at 31 December of the fiscal year and is a resident of an EU/EEA Member State as at the same date.
- Tax relief for improvements, repairs and refurbishment of real estate (valid for Bulgarian and EU/EEA Member State tax residents only) – reduction of the total annual tax base with the payments made for such services (without materials) during the year at the total amount of up to BGN 2,000.
- Non-cash payments (valid for Bulgarian and EU/EEA Member State tax residents only) - The tax relief is 1% of the total tax liabilities for the tax year but capped to BGN 500. The conditions for this tax relief require that the individual received taxable income during the tax year, 100% of the taxable income was received via bank transfers, at least 80% of the expenses of the individual was paid by non-cash methods.

All tax reliefs above may be used only in case the individual has no outstanding public liabilities at the date of filing of the annual tax return.



Tax obligations during the year

1. Payroll withholdings on employment income

Your employer must withhold and remit on a monthly basis to the tax authorities the personal income tax due on employment income. In certain cases such an obligation exists for “economic employers” too (the Bulgarian entity for which you are assigned / seconded to work) even if you do not have direct contractual relations and you are paid via home country payroll.

2. Advance taxes

Service fees payable to Bulgarian tax residents are subject to advance tax payments of 10% on a monthly (or in some cases, quarterly) basis.

Rental income of Bulgarian tax residents is subject to quarterly advance tax payments at the rate of 10%. If the income is paid by a Bulgarian entity or a freelancer, the latter is obliged to withhold the due advance tax upon payment of the income and remit it to the tax office on a quarterly basis. No advance taxes are due on services and rental income for the fourth quarter unless the income recipient so requests in writing to the income payer.

Final taxes on income earned by foreign tax residents should be withheld by the Bulgarian entity which pays out the income. If the paying entity is not a Bulgarian company, the individual should pay the due tax on their own. The taxes are paid on a quarterly basis by the end of the month following the respective quarter.



What to do at the end of the year

1. Tax return submission and payment of tax

a) Employment income only

If you have only employment income from a Bulgarian employer, you are not required to submit a personal income tax return for the respective year. The Bulgarian employer is obliged to make an annual reconciliation of your income by 31 January of the following year.

b) Other income

If you receive other types of income, you will need to file an annual tax return between 10 January and 30 April of the following year. The difference between the annual tax due and the advance taxes paid during the year should be transferred to the state budget by 30 April of the following year. You can pay your outstanding personal income tax liability through a bank transfer or online. The tax return could be filed either in hard copy – in person or by registered mail, or electronically, if you have an electronic signature or Personal Identification Code.

Individuals performing business activity as traders under the Bulgarian Commercial Law, including sole traders and individuals registered as farmers, should submit an annual tax return and transfer the annual tax due to the state budget between 1 March and 30 June of the following year.

The tax return may be filed either in hard copy – in person or by registered mail, or electronically, if you have an electronic signature or a Personal Identification Code.

If the tax return is submitted electronically with the electronic system of the National Revenue Agency through a Personal Identification Code or an electronic signature by 31 March of the following year and the tax due is paid within the same deadline, tax-liable persons can benefit from a discount of 5% of the outstanding amount due for payment. The deadline for payment is 30 April of the following year.

2. Extensions

There is no possibility for extension of the filing deadline. However, individuals are allowed to file a one-off corrective tax return without a penalty by 30 September of the following year.

3. Fines and penalties

The penalty for not filing a tax return within the filing deadline is up to BGN 500.

Individuals who have filed a tax return with incorrect data leading to less tax payment may be fined up to BGN 1,000, if no heavier punishment is due (including criminal prosecution). No penalty, nor interest will be imposed if an individual files a corrective tax return within the deadline for payment of the tax (30 April).

If the tax due is not paid within the statutory deadline, it is subject to collection along with statutory interest (the basic interest rate of the Bulgarian National Bank plus 10 points).

In general, the statute of limitation is 5 years as from the year when the tax was payable.

4. Tax overpayment

In case of tax overpayment, you may ask for a refund of the overpaid tax. The tax refund claim may be filed along with the annual tax return or you will need to undergo a special tax refund procedure under the Tax Procedural Code. Also, if your only income during the year was from employment with a Bulgarian company, your employer may refund you the overpaid tax through the payroll upon recalculating your income and taxes by 31 January of the following year.

As of 1 January 2021, there is an option in the annual tax return to use the overpaid tax to cover current or future tax liabilities, social security contributions or public liabilities, if applicable.

5. Obtaining a Bulgarian tax certificate

If you have paid taxes in Bulgaria, you can obtain a certificate from the Bulgarian tax authorities confirming the tax payments for the purpose of obtaining a tax credit or tax exemption for similar taxes in your home country, if you are so entitled. A certificate for paid taxes could be generally obtained by the Bulgarian tax authorities in case a Bulgarian annual tax return had been submitted for the respective tax year.

6. Double tax treaty relief

If a double tax treaty applies, its provisions override the domestic regulations. Tax relief is granted in accordance with the method established in the relevant treaty. (Please see Appendix D for a list of the treaties concluded by Bulgaria).

Where there is no double tax treaty, Bulgarian domestic law grants a unilateral tax credit for taxes paid abroad on foreign-source income received by Bulgarian tax residents. The allowed tax credit may not exceed the amount of the Bulgarian tax payable on similar or identical income.



Social security and health insurance

1. Insurance base and cap

Mandatory social security contributions are due on the gross remuneration (within certain

minimum and maximum limits) less any allowed statutory deductions.

The minimum base per month varies depending on the economic activity of the employer and the profession and grade of the employee. For 2021, it is between BGN 650 and BGN 1,763 per month.

The mandatory social security base is capped. For 2021 the maximum base on which contributions are calculated and paid is BGN 3,000 per month.

2. Rates

The most common mandatory aggregate contribution is 32.80%, where the employer pays 19.02% and 13.78% is withheld from the employee's remuneration. Considering the maximum social security base is capped, the maximum annual social security contributions for 2021 (at the most common rate) is around BGN 11,808.00.

The contributions cover:

- 14.8% for state pension.
- 5% for additional pension.
- 3.5% for general illness and maternity.
- 1% for unemployment insurance.
- 0.4% for occupational accident and disease. The % rate of the contribution varies between 0.4% and 1.1% depending on the economic activity of the employer. It is fully for the account of the employer.
- 8% for health insurance.

3. Employer/employee participation

The mandatory social security contributions are split between employer and employee. Currently the ratio of the employer: employee participation for most funds is 55:45 and for some funds it is 60:40.

The contributions to the "Accident at Work and Occupational Illness Fund" are entirely at the expense of the employer.

The aggregate social security contributions (employer's part and employee's part) are remitted to the revenue authorities by the employer.

4. Exemptions for expatriates

EU/EEA assignees and citizens of Switzerland

If you are an EU citizen working in the country, as of 1 May 2010 you are subject to the provisions of EC Regulation 883/2004 (which replaced EEC Regulation 1408/71) and Directive 2018/957 amending Directive 96/71/EC. Under this Regulation, you would be insured for social security purposes only in one member state. In principle this would be Bulgaria, where you physically work, unless you can obtain an A1 certificate from your home country social security authorities and thus keep your social security coverage in that country for a period of up to 5 years.

If you do not have an A1 form issued from your home country, you would be subject to mandatory social security contributions in Bulgaria. The same social security rates as for Bulgarian nationals apply to EU citizens.

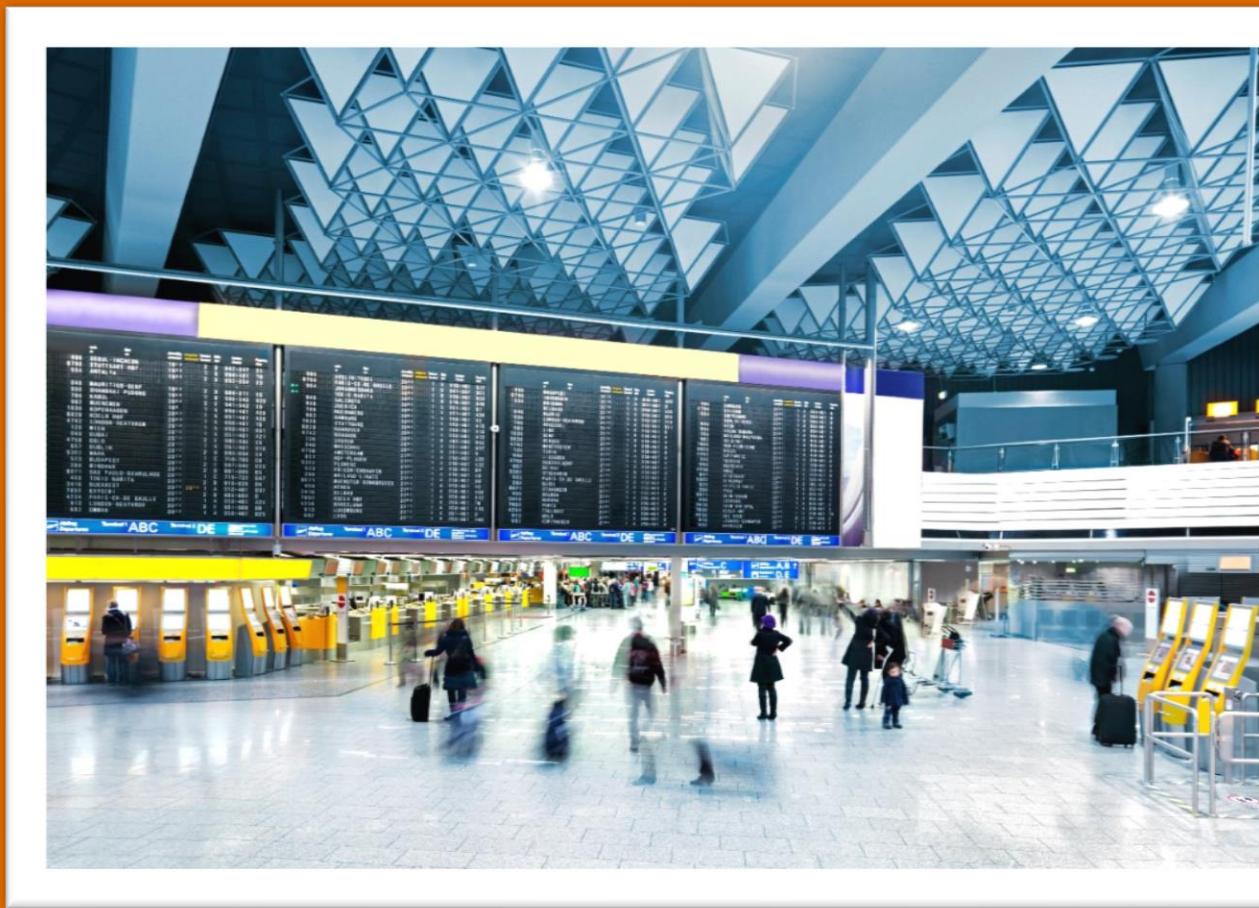
Switzerland follows the above EU Regulation as of 1 April 2012.

Non-EU/EEA assignees

If you are a non-EU/EEA citizen and you have a Bulgarian residence permit for continuous stay, you are exempt from paying health insurance contributions, which means that the most common aggregate contribution rate for you would be 24.8%. This also means that you will need to pay for the local medical treatment, which you may require at special rates for foreigners.

If there is a bilateral social security (totalisation) agreement between Bulgaria and the non- EU/EEA country, you may be exempt from paying Bulgarian social security contributions to some or all funds under the terms of the relevant treaty.

(Please see Appendix C for a list of the bilateral social security agreements concluded between Bulgaria and non-EU/EEA countries).



What to do upon departure from Bulgaria

1. Informing the authorities

There is no special deregistration procedure for tax purposes in Bulgaria. You can leave the country when your assignment ends without informing the tax authorities. Please see the section on foreign exchange regulations and bank transfers abroad.

Please consider obtaining a certificate for paid taxes in Bulgaria, which may be required by the tax authorities in your home country or elsewhere. You may authorise someone to obtain the certificate for you (through a notarised power of attorney).

If your employment or secondment is terminated prior to the initial term specified, the Bulgarian employer should notify the Employment Agency and you should return the work permit (if you had one) within 3 days of termination of the employment/secondment. The work permit is cancelled.

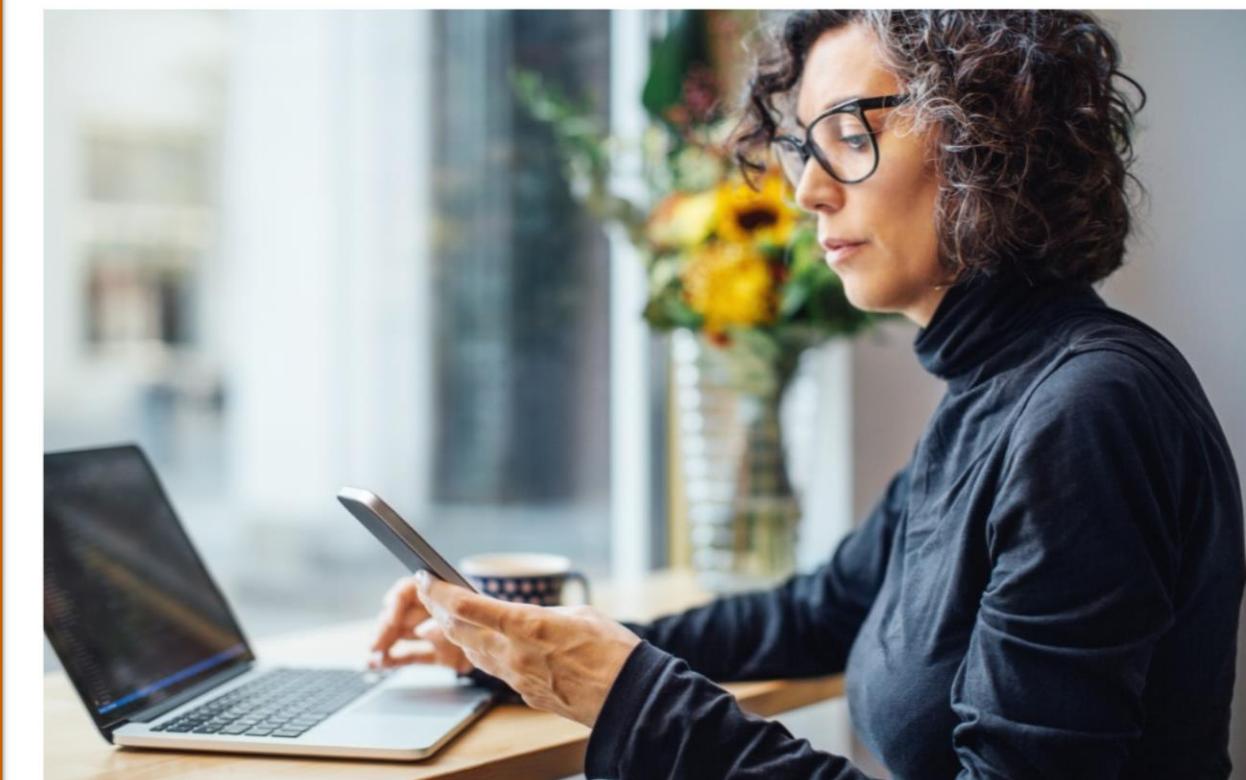
The Employment Agency then notifies the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. You will be required to return your Bulgarian ID card to the police department for cancellation.

All residence certificates or permits issued to foreign nationals in the form of an ID card must be returned to the issuing authority.

2. Filing your tax return

The procedure for filing the tax return for the last year of your assignment is no different than the general procedure (please refer to section “Tax return submission and payment of tax” above).

Please note that the annual tax return for the tax year cannot be filed earlier than 10 January of the following year, even if you leave the country earlier.



Other taxes

1. Stock options/share schemes

Bulgarian tax legislation does not contain special rules on the tax treatment of stock options and share schemes. We would therefore recommend that you seek professional advice in each specific case.

2. Transfer tax

When you acquire real estate or a vehicle in Bulgaria, you will have to pay a transfer tax determined by the municipality, which ranges from 0.1% to 3% on the value of the property. Notary and registration fees also apply.

3. Property tax return

A property tax return should be filed within 2 months of acquiring real estate or some movable property (e.g. a car) in Bulgaria. The tax return should be filed with the tax office where the property is located or per your address registration (in cases of a car purchase).

4. Property tax and garbage collection fee

If you acquire real estate in Bulgaria, you would need to pay an annual real estate tax. It may vary between 0.01% and 0.45% of the tax value of the property. The tax value depends on the type of property, its location, size and other factors.

In addition to property tax, a garbage collection fee is due by owners of real estate. The municipality where the property is located determines the fees annually. The fee can be significant in some cities.

5. Vehicle tax

The tax is due by the owner of a car registered in Bulgaria. It is calculated according to the horsepower and year of production of the car.

The tax is payable to the local tax office as per your address registration.

6. Vignette Fee

You are required to buy a vignette sticker if you need to travel out of town. The value of the vignette varies depending on the type of vehicle and the period for which it is issued (day, week, month or year).

7. Highway Toll

For the time being no highway tolls are payable in Bulgaria for standard cars.

8. VAT

The standard VAT rate is currently 20%.



Other procedures

Exchanging your foreign currency

1. Currency board

The Bulgarian currency system operates under the conditions of a currency board. The Bulgarian Lev (BGN) is bound to the Euro. The official fixed exchange rate of the Bulgarian National Bank is:

EUR 1 = BGN 1.95583.

Retail transactions in Bulgaria are priced and carried out in BGN.

You can buy Leva in Bulgaria at each bank office, as well as at foreign exchange bureaus. It is much safer though to exchange foreign currency at a bank office. Most bank offices are open for clients from 8.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. on weekdays only.

It is also possible to obtain local currency using a debit or credit card at ATM (cash) machines.

2. Foreign exchange regulations

You can hold and operate bank accounts in Leva and in foreign currency without restrictions. However, under the current regulations the following points should be considered:

a) Bank transfer of foreign currency abroad

- For all bank transfers abroad, you need to advise the bank of the grounds for the payment.
- For transfers to and from another country of BGN 50,000 or more or its equivalent in foreign currency, you will need to fill in a standard statistical form at the transferring bank.
- If you transfer more than BGN 30,000 (or its equivalent) from Bulgaria to a bank account abroad, you would need to provide the bank with certain documents proving the grounds on which the transfer or payment is being made.

b) Export and import of Bulgarian and foreign currency in cash to or from a member state of the European Union

- You can import and export Bulgarian and foreign currency up to EUR 10,000 without having to declare it to the Customs Authorities.
- Import and export of currency equal to or exceeding EUR 10,000 shall be declared upon request of the customs authorities.

Exchanging your foreign currency

- c) Export and import of Bulgarian and foreign currency in cash to or from a third country
- If you would like to export currency exceeding BGN 30,000 or its equivalent in foreign currency, in addition to the requirements mentioned above, the Customs Authorities may require through official channels confirmation that you do not have any outstanding tax liabilities.
 - In case the exported currency exceeds the equivalent of BGN 30,000 but does not exceed the amount imported and declared upon entering Bulgaria, a foreign individual is required to declare only the type and amount of exported currency.

3. Driving license

Once you receive a residence permit/certificate of residence, you can drive with your national driving license for a period of 1 year as of entering the country.

After this 1-year period you can be issued a Bulgarian driving license without having to pass a test, provided that the country where your driving license was issued is party to the Road Traffic Convention (1949). Otherwise, you need to pass the Bulgarian driving license test.

After the end of the Brexit transition period (30.12.2020) driving licenses, issued by the UK, will be treated by the Republic of Bulgaria as driving licenses, issued by a State - Party to the Road Traffic Convention of 1968 meeting the requirements under Annex 6 to the Convention.

Therefore, UK nationals, who have established their habitual residence in Bulgaria, can drive motor vehicles on the territory of the country with their UK driving licenses up to one year from the date of issuance of their Bulgarian residence document. Within this one year, the UK driving licence can be replaced for a Bulgarian one without passing an exam.

4. Importing goods and personal possessions

Generally, if you are an EU citizen you can ship your personal possessions to Bulgaria duty-free without having to follow burdensome customs formalities. No other permit or compliance procedures apply (except for certain excise goods).

Non-EU citizens moving to Bulgaria with the intention to establish their normal place of residence in the Community are allowed to import their personal property duty-free under certain conditions. The chief of the customs agency grants permission for such imports.

Exchanging your foreign currency

Personal property imported duty-free by non-EU citizens should not be lent, sold or otherwise disposed of for the following 12 months (otherwise, customs duties should be paid).

Air and sea passengers arriving from a non-EU country are allowed to import non-commercial goods in their personal luggage up to EUR 430 duty-free and land passengers – up to EUR 300.

Consignments of goods with total value up to EUR 150 dispatched directly from a non-EU country to a Bulgarian consignee are also duty free (the threshold is EUR 45 if the consignments are sent between individuals free of charge).

In respect to customs and excise duties formalities, after the Brexit transition period (30.12.2020), the UK is considered a country outside the EU area, i.e. a third country. Thus, customs formalities applicable to non-EU member states shall be enforced on goods and travellers from the UK. In terms of goods traded between Northern Ireland and the EU, the regime applicable to EU countries is applied for VAT and customs purposes.

Exchanging your foreign currency

Special quantity limits for duty-free import of tobacco and alcohol products apply at the EU level:

- 200 cigarettes for air passengers and 40 cigarettes for other passengers.
- a total of one litre of alcohol and alcoholic drinks with alcoholic content above 22 vol. % or non-denatured ethyl alcohol of 80 vol. % or more).
- a total of two litres of alcohol and alcoholic drinks with alcoholic content below 22 vol. %. Imports of goods with a total value exceeding EUR 15 would be normally subject to 20% VAT.

5. Importing your car

a) EU ASSIGNEES

If you are an EU citizen you can import your car in Bulgaria duty-free without having to follow customs procedures (the car should have registration plates and registration documents issued in another EU country).

b) Non-EU ASSIGNEES

If you are a non-EU national, depending on your residence status, you can import your car, as follows:

i. Short-term residents

If you are going to stay in Bulgaria less than 3 months, you can temporarily import your car duty-free. The temporary import of the car will be registered in your passport.

ii. Long-term residents

If you are staying for a period longer than 3 months and fulfil an assignment of specific duration, you can still temporarily import your car duty-free for the term of your assignment. You will need to present the registration certificate of the car, documents evidencing ownership, your Bulgarian ID card, driving license, insurance policy and a customs declaration.

Persons moving their normal place of residence in the EU Community may import their car duty-free under the same conditions as provided for the personal possessions.

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iii. Permanent residents

If you are moving permanently to Bulgaria and have a permanent residence permit, you can import your car duty-free provided you have been using the car for a period of at least 6 months prior to moving to Bulgaria, and the car will not be sold for a period of 24 months.

6. Exporting your personal possessions and car

a) EU assignees

EU citizens do not need to follow any customs formalities when exporting their car out of Bulgaria to another EU country.

b) Non-EU assignees

There are specific customs requirements and formalities for exporting your possessions and especially your car. We would recommend that you contact a specialised agency for professional advice and assistance.



Appendix A: A sample tax computation

Monthly Tax Consumption	BGN
I. Employment/ Management contract (Bulgarian tax resident)	
1. Salary	7,000.00
2. Benefit in kind (e.g. accommodation)	2,000.00
3. Monthly gross income (1 + 2)	9,000.00
4. Mandatory social security contributions - Ee portion (13.78% of BGN 3,000)	413.40
5. Taxable base (3 - 4)	8,586.60
6. Tax (10% of 5)	858.66
7. Net monthly income (5 - 6)	7,727.94

Appendix B: List of double tax treaties

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| 1. Albania | 24. Indonesia | 46. Poland | 66. Uzbekistan |
| 2. Algeria | 25. Iran | 47. Portugal | 67. Vietnam |
| 3. Armenia | 26. Ireland | 48. Qatar | 68. Yugoslavia |
| 4. Austria | 27. Italy | 49. Romania | 69. Zimbabwe |
| 5. Azerbaijan | 28. Israel | 50. Russian Federation | |
| 6. Bahrain | 29. Japan | 51. Saudi Arabia | |
| 7. Belarus | 30. Jordan | 52. Singapore | |
| 8. Belgium | 31. Kazakhstan | 53. Slovak Republic | |
| 9. Canada | 32. North Korea | 54. Slovenia | |
| 10. China | 33. South Korea | 55. South Africa | |
| 11. Croatia | 34. Kuwait | 56. Spain | |
| 12. Cyprus | 35. Latvia | 57. Sweden | |
| 13. Czech Republic | 36 Lebanon | 58. Switzerland | |
| 14. Denmark | 37. Lithuania | 59. Syria | |
| 15. Egypt | 38. Luxembourg | 60. Thailand | |
| 16. Estonia | 39. Malta | 61. Turkey | |
| 17. Finland | 40. Moldova | 62. Ukraine | |
| 18. France | 41. Mongolia | 63. United Arab Emirates | |
| 19. Georgia | 42. Morocco | 64. United Kingdom | |
| 20. Germany | 43. Netherlands | 65. United States of America | |
| 21. Greece | 44. North Macedonia | | |
| 22. Hungary | 45. Norway | | |
| 23. India | 46. Pakistan | | |

Appendix C: List of existing social security agreements



Appendix D: Diplomatic Missions in Sofia – 1/4

	Country	Address
1	AFGHANISTAN	57 Simeonovsko Shose Blvd., Residence 3 (tel.: 962 51 93; fax: 962 74 86)
2	ALBANIA	20 Krakra Str. (tel.: 943 38 57; fax: 943 30 69)
3	ALGERIA	16 Slavianska Str. (tel.: 980 22 50, 981 03 28)
4	ARGENTINA	36 Dragan Tsankov Blvd., IWTC Intepred, bl. B, fl. 8 (tel.: 971 25 39, 971 37 91, 971 25 90; fax: 969 30 28)
5	ARMENIA	3 Zagorichane Str. (tel.: 946 12 72, 946 12 73; fax: 946 12 74)
6	AUSTRALIA (Consulate General)	37 Trakiya Str. (tel.: 946 13 34; fax: 946 17 04)
7	AUSTRIA	4 Shipka Str. (tel.: 932 90 32, 981 05 67)
8	AZERBAIJAN	6 Charles Darwin Str. (tel.: 817 00 70; fax: 817 00 77)
9	BELARUS	3 Nikola Karadzhov Str. (tel.: 971 71 31, 971 95 28; fax: 973 31 00)
10	BELGIUM	103 James Baucher Blvd. (tel.: 988 72 90; fax: 963 36 38)
11	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	1 Al. Zhendov Str. (tel.: 973 37 75; fax: 973 37 29)
12	BRAZIL	5 Veliko Tarnovo Str. (tel.: 971 98 19, 971 98 21; fax: 971 28 18)
13	CANADA (Honorary Consul – Ms Nina Lazarova)	7 Pozitano Str. (tel.: 969 97 17; fax: 981 60 81), accredited to Bulgaria is the Embassy of Canada in Bucharest
14	CANADA Visa Application Center	77 Tsar Assen Str., fl. 1 (tel.: 939 47 47)
15	CHINA	58 James Baucher Blvd. (tel.: 973 38 73; fax 971 10 81)
16	COLOMBIA (Honorary Consul – Mr. Rafael Alvarado)	Yavorov complex, bl. 43, entr. 2, fl. 3 (tel.: 888 22 00 05; fax: 972 76 60), accredited to Bulgaria is the Embassy of Columbia in Warsaw
17	CROATIA	15 Oborishte Str. (tel.: 943 32 25, 861 12 11, 861 12 12; fax: 946 13 55)
18	CUBA	1 Konstantin Shtarkelov Str. (tel.: 872 09 96, 872 20 14; fax: 872 04 60)
19	CYPRUS	30 Bacho Kiro Str. (tel.: 961 77 30, 961 73 31; fax: 862 94 70)

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	Country	Address
20	CZECH REPUBLIC	100 Georgi Rakovski Str. (tel.: 948 68 00 -; fax: 948 68 18)
21	DENMARK	54 Dondukov Blvd. (tel.: 917 01 00; fax: 980 99 01)
22	EGYPT	5 6 th September Str. (tel.: 988 15 09, 987 02 15, 987 64 68; fax: 980 12 63)
23	ESTONIA (Honorary Consul – Mr. Boris Emilov Halachev)	114 Todor Kableshkov Blvd., bl. B, fl. 6, ap. B19 (tel.: 986 16 61, 884 106 446)
24	FINLAND	26-28 Bacho Kiro Str., fl. 5 (tel.: 810 21 10; fax: 810 21 20), Honorary Consul – Mr. Krasimir Ganchev, 12 Prezviter Kuzma Str., Varna 9000, Bulgaria (tel: 524 651 61)
25	FRANCE	27-29 Oborishte Str. (tel.: 965 11 00; fax: 965 11 20)
26	GEORGIA	65 Krichim Str. (tel.: 868 54 04; fax: 868 34 27)
27	GERMANY	25 Joliot Curie Str. (tel.: 91 83 80; fax: 963 41 17)
28	GREECE	33 San Stefano Str. (tel.: 843 30 85, 843 30 86; fax: 946 12 49)
29	HUNGARY	57 6 th September Str. (tel.: 963 11 35, 963 11 36; fax: 963 21 10)
30	ICELAND (Honorary Consul – Ms Tsvetelina Borislavova)	12 Slavyanska Str. (tel.: 939 92 27; fax: 981 17 15)
31	INDIA	4 Alfred Nobel Str. (tel.: 963 56 75; fax: 963 56 86)
32	INDONESIA	5 Josef Valhard, residence 4, 53 Simeonovsko Shose Blvd. (tel.: 962 52 40, 962 61 70)
33	IRAQ	21-23 Anton Pavlovich Chekhov Str. (tel.: 973 33 48, 973 38 85; fax: 971 11 97)
34	IRAN	55 Simeonovsko Shose Blvd. (tel.: 987 61 73, 987 85 46, 981 43 48, 980 54 51; fax: 981 41 02, 987 70 41)
35	IRELAND	26-30 Bacho Kiro Str. (tel.: 985 34 25; fax: 983 33 02)
36	ISRAEL	18 Shipchenski prohod Blvd., Business center Galaxy, fl.6 (tel.: 9033 500 fax: 9033 555)

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	Country	Address
37	ITALY	2 Shipka Str. (tel.: 921 73 00; fax: 980 37 17)
38	JAPAN	14 Lyulyakova Gradina Str. (tel.: 971 27 08; fax: 971 10 95)
39	JORDAN (Honorary Consul – Mr. Hasan Barmaui)	25 Nezabrvaka Str. Park Hotel Moskva, fl.2, office 204 (tel.: 888 209 674)
40	KAZAKHSTAN	37 Sv. Sv. Kiril i Metodii Str. (tel.: 862 41 70)
41	KOREA (DEMO- CRATIC REPUBLI C OF)	3 Sofiysko pole Str. (tel.: 975 33 40, 974 61 00; fax: 974 55 67)
42	KOREA (REPUBLIC OF)	2B Srebarna Str., MobiArt Building, fl.4, (tel.: 971 21 81; fax: 971 33 88)
43	KUWAIT	Simeonovsko Shose Str., Residence 15 (tel.: 962 51 30, 962 56 89, 962 52 09; fax: 962 45 84)
44	LEBANON	16 Joliot Curie Str., bld. 155, ap. 13 (tel.: 971 27 23, 971 27 34, 971 13 14; fax: 971 34 97)
45	LIBYA	Andrey Sakharov Blvd., Residence 1 (tel.: 974 35 56, 974 31 56; fax: 974 32 73)
46	LITHUANIA (Honorary Consul – Mr. Racho Stefanov Ribarov)	3 Victor Grigorovich Str., fl. 1 (tel.: 888 540 700)
47	MALTA (Consulate)	36 Petko Voyvoda Str. (tel.: 805 50 55; fax: 805 50 00)
48	MOLDOVA	152 Georgi Rakovski Blvd. (tel.: 935 60 11; fax: 980 64 75)
49	MONGOLIA	52 Frederic Joliot Curie Str. (tel.: 865 90 12; fax: 963 07 45)
50	MOROCCO	1 Chervena Stena Str., entr. 1 (tel.: 865 11 26; 865 11 37; fax: 865 48 11)
51	NORTH MACEDONIA	17 Frederic Joliot Curie Str., bld. 2, fl. 1, suite 1 (tel.: 870 15 60, 870 50 98)

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	Country	Address
52	NORWAY (Honorary Consul – Mrs. Ventseslava Yanchovska)	26-30 Bacho Kiro Str., bld. 2 (tel.: 4177 077, 899 177 077)
53	NETHERLANDS	15 Oborishte Str. (tel.: 816 03 00; fax: 816 03 01)
54	PALESTINA	22 James Baucher Blvd. (tel.: 963 43 24, 963 31 23; fax: 963 25 71)
55	POLAND	46 Khan Kroum Str. (tel.: 902 34 00, 981 85 45; fax: 987 29 39)
56	PORTUGAL	7 Pozitano Str., fl.5 (tel.: 448 41 07, 0878 237 039)
57	ROMANIA	4 Mihai Eminescu Blvd. (tel.: 971 28 58, 973 30 81; fax: 973 34 12)
58	RUSSIA	28 Dragan Tsankov Blvd. (tel.: 963 09 14, 963 44 58, 963 13 14; fax: 963 41 03)
59	SERBIA	3 Veliko Tarnovo Str. (tel.: 946 16 33, 946 16 35; fax: 946 10 59)
60	SLOVAKIA	9 Yanko Sakazov Blvd. (tel.: 942 92 11; fax: 942 92 35)
61	SOUTH AFRICA	7 Shipka Str. (tel.: 983 35 05, 981 48 80; fax: 939 50 17)
62	SPAIN	27 Sheinovo Str. (tel.: 943 36 20, 943 30 32, 943 30 34, 946 12 09; fax: 946 12 01, 946 34 68)
63	SWEDEN (Honorary Consul- Ms. Zoya Paunova)	54 Dondukov Blvd. (tel.: 417 71 78, 898 793 336)
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