

## POLE'S CARD

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The Pole's Card is a document that confirms a person's belonging to the Polish nation.

The Pole's Card may be granted to a person who declares belonging to the Polish Nation and meets all of the following conditions:

- demonstrates his connection with Polishness through at least basic knowledge of the Polish language, which he considers to be his native language, and knowledge and cultivation of Polish traditions and customs,
- in the presence of a consul, submits a written declaration of belonging to the Polish Nation,
- proves that he is of Polish nationality or at least one of his parents or grandparents or two great-grandparents were of Polish nationality, or presents a certificate from a Polish or Polish diaspora organization confirming active involvement in activities for the benefit of the Polish language and culture or the Polish national minority for a period of at least last three years;
- declares that she or her ascendants (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents) have not repatriated or have not been repatriated from the territory of the Republic of Poland or the Polish People's Republic.

A Pole's Card can be obtained by a person who:

- there is no Polish citizenship on the day of submitting the application for the Pole's Card and on the day of granting it Polish citizenship, or
- does not have a permanent residence permit in the territory of the Republic of Poland  
or
- has the status of a stateless person.

A Pole's Card can also be obtained by a person whose Polish origin has been confirmed in accordance with the Repatriation Act (provided that they demonstrate at least basic knowledge of the Polish language).

The Pole's Card holder has the right to:

- exemption from the obligation to have a work permit,
- undertaking and conducting business activities on the same terms as Polish citizens,
- education at a doctoral school, undertaking and pursuing studies and other forms of education, as well as participating in scientific activities,
- using the forms of education specified in the education regulations,
- using health care services in emergencies,
- 37% discount when traveling by public rail transport,
- free entry to state museums,
- assistance of the consul, within his competence and with the application and respect of international customs and law, in situations of threat to life or safety,

Granting the Pole's Card does not mean acquiring Polish citizenship or confirming Polish origin and is not a document entitling to cross the border or settle in the territory of the Republic of Poland.

The Pole's Card is granted and its validity extended by way of a decision, at the written request of the interested person.

The authority competent to grant the Pole's Card or extend its validity is the consul competent for the applicant's place of residence or the voivode indicated by the Council of Ministers.

More information at: [www.poradyprawne-aurus.pl](http://www.poradyprawne-aurus.pl)

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