

Republic of Latvia  
Cabinet  
Regulation No. 905  
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## **Procedures for the Granting and Cancellation of the Status of a Resort**

*Issued pursuant to  
Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraphs three, five and seven  
of the Tourism Law*

1. This Regulation prescribes the procedures by which:
  - 1.1. the administrative territory of a local government or a part thereof (hereinafter – territory) shall be granted or cancelled the status of a resort;
  - 1.2. a local government shall submit an application for granting the status of a resort (hereinafter – application) and the information to be included therein;
  - 1.3. a local government shall provide a report on the development and environmental quality indicators of a resort provided for in the spatial development planning documents.
2. In order for a territory to obtain the status of a resort, a local government shall submit to the Ministry of Economics:
  - 2.1. a filled-in application form (Annex 1);
  - 2.2. the documents stipulated in Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph three of the Tourism Law.
3. The Ministry of Economics shall verify the conformity of the application and of the documents appended thereto with the requirements of this Regulation and inform the relevant local government, if all the necessary documents have not been submitted or they do not conform to the requirements of this Regulation.
4. If the application and the documents appended thereto conform to the requirements of this Regulation, the Ministry of Economics shall forward them for assessment to the committee established by an order of the Minister for Economics (hereinafter – committee).
5. The by-law of the committee shall be approved by the Minister for Economics. The committee shall consist of two representatives of the Ministry of Economics (including – chairperson of the committee), two representatives of the Ministry of Health and two representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development. If necessary, the chairperson of the committee may invite other experts in an advisory capacity.
6. If a local government has submitted all the documents referred to in Paragraph 2 of this Regulation or additional information is necessary for the preparation of the committee report, the Ministry of Economics may request that the relevant local government submits additional documents or information, determining a time period of not less than 10 working days.
7. If a local government does not submit additional documents or information to the Ministry of Economics within the specified time period, assessment of the application shall not be continued.

8. The committee shall assess the conformity of the territory indicated in the application with the conditions referred to in Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph one of the Tourism Law within two months after receipt of the information referred to in Annex 1 to this Regulation and the necessary additional information and provide an opinion to the Ministry of Economics on conformity of the territory with the stipulated requirements.

9. If all the documents referred to in Paragraph 2 of this Regulation have been submitted and according to the opinion of the committee the territory conforms to the conditions referred to in Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph one of the Tourism Law, the Ministry of Economics shall prepare a draft Cabinet order regarding granting of the status of a resort to the relevant territory and submit it together with the application and the opinion of the committee to the Cabinet for examination.

10. If according to the opinion of the committee the territory does not conform to the conditions referred to in Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph one of the Tourism Law, the Ministry of Economics shall prepare a draft Cabinet order regarding refusal to grant the status of a resort to the relevant territory and submit it together with the application and the opinion of the committee to the Cabinet for examination.

11. A local government, which has been granted the status of a resort, shall submit a report on the development and environmental quality indicators of the resort provided for in spatial development planning documents (Annex 2) to the Ministry of Economics not less than once every two years until 1 October of the relevant year. The Ministry of Economics shall transfer the report to the committee for assessment and provision of an opinion.

12. The Ministry of Economics shall prepare a draft Cabinet order regarding cancellation of the status of a resort for the relevant territory and submit it to the Cabinet for examination, if:

12.1. it has been established in the opinion of the committee on the report referred to in Paragraph 11 of this Regulation that any of the circumstances referred to in Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph six, Clause 2, 3, 5 or 6 of the Tourism Law has set in;

12.2. any of the circumstances referred to in Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph six, Clause 1 or 4 of the Tourism Law has set in;

12.3. the Ministry of Economics has received information regarding non-conformity of environmental quality indicators with the requirements laid down in laws and regulations, and non-conformity of environmental quality indicators with the requirements of laws and regulations has been established according to the opinion of the committee on conformity of the resort with Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph one, Clause 4 of the Tourism Law.

13. This Regulation shall come into force on 28 December 2012.

Prime Minister

V. Dombrovskis

Acting for the Minister for Economics,  
Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development

E. Sprūdžs

### Application for Granting of the Status of a Resort

To the Ministry of Economics

On the basis of Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph three of the Tourism Law, I request to grant the status of a resort \_\_\_\_\_

(name of the administrative territory of the local government or part thereof)

1. Information regarding the local government	Name	
	Registration number	
	Address	
	Telephone, fax, e-mail	
2. Contact person	Given name, surname	
	Position	
	Address	
	Telephone, fax	
	E-mail	
<b>3. Information appended to the application</b>		
<p>3.1. Decision of the local government council with a request to grant the status of a resort to the territory indicated in the application.</p> <p>3.2. Sustainable development strategy of the local government or part thereof certifying that the local government plans development of the resort.</p> <p>3.3. Border scheme of the resort territory indicated in the application, approved by the council decision (determined in accordance with Section 8 of the Tourism Law and the laws and regulations regarding spatial development planning documents of the local level), in such scale that it is possible to ensure publishing thereof.</p> <p>3.4. Table of border point co-ordinates of the resort territory (co-ordinates shall be calculated, using the software used in the development of spatial development, on the topographic map drawn up in the geodetic co-ordinate system of Latvia (1992) LKS-92 with a scale certainty from 1:2000 up to 1:10 000, taking into account the information from the Immoveable Property State Cadastre regarding cadastre borders).</p> <p>3.5. Development planning document of the resort, approved by a local government council decision.</p> <p>3.6. Information regarding conformity of the territory with the conditions of the status of a resort:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> information regarding natural curative resources available in the territory;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> information regarding whether at least one medical treatment institution of the resort is operating in the territory, which uses the natural curative resources in order to improve health, treat diseases and carry out medical rehabilitation;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> information regarding environmental quality indicators:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> quality of drinking water;</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> quality of bathing water;</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> other information characterising the environmental quality of the resort (for example, air quality);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> information regarding the corresponding tourism infrastructure established in the territory.</p>		

3.7. If the local government has indicated the existence of bathing area in the territory – information regarding whether the bathing area has been established and maintained in accordance with the laws and regulations regarding the procedures for establishing and maintaining bathing areas and is included in the list of such bathing areas, water monitoring of which is performed from the funds from the State budget, or information regarding whether the local government has submitted a proposal to the Health Inspectorate regarding inclusion of the bathing area in the referred-to list.

Information on \_\_\_\_ pages is appended to the application.

I confirm that the information indicated in the application is complete and true.

Responsible official:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(given name, surname)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature\*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date\* and place)

Place for a seal\*

Note. \* The details of the document “Signature”, “Date” and “Place for a seal” shall not be completed if the electronic document has been prepared in conformity with the laws and regulations regarding the drawing up of electronic documents.

Acting for the Minister for Economics,  
Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development

E. Sprūdžs

**Report on the Development and Environmental Quality Indicators of a Resort Provided  
for in the Spatial Development Planning Documents**

To the Ministry of Economics

Name of the resort	
Reference period	
Submitter	
Telephone, fax	
E-mail	

1. Information regarding the development of the resort according to the resort development planning document<sup>1</sup> (approved by a decision of the local government council)

2. Information regarding environmental quality indicators<sup>2</sup>

Notes.

<sup>1</sup> Include information certifying the conformity of the resort with the conditions referred to in Section 6.<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph one, Clauses 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the Tourism Law.

<sup>2</sup> Include information regarding the quality of drinking water, quality of bathing water, as well as other information characterising the environmental quality of the resort (for example, air quality).

I confirm that the information indicated in the application is complete and true.

Responsible official:

\_\_\_\_\_

(given name, surname)

\_\_\_\_\_

(signature\*)

\_\_\_\_\_

(date\* and place)

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