

**Question for written answer E-007775/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Residence of third-country nationals in EU/Schengen Member States

In the Commission's view, is it possible for a third-country national residing in an EU Member State on the basis of a long-term residence permit to then, once that permit has expired, remain without interruption in that same Member State on the basis of the rules on staying in the Schengen Area – i.e., 90 days out of 180 days? If not, would it be necessary for that foreign national to leave the Member State of residence as soon as possible and then to re-enter, since the relevant provisions connect the right to remain on the territory with the 'arrival' in that territory?

This question mainly concerns third-country nationals for whom compulsory EU visa programmes are in place.