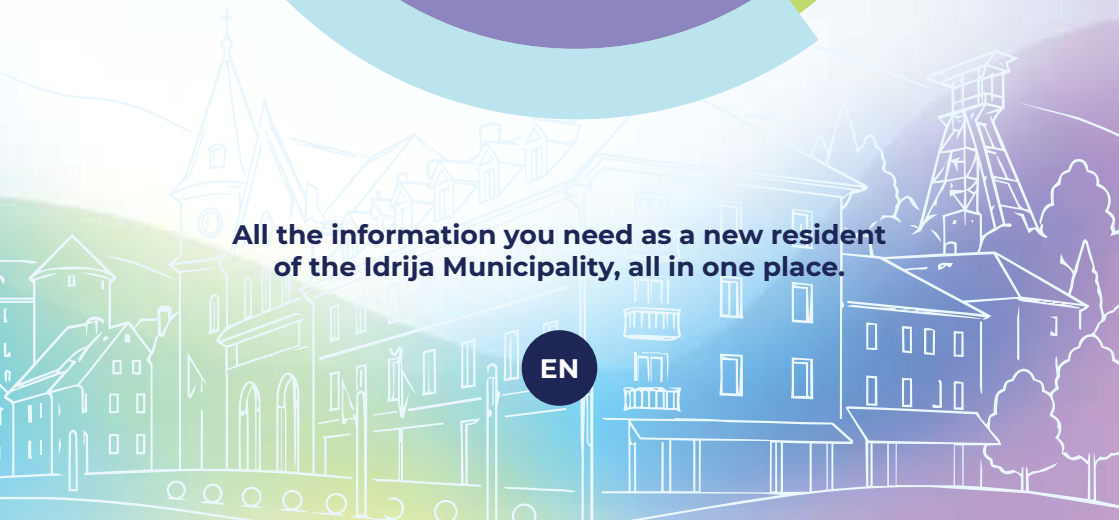
IDRIJA, MY NEW HOME!

All the information you need as a new resident of the Idrija Municipality, all in one place.

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Welcome to Idrija

You have chosen as your home a municipality that takes pride in its rich and fascinating mining and cultural heritage, as well as its exceptional natural beauty. Throughout its history, the Idrija mercury mine has attracted people from various parts of Europe who came to work there. Over the course of more than 500 years of mining, the people of Idrija and the surrounding area have used their knowledge, perseverance, and resourcefulness to create a wonderful place to live.

The local people are hardworking and persistent, and above all, we know how to stand by one another. Our community has a rich tradition and a strong sense of belonging, and we are closely connected. We welcome anyone who wishes to build a new life here with us, but we expect them to be willing to integrate into the local environment, respect local customs, and participate in community life. I hope this brochure helps you settle in as smoothly as possible and become an active part of our community.

Srečno! [1]

Mayor of the Idrija Municipality
Tomaž Vencelj

[1] Miners' greeting meaning 'Good luck'.

Idrija Municipality

Idrija Municipality is located in the Primorska region and has a population of around 12,000 inhabitants. The centre of the municipality is the town of Idrija, home to approximately 6,000 residents. The municipality's territory is divided into 10 local communities: Mesto Idrija (Town of Idrija), Spodnja Idrija (Lower Idrija), Črni vrh, Godovič, Vojsko, Kanomlja, Krnice-Masore, Ledine, Dole, and Zavratec.

Idrija Municipality covers an area of 294 km^2. It is situated 58 kilometres from Ljubljana, 62 kilometres from Nova Gorica, 35 kilometres from Ajdovščina, and 45 kilometres from Tolmin. There are regular bus services to all of these towns.

The municipal headquarters are located at Mestni trg 1, and the Idrija Administrative Unit is also in the same building but has a separate entrance on Študentovska ulica 2. The Idrija Municipal Warden Service is located at Mestni trg 11, and the Pr' Golitu Municipal Living Room is located at Mestni trg 15. Contact details for Municipality of Idrija employees, listed by department, can be found on the municipal website.

Contact Details:

Občina Idrija,
Mestni trg 1, 5280 Idrija
W: www.idrija.si
T: +386 (0)5 373 45 00
E: obcina.idrija@idrija.si

Office Hours:

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 07:00–15:00
- Wednesday: 07:00–17:00
- Friday: 07:00–13:00

What can I arrange at the Idrija Administrative Unit?

You can handle all matters relating to residence permits, registration of temporary/permanent addresses, single work and residence permits, marriage registration, birth certificate issuance, and various other administrative matters (e.g. driver's licences, lost documents).

More information on administrative services for foreign nationals can be found on the website:

https://infotujci.si/

To avoid long waiting times, you can book an appointment at the Administrative Unit via the e-Samonaročanje online app. Full information is available on the website:

www.gov.si

Many administrative services can also be completed online via the e-Uprava website:

https://e-uprava.gov.si/en

Contact Details:

Upravna enota Idrija
Študentovska ulica 2, 5280 Idrija
W: www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/upravne-enote/idrija
T: +386 (0)5 373 43 00
F: +386 (0)5 377 33 32
E: ue.idrija@gov.si

Office Hours:

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 07:00–15:00
- Wednesday: 07:00–17:00
- Friday: 07:00–13:00



Social Services Centre, Idrija Unit

The Idrija Unit of the Northern Primorska Social Services Centre covers the municipalities of Idrija and Cerkno. The centre provides users with information, counselling and assistance in managing social, family, financial, and personal issues. Support is provided on an individual, confidential, and respectful basis, with an emphasis on helping users to find solutions and improve their quality of life.

The centre assists with applications for public benefits and rights, such as financial social assistance, child benefit, preschool subsidies, state scholarships, school meal subsidies, and other forms of support. Staff help users navigate procedures, complete application forms, and obtain necessary information. As forms and procedures can be daunting, staff aim to explain everything as clearly and comprehensibly as possible.

They provide parents with information and assistance regarding rights related to childbirth and family care. This includes maternity, paternity, and parental leave, as well as parental allowances. They also help with claims relating to the birth of a child and answer other parenting matters.

A significant part of their work involves supporting children, adolescents, and families. They help to resolve family conflicts and distress among children and young people, as well as assisting with school difficulties, parenting issues, and cases of domestic violence or other challenging life situations. We are always looking for solutions that are best for the child and the family. We also cooperate with schools, kindergartens, health institutions, and other organisations.

Another important service is supporting older adults and their families. The staff provide guidance on home care, institutional care, long-term care and other support services designed to simplify everyday life.

The Social Services Centre also carries out essential public mandates. This means they make official decisions regarding the rights and welfare of individuals and families in specific legal proceedings. They participate in proceedings related to guardianship, foster care, adoption, child protection, and the protection of individuals who require support in caring for themselves or their rights for various reasons. They also work with courts and other institutions, providing expert opinions and recommendations.

The centre runs various programmes for children, young people, and other community members. The programmes include workshops and activities in schools, where young people can develop social skills, self-confidence, and a sense of belonging. For individuals experiencing mental health challenges, they offer support groups, social gatherings, and peer support.

Assistance is available in person, by phone, or by email during office hours.

Contact Details:

Center za socialno delo
Severna Primorska
Enota Idrija
Vojkova ulica 4a, 5280 Idrija
W: www.csd-slovenije.si/csd-severna-primorska/enota-idrija/
T: +386 (0)5 373 46 00
E: gpcsd.idrija@gov.si

Office Hours:

- Monday: 08:00–12:00 and 13:00–15:00
- Wednesday: 08:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00
- Friday: 08:00–12:00



How can I obtain compulsory health insurance?

Health insurance is administered by the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia (ZZZS) based on the principles of social justice and solidarity between the healthy and the sick, the young and the old, and the rich and the poor. In the Republic of Slovenia, health insurance is mandatory for all individuals who meet the conditions set out in the Health Care and Health Insurance Act (Zakon o zdravstvenem varstvu in zdravstvenem zavarovanju – ZZVZZ). Under the ZZVZZ, insured persons include primary insured individuals and their family members. Those who meet the conditions set out in Article 15 of the ZZVZZ must be included in compulsory health insurance as primary insured individuals, while family members are included under the conditions specified in Articles 20 to 22 of the ZZVZZ.

Primary insured individuals have a mandatory obligation to pay contributions under the aforementioned law. The law also regulates who is liable for paying these contributions and registering individuals for compulsory health insurance, the types of contributions, the basis on which they are calculated, and the benefits provided.

Prescribed contributions must be paid from the source of income that provides the insured person with basic social security, such as employment, a pension, self-employment, disability benefits, personal funds, or social assistance.

If a Slovenian citizen who is a permanent resident of the Republic of Slovenia does not meet the conditions for insurance under any of the items listed in Articles 15(1) to (20) and (22) to (25), they shall be registered for compulsory health insurance by the relevant Social Work Centre, which will also determine whether the necessary criteria are met. Family members are included in compulsory health insurance through the primary insured person, provided they do not meet the conditions for independent insurance.

Registration, amendments, and deregistration of individuals in or from compulsory health insurance are carried out by a ZZZS regional unit or branch office based on an application submitted by the liable party.

Compulsory health insurance entitles insured persons to healthcare services, medicines, medical devices, and cash benefits, such as wage compensation during periods of temporary absence from work and reimbursement of travel expenses incurred when exercising the right to healthcare services.

Compulsory Health Contribution

Complementary health insurance was abolished on 31 December 2023 and a new Compulsory Health Contribution (obvezni zdravstveni prispevek – OZP) was introduced in January 2024. Together with existing compulsory health insurance contributions, the OZP ensures 100% funding of benefits derived from compulsory health insurance.

All information regarding compulsory health insurance and the compulsory health contribution can be found on their website.

Contact Details:

Območna enota Ljubljana,
izpostava Idrija
Kosovelova ulica 8, 5280 Idrija
W: www.zzzs.si
T: +386 (0)1 307 73 00
E: OELJ@zzzs.si

Office Hours:

- Monday and Tuesday: 08:00–12:00 and 13:00–15:00
- Wednesday: 08:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00.
- Friday: 08:00–13:00
- Closed on Thursdays.

What services does the Idrija Community Health Centre provide?

The centre (Zdravstveni dom Idrija, or ZD Idrija) itself and the Cerkno Health Station, which operates under its auspices, house family medicine clinics, dental clinics, children's and school dispensaries, and other medical services where you can receive healthcare and various counselling services.

Once you have arranged compulsory health insurance, you can choose a personal physician at the Idrija Community Health Centre to visit in case of health issues. Lists of doctors currently accepting new patients are available on the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia website under the "Izbira osebnega zdravnika" section, and on the ZD Idrija website under the "Ambulante ZD Idrija" tab. You can choose a personal physician, paediatrician, gynaecologist, or dentist, provided they are available and still accepting new patients.

All medical services offered by ZD Idrija can be found at: ***https://www.zd-idrija.si/medicinske-sluzbe/***.

Appointments can be scheduled in person, by email, by phone during regular working hours (except the last hour of the shift), or via the online booking form (***eNaročanje zVEM Plus***).

There is also an info desk available every workday from 06:30 to 20:00. Located in the lobby near the main entrance of ZD Idrija, it is where you can obtain all the basic information you need. **ZD Idrija provides emergency medical care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.**

In case of an emergency, call **112**.

Contact Details:

Zdravstveni dom Idrija
Otona Župančiča 3, 5280 Idrija
W: www.zd-idrija.si
T: +386 (0)5 373 42 00
E: zd.idrija@zd-idrija.si

The Centre for Mental Health of Children and Adolescents (Center za duševno zdravje otrok in mladostnikov) and the Health Promotion Centre (Center za krepitev zdravja) also operate under ZD Idrija. The Health Promotion Centre provides free counselling and workshops on healthy nutrition, physical activity, maintaining a healthy body weight, quitting unhealthy habits (such as smoking and drinking alcohol), mental healthcare, positive interpersonal relationships, and stress management. These programmes are intended for anyone wishing to actively care for their health. Individuals with valid basic health insurance are eligible to participate and ZZZS covers all costs.

Contact Details:

Center za krepitev zdravja
W: www.ckz.zd-idrija.si/
T: +386 (0)5 373 42 22
E: ckz@zd-idrija.si

Where can I get medicines?

If you have valid compulsory health insurance, you can obtain prescribed medicines free of charge at Idrija Pharmacy (Lekarna Idrija). Other medications and medical products are available to purchase.

Contact Details:

Lekarna Idrija
Arkova ul. 4, 5280 Idrija
W: www.lekarnaljubljana.si/poslovalnice/lekarna-idrija
T: +386 (0)1 230 61 00

Preschool

Children can be enrolled from the age of 11 months (or once parents have exhausted their parental leave entitlement) until they start primary school. The preschool provides a safe, encouraging, and pleasant environment where children can play, move around, explore, be creative, and socialise. Through these activities, they gain valuable experiences and foster development across various areas. The Idrija Preschool (Vrtec Idrija) offers a daily programme lasting up to nine hours. Educational activities in each unit are carried out by a preschool teacher and an assistant preschool teacher.

The preschool strives to ensure that children feel accepted, safe, and heard. The preschool prioritises helping every child to develop a sense of belonging to the group, as well as independence and self-confidence, and to build positive relationships with peers and adults. Great emphasis is placed on learning through play, movement, outdoor activities, and fostering a positive social atmosphere. The preschool promotes cooperation, mutual help, respect for diversity, and the gradual development of independence. Children have the opportunity to participate in various activities, projects, cultural events, performances, celebrations, and community engagement. Through these activities, children develop a broad range of experiences, curiosity and creativity, and a sense of belonging to the community.

Preschool Enrolment

Children can be enrolled throughout the year. However, every February, the preschool issues an official public call for enrolment for the following school year. Parents must submit their application by the deadline, and late applications will be processed based on remaining availability. Information regarding enrolment, the required documentation, and the number of available places can be found on the preschool's website or by contacting the preschool counsellor directly.

Parents must fill out and submit an **enrolment form**, available on the preschool website, by mail, or in person at the preschool administration office (Arkova 7, 5280 Idrija). Applications can be submitted at any point during the school year, with admission subject to available spaces.

Medical Certificate

In order to attend preschool, a **medical certificate** completed by the child's primary physician (i.e. a paediatrician practising in Slovenia) is required. This certificate must confirm that the child has been vaccinated against measles, mumps, and rubella. This certificate must be submitted **no later than the child's first day of attendance**.

If the child has specific **dietary needs, a certificate for a medically indicated diet, completed by their paediatrician**, must be provided to the preschool.

Reduced Preschool Fees

Preschool is not free for parents. The amount of the fee depends on the family's income bracket and is determined by the relevant Social Services Centre. Parents must submit a dedicated application to the Social Services Centre the month before their child's enrolment.

- An application for public benefits / reduced preschool fees must be submitted to the Social Services Centre for every child enrolled in preschool.
- Preschool is free for a second child if an older sibling is enrolled at the same time. Preschool is also free for the third and any subsequent children, regardless of whether their older siblings are currently enrolled.

Preparations for Entering Preschool

- A meeting for parents of newcomers takes place in June or July.
- Approximately one week before the child starts, an individual consultation with the classroom's educational staff will take place. During this meeting, you will discuss your child's habits (e.g. sleeping, self-soothing, favourite toys, eating), prior childcare experience, and any medical conditions or ongoing specialist care.

Gradual Adaptation Period

Special care is taken to ensure that the child's transition into preschool is gradual, and that the change from home life is as smooth and comfortable as possible. Parents are given the opportunity to

gradually integrate their child into the group and work closely with educators during this period. Good cooperation between the family and the preschool is considered a key factor in the child's well-being and successful integration.

When starting preschool, it is normal for a child to become more sensitive, cry more frequently, tire easily, or experience temporary changes in their sleep and appetite. These are standard reactions to a new environment, unfamiliar people, and a changed daily routine. For most children, these difficulties will gradually settle down within the first few days or weeks as they adapt and become more settled.

Parents are advised to take **a few days off work** during this period to accompany their child to preschool. Arrival times and the length of stay should be agreed upon with the preschool teacher. During the first few days, children are encouraged to bring a favourite toy from home for comfort.

Required Supplies

- At the preschool, children should keep **a change of clothes and shoes, labelled slippers, a laundry bag for dirty clothes, and a sufficient supply of diapers.**
- During the initial period, it is recommended that children bring a pacifier, favourite toy, or **a security blanket (blankie or 'ninica').**

Parent Cooperation

Parents can receive updates regarding their child and the preschool through:

- **daily informal updates** with the teaching staff.
- **parent-teacher meetings ('pogovorne ure')**, which are held once a month and which parents are expected to attend at least once a year or whenever invited by the teaching staff.
- **group parent meetings**, held three times a year (attendance is strongly recommended).
- **joint gatherings at classroom and unit levels.**
- **educational lectures for parents.**

Important updates for parents are posted on noticeboards near classroom entrances and unit main halls. Parents are also kept informed about current activities via the Evio mobile app.

Reporting Absences

Parents can report a child's absence by phone or via the **Evio app**. If your child has a contagious illness, please notify the preschool promptly.

Attendance During Illness

When dealing with illnesses and returning a child to preschool, the preschool follows the National Institute of Public Health's (NIJZ) guidelines and those of the child's paediatrician. Upon returning after an illness, factors such as the child's overall well-being, health status, and ability to eat, sleep, and participate in daily play as usual are essential considerations.

In cases of infectious disease outbreaks, the preschool informs parents about preventive measures via noticeboards and the Evio app. **If a child falls ill at preschool, parents will be contacted immediately and expected to collect their child as soon as possible.** This protects the health of the other children while ensuring the sick child receives appropriate care at home.

Early Intervention

If developmental concerns arise, appropriate support is sought in collaboration with the child and their parents. The preschool, parents, and specialists from various fields collaborate as part of a developmental clinic ('razvojna ambulanta'). If you have any further questions, please contact the preschool's counselling service.

Idrija Preschool units:

- **the Arkova and Prelovčeva units in Idrija**
- **the Spodnja Idrija unit with its Ledine branch**
- **the Godovič unit**
- **the Črni Vrh unit**

Contact Details:

Vrtec Idrija
Arkova ul. 7, 5280 Idrija
W: www.vrtec-idrija.si
T: +386 (0)5 374 33 10 (Secretary)
T: +386 (0)5 374 33 11 (Counselling Service)
E: vrtec.idrija@guest.arnes.si

Primary School

Primary education in Slovenia is compulsory and free of charge. It lasts nine years. It is intended for children between the ages of 6 and 15, and they complete their schooling in a single, unified nine-year primary school.

Children who turn six in the calendar year they begin attending school must be enrolled in the first grade. Primary school enrolment takes place in February. Further information on enrolment and the curriculum, including for children who have already received primary education elsewhere, can be obtained from your nearest primary school. Information regarding reduced fees for school meals is available at the Social Services Centre.

The nine-year primary school programme is divided into three three-year cycles (triades).

- The first cycle (grades 1 to 3): Classes are primarily taught by two teachers: the main class teacher and an assistant teacher. The focus is on developing core competencies for further learning, i.e. holistic development, foundational knowledge and connecting concepts.
- Second Cycle (Grades 4 to 6): There is a gradual transition to subject-based teaching. In addition to the main class teacher, specialist subject teachers begin to teach individual subjects. The focus shifts towards deepening knowledge and comprehension, establishing cross-curricular links and increasing student independence.
- Third Cycle (Grades 7 to 9): Fully subject-based teaching. Students choose elective courses based on their interests and prepare for secondary education. The emphasis moves further away from basic knowledge acquisition and towards independent thinking, practical application, critical thinking, and preparation for secondary education.

National Assessment of Knowledge

In Slovenia, the National Assessment of Knowledge (Nacionalno preverjanje znanja – NPZ) is currently taken at the end of each educational cycle in **grades 3, 6, and 9**. The NPZ is mandatory

for all students. Its main purpose is to provide additional objective data on learning achievements and curriculum standard fulfilment to inform future teaching plans. The NPZ is coordinated by the National Examination Centre (Državni izpitni center). Grade 3 assesses Slovenian and mathematics. Grade 6 assesses Slovenian, mathematics, and English. Grade 9 assesses Slovenian, mathematics, and a third subject, which is determined annually on 1 September by the relevant ministry. Results in Year 9 can be used as selection criteria when applying for places at secondary schools with enrolment restrictions.

The school curriculum is divided into two main parts:

- **The Compulsory Programme:** This covers mandatory subjects (Slovenian, mathematics, English, history, geography, science, physical education, etc.), activity days (sports, cultural, science, and technical days), and elective subjects.
- **The Extended Programme:** This includes optional electives, morning care for younger students, after-school care ('podaljšano bivanje'), remedial and advanced classes, and extracurricular activities.

There are three main primary schools operating in the Idrija Municipality:

- Osnovna šola Idrija (with a branch school in Godovič and a specialised branch school for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, offering lower educational standards and special programmes)
- Spodnja Idrija Primary School (with a branch school in Ledine)
- Črni Vrh Primary School

Contact Details:

Osnovna šola Idrija
Lapajnetova 50,
5280 Idrija
W: www.os-idrija.splet.arnes.si
T: +386 (0)5 37 26 200
E: osidrija@os-idrija.si

Osnovna šola Spodnja Idrija
Šolska ulica 9,
5281 Spodnja Idrija
W: www.os-spidrija.si
T: +386 (0) 5 37 74 700
E: os-spidrija@guest.arnes.si

Osnovna šola Črni Vrh
Črni Vrh 95, 5274 Črni Vrh nad Idrijo
W: www.oscv.si
T: +386 (0)5 37 43 654
E: info@oscv.si

Secondary School

The Jurij Vega Grammar School in Idrija (Gimnazija Jurija Vege Idrija) offers three programmes of secondary education: a four-year general education programme (Grammar School), a four-year technical vocational programme (Mechanical Engineering), and a three-year vocational training programme (Mechatronics). The Grammar School ('gimnazija') programme is one of the most academically demanding and concludes with the Splošna Matura (General Matura national exam). The mechanical engineering technician programme concludes with the vocational leaving exam ('poklicna matura'), which includes written and oral exams in Slovenian, mechanical engineering, a foreign language or mathematics, and a project assignment with defence. A solid knowledge of mathematics and natural sciences is recommended for enrolment. The Mechatronics programme concludes with a final examination ('zaključni izpit'), consisting of written and oral Slovenian exams, as well as an oral defence of a product or service. Most students who complete this programme go on to study in a two-year vocational-technical programme, or seek employment in the metal and electrical industries, where apprenticeship scholarships are also available. The programme involves extensive practical training in school workshops, as well as in local and international companies.

Secondary School Enrolment:

Information for foreign nationals: ***https://infotujci.si/vkljucevanje-v-slovensko-druzbo/izobrazevanje/srednjesolsko-izobrazevanje/***

Enrolment for the first year of secondary school usually closes in early April, in accordance with the calendar issued by the Ministry of Education. Prospective students can also enrol throughout the year in programmes that still have vacant places. The prerequisite for secondary school admission is the successful completion of primary school.

Prior Education Abroad

Prospective students who have completed e“ducation abroad must submit an application for recognition of their qualifications for the purpose of continuing education upon enrolment. The application must include the following:

- a personal identification document and its photocopy
- N Form - ***https://e-uprava.gov.si/podrocja/vloge/vloga.html?id=2130&lang=si***,
- a Slovenian unique identification number (EMŠO)
- an original certificate/diploma for the completed education and its photocopy
- All certificates must be translated by a sworn court translator.
- When requesting recognition of secondary education, original annual secondary school report cards and their photocopies must be included.
- A description of the course of the completed / partially completed education is also required.

Following the application, the school will issue an official decision granting or denying the right to continue education.

Slovenian Language Course for Non-Native Speaking Students

Rules on the Slovenian Language Course for Secondary School Students:: ***https://pisrs.si/pregledPredpisa?id=PRAV13433***

Students whose mother tongue is not Slovenian, or who did not complete primary education in Slovenia, must demonstrate proficiency in Slovenian upon first enrolling in secondary education in Slovenia. This can be done by providing a certificate showing that they have passed a language test at the A2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). If no certificate is provided, the student takes a placement test at the school. Students who do not provide an A2 certificate or do not pass the test are required to attend an intensive Slovenian language course organised by the school at the start of the school year.

Contact Details:

Gimnazija Jurija Vege Idrija
Študentovska 16,
5280 Idrija
W: www.gim-idrija.si
T: +386 (0)5 37 26 800
E: tajnistvo@gimidrija.si

Idrija-Cerkno Development Agency

Training courses and other free activities for adults

The Idrija-Cerkno Development Agency (Idrijsko-Cerkljanska razvojna agencija – ICRA) organises various education, courses, and other activities for adults, which can also include foreigners who live or work in the area of Idrija and Cerkno. If you are unsure which programme is right for you, you can call, email, or visit them. They will help you find a suitable programme and guide you through the registration process.

Learning Slovenian

Initial Integration of Immigrants (Začetna integracija priseljencev – ZIP) is a publicly recognised, 180-hour programme for learning the Slovenian language and exploring Slovenian society, history, and culture, which is currently free of charge. It is intended for immigrants who are not European Union citizens (third-country nationals) and who meet the eligibility requirements. Participants will acquire the Slovenian language skills necessary for everyday communication and learn about essential topics for living in Slovenia. The programme also prepares participants for the Slovenian language proficiency exam. To enrol, you must first obtain a Certificate of Compliance from the administrative Unit, and then contact the Idrija-Cerkno Development Agency (ICRA), who will assist you with enrolment.

https://www.icra.si/projekt/60/zacetna-integracija-priseljencev-zip/

Adult Education Programmes in the Goriška Region

As part of the **Educational Programmes for Adults (Izobraževalni programi za odrasle – IPO)** project, free adult education courses are offered, with a particular focus on including foreign nationals.

The programmes offered include both publicly recognised and non-formal educational programmes:

- Slovenian courses
- foreign language courses
- digital competence training courses
- Training for Life Success (Usposabljanje za življenjsko uspešnost – UŽU) programmes
- other general educational programmes aimed at developing knowledge and skills important for work and daily life, such as financial literacy, social and civic competencies, entrepreneurship, sustainable development, and healthy lifestyles
- preparation courses for Slovenian language exams

Programmes range from 40 to 60 or 100 hours. The selection of programmes changes throughout the year, so it is recommended that you check what programmes are currently on offer on the ICRA website or contact them directly.

https://www.icra.si/projekt/70/ipo-izobrazevalni-programi-za-odrasle-v-goriski-regiji/

Goriška Multigenerational Centre – VGC Goriške

ICRA is a partner in the **Goriška Multigenerational Centre (Večgeneracijski center Goriške – VGC)**, which offers free activities, social gatherings, information, support, and counselling to help people integrate into the local community. The VGC caters for people of all ages, with a particular focus on individuals and families who require additional support with social integration, including immigrants and refugees and their families. The VGC organises lectures, educational and practical workshops, conversation groups, and other activities that encourage socialisation, the acquisition of new knowledge, and intergenerational and intercultural connection. Current activities are published on the ICRA website and other communication channels.

https://www.icra.si/projekt/73/vecgeneracijski-center-goriske/

Contact Details:

Idrijsko-Cerkljanska Razvojna Agencija
Mestni trg 2, 5280 Idrija
W: https://www.icra.si/
T.: +386 (0)5 37 20 180
E.: info@icra.si

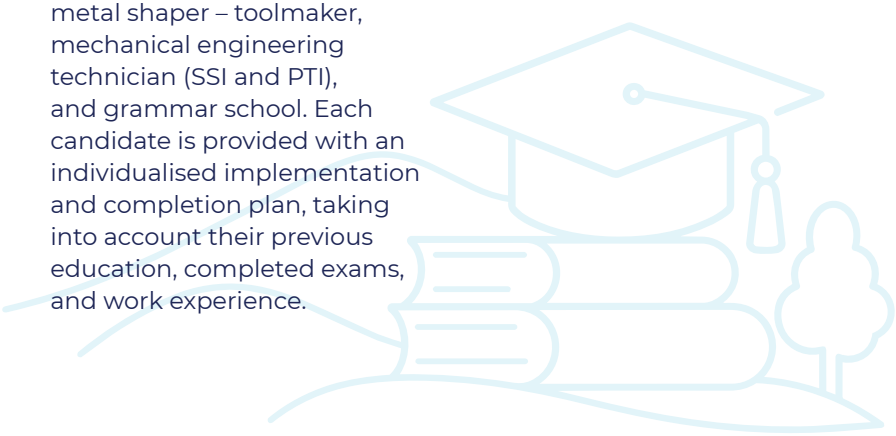
Gimnazija Jurija Vege Idrija

Adult Education

More information: ***https://www.gim-idrija.si/izobrazevanje-odraslih-2/***

As part of its adult education programme, candidates are offered the following:

- Self-directed learning: This is a suitable form of education for those who wish to prepare for exams independently, without organised lectures. It is also suitable for candidates looking to complete the remaining exams needed to finish programmes for which the school is authorised, such as mechatronics operator, metal shaper – toolmaker, mechanical engineering technician (SSI and PTI), and grammar school. Each candidate is provided with an individualised implementation and completion plan, taking into account their previous education, completed exams, and work experience.
- If you already possess the necessary skills and knowledge for a particular profession, but lack the relevant certification, enrolling in a **National Vocational Qualification (Nacionalna poklicna kvalifikacija – NPQ)** is the fastest way to achieve your career goals. Current programmes offered include production maintenance assistant and production machine operator.



Independent Learning

Textbook Naslon

This interactive textbook is available in Slovenian, English, and Albanian at: ***https://centerslo.si/knjige/ucbeniki-in-prirocniki/osnovna-stopnja/naslon/***

A printable, non-interactive PDF version of Naslon is also available at the same link. Its content is based on the communication needs of newly arrived adults in Slovenia during the initial stages of their lives in the country. It covers useful vocabulary and common expressions that you are likely to encounter when dealing with administrative documents, visiting a doctor, or looking for an apartment. It also includes information on employment, professions, and the public education system.

For other textbooks (Levels A1–A2), see:

https://centerslo.si/knjige/ucbeniki-in-prirocniki/osnovna-stopnja/

Online courses

Slonline — an app that works offline without an internet connection once downloaded to your phone. It is available in eight languages: ***https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=si.digied.slonline&hl=en&pli=1***

You can also use it on a computer via this link: ***https://www.slonline.si/***



Employment Of Foreign Nationals

Citizens of the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland have free access to the Slovenian labour market, meaning they can take up employment without a work permit.

Third-country nationals, however, must obtain work authorisation before taking up employment in Slovenia. The first step is to find an employer in Slovenia. Current job vacancies can be browsed and filtered by various criteria (education, profession, employment search region) on the website ***www.ess.gov.si***.

Once you have found an employer willing to hire you, you can submit an application for a single residence and work permit. This permit grants you entry, residence, employment, and work rights in Slovenia. Submit your application to the relevant administrative unit if you are already in Slovenia or to a Slovenian diplomatic or consular mission in your home country. Notify your employer before submitting the application, as they must have settled all tax obligations by the time of submission.

The administrative unit manages the procedure for issuing the single residence and work permit, while the Employment Service issues consent for the permit provided all conditions are met (conditions vary depending on the type of consent).

Exception: **The work permit procedure for the employment of citizens under bilateral agreements with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and Serbia, as well as for seasonal work** in agriculture, forestry, tourism, and catering lasting less than 90 days, **is handled by the Employment Service (Zavod za zaposlovanje)**. A work permit issued by the Employment Service serves as consent for the single residence and work permit issued by the Slovenian administrative unit.



Self-employment for Foreigners

Foreign nationals can become self-employed after one year of continuous lawful residence in Slovenia or upon registration with the Business Register. In this case, consent from the Employment Service is not required. If you wish to open a sole trader business (samostojni podjetnik – s.p.) or another type of company, you can contact the SPOT Point in Idrija (ICRA and the Idrija Chamber of Crafts and Small Businesses – OOZ Idrija), where assistance with registration and other procedures is available. More information ***https://spot.gov.si/sl***

General information and forms regarding the employment of foreign nationals are available on the website: ***https://www.ess.gov.si/iskalci-zaposlitve/zaposlitev-tujih-drzavljanov/***

For questions regarding applications and the single permit issuance procedure, contact the administrative unit managing your case.

The Employer Office at the Idrija Employment Service branch provides information concerning labour market testing, the issuance of work consents for foreigners, employment under international agreements with BiH and Serbia, and seasonal work under 90 days. The Idrija Administrative Unit's jurisdiction is covered by the Employer Office at the Nova Gorica Regional Office of the Employment Service. You can visit the office in person during office hours at Ul. Tolminskih Puntarjev 4, Nova Gorica. You can also call +386 (0)5 33 50 206 or email ***gpzrsznovagorica@ess.gov.si***

The **Info Point for Foreigners** was set up by the Employment Service to provide **comprehensive support to migrant workers and their employers**. It can be contacted by phone on +386 (0)1 330 8120 or by email at info-tocka@ess.gov.si. It offers information, counselling, and assistance regarding the employment and work of foreign nationals. Further information is available at: ***https://www.ess.gov.si/iskalci-zaposlitve/zaposlitev-tujih-drzavljanov/infotocka-za-tujce***

To learn about the **rights and obligations of migrant workers and employers, contact the Workers' Counselling Office (Delavska Svetovalnica)** on their toll-free helpline (080 14 34) or visit ***www.delavskasvetovalnica.si***

Contact Details:

ZRSZ, Urad za delo Idrija
Rožna ulica 2a, 5280 Idrija
W: www.ess.gov.si/iskalci-zaposlitve/
T: +386 (0)5 377 10 69

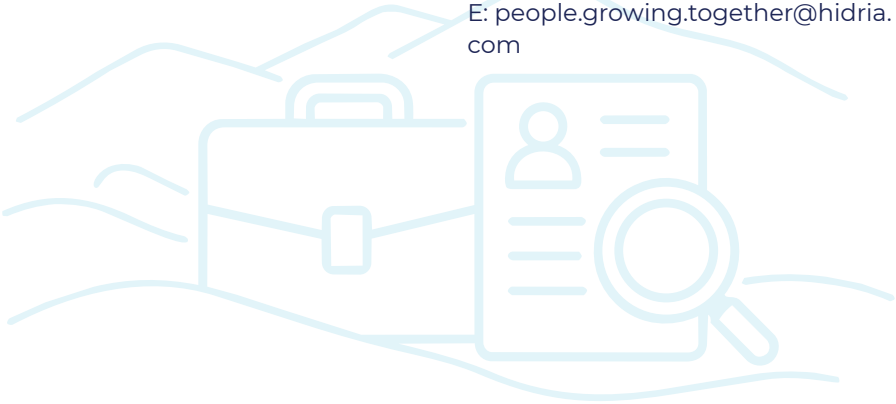
Companies

Two major international companies operate within the Idrija municipality: Kolektor d.d. and Hidria d.o.o., which together employ thousands of people. Both companies have extensive experience of employing foreign nationals and support new employees with issues such as employment, relocation to Slovenia, and integration into the workplace.

Contact Details:

Kolektor d.d.
Vojkova 10, 5280 Idrija
W: www.kolektor.com/kariera
E: zaposlitev@kolektor.com

Hidria d.o.o.
Spodnja Kanomlja 23,
5281 Spodnja Idrija
W: www.hidria.com/careers
E: people.growing.together@hidria.com



How can I spend my free time?

A large number of sports, cultural, and artistic associations operate in the Idrija Municipality. The Social Activities Department at the Municipality of Idrija manages calls for tenders and communication with these associations, and also oversees the Pr' Golitu Municipal Living Room. Pr' Golitu hosts a diverse monthly programme of free lectures, social gatherings, educational sessions, workshops, and other activities open to all Idrija Municipality residents. Pr' Golitu thus serves as a starting point for getting involved in social life in Idrija or finding out what is happening in the local area.

Contact Details:

Mestna dnevna soba Pr' Golitu
Mestni trg 15, 5280 Idrija
T: +386 (0)51 263 050
E: prgolitu@idrija.si

For over a decade, the Idrija Youth Centre (Mladinski center Idrija) has catered to the needs, interests, and aspirations of young people. It offers them a safe and encouraging environment in which to socialise, create, learn, and develop personally. Through its programmes, projects, and events, the Youth Centre gives young people the opportunity to gain experience, develop ideas, and actively contribute to the local community and beyond. The Youth Centre runs the Idrija Hostel, and the building also houses the Idrija Day Centre for Children and Adolescents (Dnevni center za otroke in mladostnike Idrija).

Contact Details:

Mladinski center Idrija
Ulica IX. korpusa 17, 5280 Idrija
W: www.mcidrija.si
T: +386 (0)51 231 049
E: info@mcidrija.si

The Idrija Day Centre for Children and Adolescents (Dnevni center za otroke in mladostnike Idrija) offers a safe space for socialising, help with studying, conversation, and constructive leisure activities.

Contact Details:

Dnevni center za otroke in mladostnike Idrija
Ulica IX. korpusa 17, 5280 Idrija
T: +386 (0)31 635 070
E: dc.idrija@gmail.com

The Municipality of Idrija has a Municipal Library and Reading Room (Mestna knjižnica in čitalnica) with branches in Idrija, Spodnja Idrija and Črni Vrh. It also oversees the Idrija Film Theatre (Filmsko gledališče Idrija) and the Magazin and Sv. Barbara galleries. Library membership is free under certain conditions, and borrowing books is free following registration. A large selection of foreign-language books is available, as well as materials for learning Slovenian.

Contact Details:

Mestna knjižnica in čitalnica Idrija
Ulica sv. Barbare 4-5, 5280 Idrija
W: www.idr.sik.si
T: +386 (0)5 373 40 60
E: knjiznica.idrija@mkci.si

General Contacts

Police

The Idrija Police Station is responsible for the entire Municipality of Idrija.

Contact Details:

Policijska postaja Idrija
Gregorčičeva ulica 5, 5280 Idrija
T: +386 (0)5 37 24 800
E: pp_idrija.pung@policija.si

Fire Department

The Idrija Volunteer Fire Department (Prostovoljno gasilsko društvo Idrija) is based in Idrija and serves the entire municipality. Nine additional volunteer fire departments operate in local communities across the municipality, all affiliated with the Idrija Firefighting Association (Gasilska zveza Idrija). These departments rely on volunteers and always welcome new members.

Contact Details:

PGD Idrija
Vojkova ulica 2A, 5280 Idrija
W: www.pgd-idrija.si
E: info@pgd-idrija.si

Emergency Telephone Number

The EU-wide emergency telephone number is 112. Calling this number connects you to emergency services, including ambulance, fire and police services. You can also contact the police anonymously and free of charge at 080 1200.

Advice for Emergency Calls

When calling 112, provide the following information:

- **Who** is calling
- **What** happened
- **Where** it happened
- **When** it happened
- How many people are injured
- **What injuries** they have sustained
- **What conditions are present at the scene** (fire, hazardous materials, damaged gas pipelines or other utilities)
- **What assistance you need**

Knjižica z informacijami za priseljence je nastala v sklopu LAS projekta RAZGIBAJMO ZNANJE

Projekt prispeva k razvoju lokalne skupnosti z izboljšanjem večnamenske javne infrastrukture, višjo kakovostjo bivanja, socialno vključenostjo ranljivih skupin ter spodbujanjem enakopravnosti in aktivne participacije prebivalcev. Temelji na medgeneracijskem sodelovanju, odgovornem odnosu do okolja in ohranjanju kulturne dediščine ter s tem ustvarja dodano vrednost za lokalno skupnost in njen dolgoročni razvoj.

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