



The Malta Residence and Visa Programme

Introduction

Introduced in 2015, the Malta Residence and Visa Programme (MRVP) grants a permanent residence certificate to non EU/EEA/Switzerland applicants and their extended family so as to reside indefinitely in Malta and to travel freely within the EU Schengen area.

The residence card is renewed every 5 years and, subject to certain requirements being satisfied, the main applicant and his or her dependants may also become eligible for Long Term EU Residence.

Who is eligible to apply?

The main applicant must:

1. be at least 18 years of age;
2. not be an EU/EEA/Swiss national;
3. not be a permanent resident nor a long-term resident of Malta;
4. have an annual income of more than €100,000 arising outside of Malta or be in possession of capital of not less than €500,000;
5. together with all dependants, be covered by a health insurance with minimum coverage in EU Member States of €30,000 per individual per year;
6. not have been involved in any crime against the law of any country, including terrorism, money laundering and offences that disturb the good order of the family;
7. not have been listed with the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) or been involved, directly or indirectly, with any terrorist or criminal organisation;
8. not be a potential threat to Malta's national security, public policy or public health;
9. never have been denied a visa to a country with which Malta has visa-free travel arrangements unless they subsequently obtained a visa to that same country; and
10. must make a non-refundable administrative fee of €5,500 upon submission of the application.

After the issuing of a letter approving the application in principle, the main applicant must also:

- a. make a non-refundable contribution of €24,500 to the Government of Malta (€30,000 less the previously paid administrative fee of €5,500), covering the main applicant, spouse and the children of the main applicant and/or the spouse;
- b. purchase a residential property in Malta for a minimum of €320,000 if the property is situated in Malta or €270,000 if the property is in Gozo or in the South of Malta or lease a property for a minimum annual rent of €12,000 in Malta or €10,000 in Gozo or in the South of Malta (the property must be maintained for a minimum period of 5 years); and
- c. purchase €250,000 of Malta Government bonds to be held for a minimum period of 5 years.

Eligible dependents

The following dependents of the main applicant are eligible for consideration under this programme:

- Spouse.
- Child (including adopted child) of the main applicant or of the spouse who is under 18 years old.
- Child of the main applicant or of the spouse who is over 18 years old, unmarried and maintained by the main applicant.
- Child of the main applicant or of the spouse.
- Parent or grandparent of the main applicant or of the spouse who is maintained by the main applicant (an additional non-refundable €5,000 contribution per parent or grandparent is payable at application stage).

Application process

Deloitte is an accredited agent of the Malta Residence and Visa Agency. Its market leading immigration service has an unparalleled level of experience and competence in representing clients and their dependants before the competent authority. Deloitte's dedicated and multilingual immigration team will ensure that every application is presented in good order and followed through as required to its intended success.

Steps in application	Process
Step 1	- Compilation of documents and completion of all forms for the Malta Residence Permit (MRP) application with the assistance of the Deloitte immigration team
Step 2	- Submission of application by the Deloitte immigration team on behalf of the main applicant - Non-refundable administrative fee of €5,500 made to Government of Malta - Non-refundable contribution of €5,000 for each parent and/or grandparent of the main applicant and/or of the spouse
Step 3	- Application checked by Malta Residence and Visa Agency and preliminary due diligence completed - Source of wealth and funds verified
Step 4	- Malta Residence and Visa Agency issues letter of approval in principle - Non-refundable contribution of €24,500 made to the Government of Malta (covering the main applicant, spouse and the children of the main applicant and/or the spouse) - Residence in Malta purchased for minimum €270,000 or leased for minimum €10,000 per year - Malta Government bonds purchased to amount of €250,000
Step 5	- Visit to Malta - Taking of biometrics - Issue of certificate of residence (Malta Residence Permit)

Scope of taxation in Malta

The scope of taxation in Malta largely depends on the individual's residence and domicile, which are concepts defined by local tax practice spanning several decades. This scope of taxation will be determined separately from the MRVP application.

As an award winning leader in international tax advisory, Deloitte will be able to assist with detailed tax advice tailored to the exact circumstances of each main applicant and his or her dependants. Such advice is provided at no extra cost beyond Deloitte's standard MRVP fees.

Purchasing or leasing a property in Malta

Localities for the purpose of the definition of 'South of Malta'

Birżebbuġa	Kirkop	Paola	Tarxien
Cospicua	Luqa	Qrendi	Vittoriosa
Fgura	Marsa	Safi	Xgħajra
Għaxaq	Marsascalea	Santa Luċija	Żabbar
Gudia	Marsaxlokk	Senglea	Żejtun
Kalkara	Mqabba	Sigġiewi	Żurrieq

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