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# The Malta Permanent Residence Programme

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## The MPRP

**1** The Malta Permanent Residence Programme ("MPRP") operates in terms of the Malta Residence Programme Regulations, 2021 (Subsidiary Legislation 217.26, the "Regulations"). The MPRP enables individuals who are not EU, EEA or Swiss nationals to apply for and be issued with a certificate that entitles the beneficiaries (and his/her registered dependants) to a residence permit. The residence permit grants the beneficiaries the right to land, reside, settle and remain indefinitely in Malta.

## Commencement and timeline

**2** The Residency Malta Agency ("RMA"), is the Government of Malta entity officially responsible for the MPRP. It began to accept applications from March 29, 2021 onwards. The RMA targets to process applications within 4 to 6 months from submission of a complete application.

An individual who would like to benefit from the MPRP must apply to the Agency through a registered approved agent. We would provide our services to you through Equity Tech Services Limited, which is a wholly owned affiliate of Ganado Advocates and has been approved and licensed by the Agency as an approved agent.

## Eligibility

- 3** Applicants shall:
- be third country nationals, non-EEA and non-Swiss;
  - not hail from sanctioned countries, as announced from time to time by the Agency;
  - not benefit under other pertinent regulations and schemes;
  - be in receipt of stable and regular financial resources, sufficient to maintain themselves and their dependants, without recourse to the social assistance system of Malta;
  - show they have capital assets of not less than €500,000, out of which a minimum of €150,000 must be financial assets;
  - be fit-and-proper individuals and have a clean criminal record;
  - not pose any potential threat to the national security, public policy, public health or public interest.

## Requirements under MPRP

**4** The main applicant shall fulfil the following requirements:

1. Payment of a Government contribution of €28,000 if opting to purchase a property in Malta or of €58,000 if opting to rent a property in Malta. [This contribution can be settled within 8 months following the issuance of the Letter of Approval in Principle ("LOAIP")]
2. Rent or Purchase Property in Malta:
  - Rental Option: €12,000 (or more) annually if situated in North of Malta, or €10,000 (or more) annually if situated in Gozo or in the South of Malta;
  - Purchase Option: €350,000 (or more) if situated in the North Malta, or €300,000 (or more) if situated in Gozo or in the South of Malta;
  - The qualifying property would need to be kept for a period of 5 years. Upon the lapse of the five year period, a beneficiary would still need to retain a residential property in Malta or Gozo, either in ownership or by title of lease or emphyteusis, however without any restrictions on the value of the rental or purchased property.
3. Donation to a duly registered Voluntary Organisation of €2,000.  
And all applicants shall:
  - be in possession of a valid travel document;
  - take out a sickness insurance policy of cover all risks across Malta; and
  - take out a travel insurance when travelling across Schengen.

## Government Administration

**5** Payment of a non-refundable administration fee of €40,000 shall be due by the main applicant, out of which €10,000 shall be settled within one month from submission of the application while the balance shall be paid within two months from the receipt of the Letter of Approval in Principle ("LOAIP"). The main applicant would have to pay an additional €7,500 for each adult dependant included in the application (except for the spouse);

Furthermore, the following additional fees are due:

If a spouse of an already approved main applicant decides to participate: €7,500

If a parent or grandparent of an already approved main applicant or of an already approved spouse decides to participate: €7,500 for each parent or grand-parent.

If a spouse of an already approved dependent decides to participate: €7,500

If another dependant of an already approved main applicant or spouse participates: €5,000

## Approval

**6** The main applicant will have to fulfil the above requirements (save for the €10,000 non-refundable fee which is to be settled within one month from submission of the application) once the LOAIP is issued. Once all the requirements are fulfilled, the RMA will issue a residence certificate and a Letter of Final Approval to the main applicant (the beneficiary), inviting him/her and his/her dependants to call personally at its offices for the capturing of their biometric data. Once the biometrics are captured, and all residence forms collected, the application is sent to the department of residence for printing. The printing of residence cards currently takes circa 2 weeks per application and the cards can be collected by the main applicant or the agent.

## MPRP benefits

**7** Beneficiaries are given the right to reside indefinitely in Malta and the right to visa free travel within Schengen subject to the 90 out of 180 days rule.

## Duration of certificate

**8** The certificate which is issued by the RMA for an indefinite period is monitored annually for the first five (5) years from issuance, and thereafter at the discretion of the RMA. The residence card is valid for 5 years or until cut-off dates at ages 14 and 18, following which the beneficiary should reapply for the card renewal at RMA.

A beneficiary ceases to benefit from the certificate issued under the MPRP if:

- (a) if, at any time, the beneficiary does not satisfy the conditions set out by the Regulations in order to benefit from the MPRP;
- (b) if, at any time after the appointed day, the beneficiary no longer remains eligible to benefit from the MPRP;
- (c) if it transpires that false, misleading or materially inaccurate information was provided to, or material facts omitted or concealed from the RMA during the course of the application process;
- (d) if, at any time, such individual does not fulfil any commitment or condition contemplated in the Regulations;
- (e) if the individual's stay is not in the public interest or the individual is involved in conduct which is seriously prejudicial to the vital interests of Malta;
- (f) if the individual has shown himself by act or speech to be disloyal or disaffected towards the President or the Republic of Malta.

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