

Checklist for third-country nationals applying for a residence permit on the basis of economic self-sufficiency

Third-Country Nationals who plan to submit an application for a temporary residence permit on the basis of economic self-sufficiency must be in possession of a valid authorisation to reside in Malta. Such authorisation may be in the form of a residence permit or a Visa. Non-Visa nationals must submit their application within three months upon arrival in Malta.

Such application may be used by high-net-worth beneficiaries of local residence investment or tax programmes, including the Global Residence Programme, the Malta Residence and Visa Programme and the Individual Investor Programme.

Third-country nationals who are not part of any of the schemes may still apply for a residence permit on the basis of economic self-sufficiency, yet they have to prove that they have significant social or economic links to Malta.

The applicant is required to present the following documentation in original format:

1. CEA Form C (Non-EU) – Application for a residence permit submitted by a non-EU national on the basis of economic self-sufficiency;
2. Form ID 1A – Identity Registration Form – Non-Maltese Nationals, together with an application fee of €27.50;
3. Full copy of passport, including the blank pages;
4. Certificate or letter of approval from the relevant authority administering the residence, investment or tax programme, **or**, a covering letter explaining in detail the reasons for the request to reside in Malta together with any supporting documentation to substantiate the request;
5. Proof of financial means through the presentation of a recent bank statement;
6. Comprehensive health-insurance policy, showing all aspects being covered, which support the applicant in the eventuality of requiring any type of medical assistance or hospitalisation during the whole period of stay in Malta;
7. Lease agreement or purchase agreement of property which makes clear reference to the applicant. If renting property, the applicant is required to present a Rental Declaration Form signed by the owner of the same property. The termination date should be specified in the Lease agreement;

Identity Malta retains certified copies of the said documents where original documentation would not be possible to retain. The Agency and other related stakeholders reserve the right to request any further documentation that they may deem necessary in the evaluation process of the application.

Notes

Documents in a foreign language must be translated to Maltese or English by a translator registered with the Maltese authorities. Identity Malta retains certified/apostilled copies of the said documents where original documentation would not be possible to retain. Identity Malta and other related stakeholders reserve the right to request any further documentation that they may deem necessary in the evaluation process of the application.

The decision of Identity Malta to reject an application may be contested at the Immigration Appeals Board within three days from the date of receipt of the decision.

Additional information

Registered members of the Global Residence Programme may renew their residence permit for two years following their first year of legal residence in Malta and upon confirmation of the latest tax payments by the Inland Revenue Department.

Beneficiaries of the Malta Residence and Visa Programme will be issued with a residence permit having a validity period of five years.

Applicants may request an appointment by contacting the Expatriates Unit on 25904800 or eresidence.ima@gov.mt.

Contact details of other entities

Interested applicants may seek further information on the type of available schemes by using the following information:

Individual Investor Programme

Telephone: 21225232

Email: info@iip.gov.mt

Malta Residence and Visa Programme

Telephone: 21225232

Email: customercare.mrva@mrva.eu

Global Residence Programme (Inland Revenue Department)

Telephone: 153

Telephone: itu.mfin@gov.mt