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## Malta Residency and Visa Programme

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The Malta Residency and Visa Programme Regulations, 2015 (the 'Programme') have been introduced by virtue of Legal Notice 288 of 2015 and amended by virtue of Legal Notice 189 of 2017. Any successful main applicant and registered qualifying dependants will have the right to reside, settle or stay indefinitely in Malta, provided that the conditions of the Programme continue to be satisfied. The Programme has been introduced for individuals who are not nationals of the EU/EEA/Switzerland.

All successful main applicants together with their registered qualifying dependants will be able to travel within the Schengen Zone. Travelling outside of the Schengen Zone will probably require a separate visa and conditions would vary depending on the nationality of the successful applicant.

### Main Features

- Acquisition of indefinite residency
- Certificate of permanent residence is for life
- Ability to reside and work from Malta
- Family-friendly programme
- Access to the Schengen area (visa-free)
- Four months processing time by the authority
- iGaming hub
- Great yachting industry
- Respect for LGBTIQ rights
- Gender-neutral identity documents

## Main Criteria for Eligibility (Main Applicant)

The following are the main criteria for eligibility for a main applicant, who

- Must not be an EU/EEA/Swiss national and must not be resident in Malta under any other scheme or programme
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be in possession of a valid travel document
- Must be in possession of a health insurance policy
- Must have non-Malta annual income of not less than €100,000 or be in possession of at least €500,000 in capital and must be able to financially maintain himself/herself and any registered qualifying dependants in Malta
- Must purchase or lease immovable residential property in Malta and hold such property for a minimum period of five years from the date of issuance of the residency certificate. The immovable residential property should be acquired for a minimum value of €270,000 (for properties situated in the south of Malta or in Gozo) or €320,000 (for properties situated in central and northern Malta). The immovable residential property may also be leased, provided that the minimum annual rental value is at least €10,000 (for properties situated in the south of Malta or in Gozo) or €12,000 (for properties situated in central and northern Malta)
- Must hold a qualifying investment having an initial value of €250,000 for a minimum period of five years from the date of issuance of the residency certificate
- Must make a one-time financial contribution of €30,000 to the Government of Malta (includes spouse and children)

## Eligible Dependants

The following are the eligible dependants of the main applicant:

- The spouse
- Children younger than 18 years

- Other children over 18 years who are not married and are maintained by the main applicant
- Children over 18 years who are mentally or physically disabled and are living with and supported by the main applicant
- A parent or grandparent maintained by the main applicant
- The future spouse of an adult dependant children of the main applicant as well as their children who are yet to be born

## Vistra Malta

All MRVP applications must be submitted to the Agency by an official accredited agent duly authorised and licensed by the Agency.

As well as obtaining residence status under the programme on behalf of the applicants, Vistra Malta can assist successful main applicants and their dependants in complying with all necessary recurrent requirements, including tax compliance, permit renewal and concierge services.

## About Malta

The Republic of Malta consists of an archipelago in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, situated 85 km south of Italy and has a population of approximately 475,000 inhabitants. Malta is a safe place to live in, with a steady, growing economy, sound banking system and a stable political climate. It is well connected to the main cities in Europe, such as London, Paris, Frankfurt and Rome, with direct flights to other locations in Europe as well.

Malta became a full member of the European Union in 2004, became part of the Eurozone in 2008 and party to the Schengen Agreement since 2007. Malta is also a full member of the United Nations and a member state of the Commonwealth of Nations. English and Maltese are the two official languages.

## Talk to an expert

Could you benefit from working with an experienced partner to assist with your Malta residency? Contact one of our professionals to discuss your plans and see how Vistra can help.

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