

Application Process

Mode of application

All applications must be submitted online through the National E-licensing System:

<https://business.edbmauritius.org>

Applicants should submit their application while being in their country of origin.

Validation and Approval-In-Principle

All applications are validated by the Occupation Permit Unit and applicants are notified by e-mail or SMS notification in case of any missing information or discrepancy.

A Joint Committee comprising the Prime Minister's office (PMO), the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO) and the Economic Development Board (EDB) evaluate all applications based on a set of established criteria.

The PMO issues the final approval, after which an Approval in Principle email is generated and sent to the applicant. The email is valid for a period of 90 days from the date of issue. For renewal of applications, the Approval in Principle email is valid for a period of 30 days. Copy of email is sent to the Passport and Immigration Office and the Prime Minister's Office.

Does the Approval-In-Principle allow a foreign national to operate his business activity, start working or live in Mauritius?

The Approval-In-Principle is neither a residency permit nor a visa to enter Mauritius. However, it allows an applicant to complete his/her online application and other procedures like entering Mauritius, registering the business activity/company, opening of bank account and obtaining clearances from regulated authorities, amongst others.

Appointment, verification or originals and issuance of permit

Once the application is completed within the 90 days, an appointment will then be scheduled for personal identification and verification of all original documents. Upon

satisfactory presentation, the applicant is registered with the Economic Development Board and the Passport and Immigration Office issues the Occupation Permit.

What happens if an application is not approved?

In case an application has not been recommended and approved, the applicant is informed by email. The latter can submit a one-time appeal through the NELS platform for reconsideration, within 30 days as from the date of the turndown email.