

**Prime Minister's Office
(Home Affairs Division)**

**Guidelines
for
Application for
Permanent Residence Permit**

Guidelines for applying for Permanent Residence Permit (PRP)

A. What is a Permanent Residence Permit?

A Permanent Residence Permit (PRP) is a permit that allows an eligible non-citizen to work and/or live in Mauritius for a period of 20 years, renewable thereafter for another 20 years, subject to satisfying the eligibility criteria.

B. Eligibility for Permanent Residence Permit

B1. Criteria for Eligibility for Permanent Residence Permit:

A holder of an Occupation Permit or Residence Permit as a Retired non-citizen is eligible to apply for a 20-year Permanent Residence Permit provided the following specific conditions are met:

1. **Investor:** Holder of an Occupation Permit for at least 3 years, immediately preceding the date of application for the Permanent Residence Permit, with:

- a minimum annual gross income of at least MUR 15M for 3 years preceding application; or
- an aggregate turnover of MUR 45M for any consecutive period of 3 years during his/her current permit

2. **Professional:** Holder of an Occupation for at least 3 years, immediately preceding the date of application for the Permanent Residence Permit, with a basic monthly salary of at least MUR 150,000 for 3 consecutive years

3 **Self-Employed:** Holder of an Occupation Permit for at least 3 years, immediately preceding the date of application for the Permanent Residence Permit, with an annual business income of at least MUR 3 million for the 3 consecutive years.

4. **Retired Non-Citizen:** Holder of a Residence Permit as a Retired Non-Citizen for at least 3 years with transfer of at least USD 54,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency during the period of 3 years preceding the application

5. **An investor who invests at least USD 375,000 in a qualifying business activity:**

- **Qualifying business activities:** *Agro-based industry, Audio-visual, Cinema and Communication, Banking, Construction, Education, Environment-friendly and green energy products, Financial Services, Fisheries and Marine Resources, Freeport, Information Technology, Infrastructure, Insurance, Leisure, Manufacturing, Marina development, Tourism and Warehousing, Initial Public Offerings.*

B2. Criteria for Eligibility for Permanent Residence Permit for existing Occupation Permit/Residence Permit Holder

1. A non-citizen who has been a holder of an Occupation permit or Residence permit as a Retired Non-Citizen for at least 3 years immediately **before 1 September 2020** and who satisfies the condition as specified above, may on application, be granted the status of permanent resident for a period of 20 years.

2. Holder of an Occupation Permit or Residence Permit as a Retired Non-Citizen need not wait for expiry of their 10-year permit to apply for a Permanent Residence Permit. They can apply for Permanent Residence Permit after holding their permit for 3 years, provided they meet the Permanent Residence Permit eligibility criteria.

- Investor:** Holder of an Occupation Permit before 1 September 2020, with Cumulative turnover of at least MUR 12 million during the 3 years preceding the application.
- Self-Employed:** Holder of an Occupation Permit before 1 September 2020, with cumulative business income of at least MUR 2.4 million during the 3 years preceding the application
- Professional:** Holder of an Occupation Permit before 1 September 2020, in:

- a) the information and communication technologies (ICT) sector and business process outsourcing (BPO) sector with a monthly basic salary of at least MUR 30,000 during the 3 years preceding the application
 - b) any other sector with a monthly basic salary of at least MUR 60,000 during the 3 years preceding the application
- iv. **Retired non-citizen:** Holder of a Residence Permit before 1 September 2020, with
- (1) Monthly transfer of at least USD 1,500 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency, during the period of 3 years;
Or
 - (2) Cumulative transfer of at least USD 54,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency, during the period of 3 years.

Note:

- i. Existing Permanent Residence Permit holders (10 years) may apply for a new Permanent Residence Permit (20 years) immediately after the expiry of their existing Permanent Residence Permit.
- ii. A holder of a Permanent Residence Permit should, during the validity period of his/her respective permit, continue to satisfy the conditions/criteria specified in the Economic Development Board Act and/or the requirement of section 5A(5AA) of the Immigration Act.
- iii. A Permanent Residence Permit may be cancelled at any time without giving any reason if the holder no longer satisfies the criteria and conditions of Permanent Residence Permit or has acted in contravention to any law of Mauritius, or has given any false or misleading information at the time of application.

C. Application for Permanent Residence Permit

An application for Permanent Residence Permit should be made to “Residence Permit Section”, Prime Minister’s Office (Defence and Home Affairs Division), 4th Floor, New Government Centre, Port Louis on the “Application for Permanent Residence Permit” form.

► Documents required:

- Presentation of passport and submission of copy of bio-data page.
- Four recent passport size photographs (not older than three months)
- A sworn affidavit to the effect that the applicant has not been convicted in his country of origin or residence of any criminal offence for the past 10 years.
- In case of Investor/Self-employed non-citizen/Professional, a certificate of income from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, covering the last three years preceding his application, plus copy.
- In case of investor in the USD 375,000 category, the applicant must submit the registration certificate issued by the Economic Development Board.
- In case of Retired non-citizen, documentary evidence from bank to the effect that the applicant has transferred from abroad to Mauritius an amount of money of USD 54,000 or its equivalent in convertible currency, during each of the preceding three years.
- A medical certificate issued by a doctor in Mauritius, accompanied by test results and chest X-ray report. (see Section F below)

Note:

- Original documents, such as, passport, birth and marriage certificate will be returned to the applicant immediately after verification, except for the medical certificate, sworn affidavit and certificate of income from Mauritius Revenue Authority or for Retired Non-Citizen documentary evidence from Bank which will be retained for Office Use.

D. Permanent Residence Permit for accompanying spouse and dependents

Only married spouse and dependent children (unmarried) under 24 years, are eligible for a permanent residence permit. In case a dependent child intends to take up employment in Mauritius, he/she should apply and obtain a work permit or an Occupation permit.

Common law partners are also eligible for residence permit for 20 years as dependent, provided they are not of same sex and they produce documentary evidence that they live together.

The main holder of a Permanent Residence Permit who sponsors his/her common-law partner as dependent should imperatively notify the Prime Minister's Office and the Passport Immigration Office as soon as they cease to be common-law partner.

Details of each dependent must be included in Section 3 of the "Application for Permanent Residence Permit" form. The following documents are required:

- Presentation of passport of each dependent plus bio-data page and visa page.
- Four recent passport size photographs of each dependent (not older than three months)
- A sworn affidavit to the effect that the applicant has not been convicted of any criminal offence in his/her country of origin or residence for the past 10 years. Children under 18 are not required to submit the sworn affidavit
- A medical certificate issued by a doctor in Mauritius (see Section F below)

E. Fees for Application and Issue of Permanent Residence Permit and Bank Guarantee

- A non-refundable processing fee of Rs 1,000 per person should be accompanied with each application. The fee must be paid by crossed cheque drawn to the order the Government of Mauritius at the Cashier's office of the Prime Minister's Office, New Government Centre, Port Louis. A receipt will be issued and should be produced to the Residence Permit Section with the application.
- A fee of MUR 75,000 is payable for the issue of the Permanent Residence Permit to the principal beneficiary upon approval of the application. The fee must be paid by crossed cheque drawn to the order of the Government of Mauritius at the Cashier's office at the Passport and Immigration Office, Ground Floor, Sterling House, 9-11 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis
- A fee of MUR 50,000 is payable for each his/her dependent spouse or common-law partner and children. The fee must be paid by crossed cheque drawn to the order of the Government of Mauritius at the Cashier's office at the Passport and Immigration Office, Ground Floor, Sterling House, 9-11 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis

A complete application is determined by the Prime Minister's Office within three months of its date of submission.

F. Important notes

- Original passport should be produced. For birth and marriage certificate, copies are accepted if they are certified true copies. Copies may be certified by diplomatic missions, attorneys or notaries. If copies are not in English or French, official translation is required.
- To obtain a medical certificate from a doctor in Mauritius, a test for HIV, Hepatitis B and a chest X-ray should be done at any private medical laboratory/clinic/hospital in Mauritius. Tests results and Chest X-ray report should be submitted. Children under 12 years old are exempted from doing the tests and X-ray, but should get a medical certificate.
- A permanent residence permit is valid for a period of 20 years. It exempts the holder from visa requirement when entering Mauritius. Upon expiry of the permit a fresh application may be made for a new permit for another 20 years.
- A permanent residence permit holder, except a Retired non-citizen, is free to take up employment without any work or occupation permit.
- Only the principal permanent residence permit holder may acquire only one apartment in a building with at least two floors above ground floor for his/her personal residence. An application to acquire the apartment for residential purposes has to be made to the Economic Development Board. Dependents are not entitled to purchase an immovable property.
- In case of Retired non-citizen, the beneficiary of the Permanent Residence Permit should submit every 3-years to the Residence Permit Section of the Prime Minister's Office documentary from his/her bank of the transfer from abroad to Mauritius of an amount of money not less than USD 54,000 or its equivalent in convertible currency documentary evidence

Application forms, guidelines and other useful information may be obtained from the:

**Residence Permit Section
Prime Minister's Office (Home Affairs Division)
4th Floor, New Government Centre, Port Louis
Port-Louis**

Tel: +(230) 201 1244, 201 1019, 201 1187 or 201 3449 ● Fax: +(230) 201 1082

Email: pmo-rp@govmu.org

Website: [https://dha.govmu.org/Pages/Services/Residence Permit and Visa.aspx](https://dha.govmu.org/Pages/Services/Residence%20Permit%20and%20Visa.aspx)

Other useful address

**Permanent Residence and Occupation Permit Section
Passport and Immigration Office
4th Floor, Sterling House,
9-11 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port-Louis**

Tel: +(230) 211 5830 ● Fax: +(230) 210 9322

Email: PIOMAIN@govmu.org

Website: <http://passport.gov.mu>

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