

LONG-TERM RESIDENCE IN MALTA

EU/EEA, Swiss and third country nationals can apply for long term residence in Malta subject to having legally resided in Malta for a continuous period of five years. During such period the applicant must have resided in Malta for at least 6 months during a calendar year and must have not been absent from the islands for more than a total of 10 months throughout the five-year period.

Once such applicants are granted long term residence status in Malta, they will enjoy equal treatment as any other Maltese national in terms of access to employment and education amongst others.

FAMILY MEMBERS

In the case of third country nationals who have been legally residing in Malta for at least two years, they can also put forward a request for family members to reside in Malta. These can include spouses (21 years or older) and minor unmarried children. This can only be done if the third country national's intention is to permanently reside in Malta and that he can provide satisfactory accommodation to such family members.

In such circumstances, the applicant must also show that he is economically self-sufficient, with regular and stable financial income equivalent to the average wage in Malta plus another 20% of the average wage for each family member.

Once permission is granted, such family members have the right to work and study like the applicant and once the latter would have resided in Malta for 5 years, family members will be entitled to an autonomous residence permit.

FOREIGN PARTNERS OF MALTESE NATIONALS

Partners of Maltese citizens are granted residence in Malta if the two have been in a relationship during the previous 24 months and they receive a stable income of at least €8,885.

In those cases where their relationship has lasted for at least 5 years, a residence permit for 3 years is then issued.

