

Malta

Residency by Investment

Program



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Becoming a Resident of Malta Guide

The Republic of Malta is an archipelago consisting of 3 islands (Malta, Comino and Gozo), known for their sunny weather and attractive beaches. Valletta is the capital of Malta. The country has two official languages, Maltese and English, with the majority of its population speaking both languages.

Malta is ranked 5th on the list of highest value passports in the on the list of highest value passports in the world, facilitating visa-free travel to over 180 countries. The country is one of the only three Commonwealth member countries in Europe.

Malta has also been a member of the European Union since 2004 and the Schengen Area since 2007.



WHY BECOME A RESIDENT OF MALTA?

- **Valuable passport:** Malta's passport is ranked amongst the top 10 most powerful passports worldwide. The country's citizenship programme facilitates visa-free access to 183 destinations.
- **Straightforward application process:** If all criteria from the applicant are met, an application can get approved within 8 months and citizenship is granted just after 12 months residency. Schengen access: The programme provides a fast track Schengen access through a Malta.
- **Schengen access:** The programme provides a fast track Schengen access through a Malta residency card which needs to be applied for until the citizenship application is approved and the passport is issued.
- **EU approved:** The programme is formally approved by the European Commission and provides the benefit of establishing your business across EU countries.
- **The right security for you and your family:** Aside from Malta being one of the safest places in the world, you and your family will also benefit from the high quality of life, healthcare, education, property rights and ease of doing business.
- **Stability:** Malta maintains a stable social, political, legal, economic, and regulatory climate.




ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A RESIDENT OF MALTA

- **Main applicant:** The main applicant for the programme needs to be at least 18 years of age.
- **Dependents:** Eligible dependents include the spouse, children (up to the age of 26), parents, and grandparents (over 55 years of age).
- **Fit and proper test:** The Government of Malta applies the highest standard of due diligence. Applicants must have a clean criminal record.
- **Health insurance cover:** Applicants and their dependents must prove that they have good health and covered by an appropriate health insurance policy.
- **Financial contribution:** Applicants are required to make a non-refundable contribution to the National Development and Social Fund.



INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUIRING MALTA'S RESIDENCY



There are three mandatory requirements which serve as a qualifier for your application under the Malta Individual Investment programme:

Requirement 1:

Monetary contribution to the National Development and Social Fund

- **Main applicant: EUR 650.000** contribution
- **Spouse and children** (under 18 years): **EUR 25.000** contribution
- **Dependent parents and unmarried children** (18 – 26 years old): **EUR 50.000** contribution.



Requirement 2:

Qualifying Investment

- **EUR 150.000** value in debt or equity securities listed on the Official List of Malta's Stock Exchange. **These are to be kept for up to 5 years.**

Requirement 3:

Investment in a qualifying property

Both options require the property to be kept for 5 years.

- Applicants must make a property investment of at least **EUR 350.000**.
- Applicants can also enter into a property rental contract for a minimum of **EUR 16.000** p.a.

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PROCESS AND TIMELINE:

Month 1

Preparation

Prepare supporting documents for residency application.

Sign documents before a Maltese Consul or notary.

Residency card fast track will be issued within 1-3 weeks.

You will then be required to submit a health insurance policy.

Month 2-5

Full

residency

application

Prepare supporting documents and application file.

Submit application.

Review of application by the authorities.



Month 6-11
Contribution
& other
requirements

Purchase or rent a qualifying property.

Invest in approved securities.

Contribution to the National Development and Social Fund (to be paid within 25 days of letter of approval).

Month 12
Receive
permanent
residency

Once all the above requirements have been satisfied and proved at least 12 months residency you would receive an invitation to take the oath of allegiance following which your passport is issued.





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