

The Key Employee Initiative (KEI) provides a fast-tracked service to highly specialised Third-Country Nationals who are employed in Malta. The scheme will facilitate the issuing of work/residence permits to prospective key employees within five working days from the date of submission of the application.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met in order to be able to apply for residency through this programme:

- Purchase or lease a property anywhere in Malta or Gozo, no minimum value, for the validity of the residency card.
- Be in possession of a health insurance which covers the applicant for hospital stay in Malta.
- Applicant must be in possession of a valid travel document.
- Annual gross salary of at least €30,000 per annum.
- Certified copies of relevant qualifications, warrants or work experience.
- Declaration by the employer stating that the applicant has the necessary credentials to perform the duties being assigned.
- €280.50 application fee.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

The following supporting documentation would be required in order to proceed with submitting the application to Identity Malta:

- Power of Attorney (this document will be prepared by ARQ);
- Certified true copy of the full international passport for the main applicant and dependant (to be provided by the main applicant. ARQ may assist with certifying of documents);
- Certified true copy of the Property Lease or Purchase (final deed) Agreement (ARQ may assist with the property search and subsequent certifying of documents);
- Certified true copy of a comprehensive health insurance policy which covers the applicant and each dependant (ARQ may assist with obtaining the required health insurance and subsequent certifying of documents);
- Declaration by the employer stating that the applicant has the necessary credentials to perform the duties being assigned (ARQ may assist with the drafting of the declaration for employer signature);
- Draft work contract showing an annual minimum gross salary of €30,000, date of commencement of employment has to be left blank (ARQ may assist with the drafting of the work contract for main applicant and employer signature);
- Curriculum Vitae of the main applicant (to be provided by the main applicant);
- Certified copies of the relevant qualifications, warrants or reference letters (to be provided by the main applicant. ARQ may assist with certifying the documents);
- The relevant health screening approval from the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate, this is dependent on the nationality of the applicant and the type of job being applied for (ARQ may assist in the preparation of the required form, setting up of required health screening appointments and accompanying the client to these appointments. This form will be forwarded to the main applicant and employer for their signature).

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Should you be interested in alternative citizenship or residency status, our multi-disciplined team can provide intelligent solutions and assistance every step of the way. Contact us on privateclients@arqgroup.com