

In terms of Legal Notice No. 278 of 2006 entitled: the Status of Long-Term Residents (Third country nationals) Regulations 2006, as amended by Legal Notice No 370 of 2010 and Legal Notice 197 of 2014 a residence permit may be issued to persons who are legally residing in Malta and who qualify for such status, valid for a period of five (5) years but automatically renewable upon application.

Long term resident permit is valid for 5 years and shall be automatically renewable upon application.

Salient features of the programme:

- Five years of continuous legal residence. However, there are exceptions towards this. Temporary absence is accepted as long as periods of absence are shorter than 6 consecutive months and do not exceed a total period of 10 months in the last 5 years.\*
- Currently has and has had for the last 2 years of stable and regular resources which are sufficient to maintain himself and the members of his family, which resources should be equivalent to the minimum wage in Malta, with an addition of another 20% income or resources for each member of the family.
- Has accommodation, regarded as normal for a comparable family in Malta and which meets the general health and safety standards in force in Malta.
- Health insurance in respect of all risks normally covered for Maltese nationals for himself and the members of his family.
- Has complied with the following integration conditions:
  - Twelve months prior to the application the main applicant must attend a course organized by NCFHE about the social, economic, cultural and demographic history and environment of Malta. Evidence must be provided that he has attended lesson for at least 100 hours and must achieve an examination pass mark of at least 75%.
  - A pass mark of at least 65% in an examination of MQF level 2 Maltese qualification
  - Provide evidence that the fees charged for the above-mentioned courses, examinations and certificates have been paid.

\*A longer period of absence may be considered for, Health reasons, Secondment by the employer of the third country national, Business travel, and Education or training purpose.

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