

Temporary Residence:

This form of residence is applicable to those individuals who desire to remain on the Maltese Islands longer than the legal limit of 3 months by purchasing an extended tourist permit. The permit for temporary residence must be renewed at regular intervals. According to current policy, Presently every 6 months.

Other points to keep in mind:

- Individuals may obtain a visa by applying at the Principal Immigration Department located in the Police Headquarters in Floriana
- Any individual applying for temporary residency must also provide proof of income to ensure that the applicant will not be a financial burden on the country
- Local income tax may only be assessed on those funds that were brought into the country by the individual (This applies only for those temporary residents who exceed the limit of 182 aggregate days within a single calendar year; all others are exempt.)

Importation of Personal effects

For those who make overseas purchase, but have not registered for Permanent Residency status, there is a required deposit that must be paid to cover duties on imported items once those goods have arrived in the country. Once the individual is allowed access to the country, either by temporary residence or by taking up a permanent residence in Malta for at least 200 days subsequent to the arrival of the imported items, they will be refunded the amount of the deposit. (This will be determined by which comes first.)

The deposit amount that one may be expected to pay will be determined on the quantity of the imported items. It is possible to avoid the deposit or bank guarantee that can rise to more than €2,329 if a package containing personal effects (i.e. videos and 2 televisions). If an individual plans to import an automobile, there are no charges applied. The condition for having vehicles on the island is that they can be kept there for a maximum of 3 months at a time.

(Note: Remember the guidelines for non-Maltese citizens wishing to apply for temporary residency, because they also apply for those purchasing property.)

Non-residents / temporary residents are allowed to purchase a vacation home in Malta provided that the following terms and conditions are met:

- If you are planning to purchase a property of €104,509 or more on an apartment or an maisonette and €174,133 or more on other types of residential properties, a preliminary agreement (promise of sale) must be signed for authorization. For properties that require renovation or finishing may be purchased at lower costs, although the estimated cost of these improvements plus the purchase price must be equal to or more than the stipulated price thresholds previously mentioned.
- An Acquisition of Immovable Property (A.I.P.) permit is required. They can be obtained for €32.94 from the Ministry of Finance. They are granted within 3 months of application. It is the typically the responsibility of the Notary Public managing the property transaction to apply for an A.I.P. Permit.

- Any property that is being purchased by the non-resident must be used exclusively for the personal needs of the buyer and his/her immediate family members.
- Those funds that are being used to purchase a residential property must come with documentation evidence that they originate from outside of Malta.
- Those non-residents that purchase property in Malta or Gozo are allowed to own one property at a given time. In order to receive a subsequent A.I.P. permit for a second property a signed contract for the sale of the current property must be presented.
- It is permissible for non-resident property owner to sell his/her property to another non-resident, only if there have been efforts to secure local buyer. The approval of the Ministry of Finance is required to proceed with this type of transaction.
- While those properties identified as having historical value or that are designated heritage sites may not be purchased by non-residents, most farmhouses and houses occupying the market will not be affected by this directive.

Useful Addresses:

Department of Citizenship and Expatriate Affairs

Director
3, Castille Place
Valletta CMR 02
Tel: 21250570/3

Importation of personal belongings/Customs Duty

Director General (Customs)
Customs Department
Valletta CMR 02
Tel: 25685100

Income Tax

Director General (Inland Revenue)
Inland Revenue Department
Floriana CMR 02
Tel: 21220485/9

Health Services

Chief Government Medical Officer
Department of Health
Merchants Street
Valletta CMR 02
Tel: 21224071

Permit for the purchase of Property

Director
Capital Transfer Duty Division

46, Merchants Street
Valletta CMR 02
Tel: 21220481/4

Local Councils

Director (Local Councils)
Local Councils Department
Chateau de la Ville
21, Archbishop Street
Valletta CMR 02
Tel: 21226515

Food and Veterinary Regulation Division

Albertain
Marsa
Tel: 21225930