Guidelines for Application for Permanent Residence Permit

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A. What is a Permanent Residence Permit?

A Permanent Residence Permit (PRP) is a permit that allows a non-citizen to live and/or work in Mauritius, subject to satisfying the eligibility criteria pursuant to section 11 of the Immigration Act 2022.

B. Eligibility for Permanent Residence Permit

B1. <u>Criteria for Eligibility for Permanent Residence Permit for 20 years</u>:

A holder of an Occupation Permit or Residence Permit as a Retired non-citizen is eligible to apply for a Permanent Residence Permit valid for a period of **20 years** provided the following conditions are met:

1. **Investor**:

   Holder of an Occupation Permit as Investor for at least 5 years with:

   - a minimum annual turnover of at least MUR 15 M for 5 years preceding the application; or
   - an aggregate turnover of MUR 75 M for a consecutive period of 5 years immediately preceding the application.

2. **Professional**:

   Holder of an Occupation Permit as Professional or a valid Work Permit issued under the Non-Citizens (Employment Restriction) Act for at least 5 years, immediately preceding the date of application for the Permanent Residence Permit, with a monthly basic salary of at least MUR 400,000 for 5 consecutive years.

3. **Self-Employed**:

   Holder of an Occupation Permit as Self-Employed for at least 5 years with:

   - an annual business income of at least MUR 3 M for a consecutive period of 5 years immediately preceding the application; or
   - an aggregate turnover of MUR 15 M for a consecutive period of 5 years immediately preceding the application.

4. **Retired Non-Citizen**:

   - Holder of a Residence Permit as a Retired non-citizen for at least 5 years and transfer of such amounts, by instalments or otherwise, the aggregate of which shall be at least USD 200,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency, for a consecutive period of 5 years immediately preceding the application.

   - Any Investor, Professional or Self-Employed who is the holder of a permanent residence permit aged 50 years or above may be issued with a Permanent Residence Permit under the category of Retired non-citizen in replacement of his Permanent Residence Permit for the remaining period of its validity, provided that he has a disposable annual income of USD 40,000 or its equivalent in any other hard convertible foreign currency.

5. **Golden Visa**:

   Holder of Golden Visa and who has invested an aggregate amount of not less than USD 1 M or its equivalent in any other freely convertible currency within a period of 12 months from the date of issuance of the Golden Visa, in any business activity other than acquisition of a residential property under the Economic Development Board (EDB) property schemes.

B2. Criteria for Eligibility for Permanent Residence Permit 10 years:

1. **Mauritian Diaspora**

   A non-citizen who is a member of the Mauritian Diaspora under the Mauritian Diaspora Scheme is eligible to apply for a Permanent Residence Permit valid for a period of **10 years**.

Important Notes:

i. A holder of a Permanent Residence Permit should, during the validity period of his permit, continue to satisfy the conditions/criteria specified in the Economic Development Board Act and/or the requirement of section 11 of the Immigration Act 2022 or other conditions specified in the approval letter.

ii. A Permanent Residence Permit may be cancelled at any time without giving any reason if the holder no longer satisfies the criteria and conditions of the Permanent Residence Permit or has acted in breach of any law of Mauritius, or has given any false or misleading information at the time of application.

C. Application for Permanent Residence Permit

The main applicant should call in person at the Residence Permit Section, Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs Division), 4th Floor, New Government Centre, Port Louis to submit his application for Permanent Residence Permit.

The application forms for Permanent Residence Permit for the main holder and his dependents under the different categories are available as follows**:**

a) Investors/ Professionals / Self Employed - link
b) Retired Non-Citizens – link
c) Golden Visa – link
d) Diaspora – link
e) Conversion to Retired Non-Citizens -link

Application form for Permanent Residence Permit for dependents (spouse and dependents) for existing Permanent Residence Permit holders is available as follows: link

► Documents required for the Main Applicant:

- A valid passport and a copy of its bio-data page.
- Four recent passport size digital photo either in pixel (Height between 170-181 pixels, Width 132-151 pixels) or in mm (Height between 45-50 mm, Width between 35-40 mm) (not older than three months).
- An affidavit sworn before the Supreme Court of Mauritius to the effect that the applicant has not been convicted in his country of origin and/or residence for any criminal offence for the past 10 years.
- In case of Investor/ Self-Employed /Professional, a certificate of turnover / income from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, covering the last five years preceding his application
- In case of Retired non-citizen, certified documentary evidence (attestation) from a local bank to the effect that the applicant has transferred from abroad to Mauritius an amount of USD 200,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency during the period of 5 years preceding the application.
- In case of a holder of a Golden Visa, a letter from EDB certifying that an investment of an aggregate amount of not less than USD 1 M or its equivalent in any other freely convertible currency has been made into any business activity other than acquisition of a residential property under the EDB property schemes.
- In case of a member of the Mauritian Diaspora, a Mauritian Diaspora Registration Certificate issued by EDB.

- A medical certificate issued by a Medical practitioner registered with the Medical Council of Mauritius, accompanied by test results/reports, confirming that the non-citizen is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease. (**see Section F below**).
- Current and previous Occupation Permit(s) /Work Permit (s) or Residence Permit(s) as Retired non-citizen (originals and copies).

Note:

- Original passport should be produced at the time of application.
- For birth and marriage certificates (copies may be accepted, provided they are certified by diplomatic missions, attorneys or notaries to be true copies). If copies are not available in English or French, an official translation of the certificates are required.
- Original documents will be returned to the applicant immediately after verification, except for the medical certificate, sworn affidavit and certificate of income/turnover from Mauritius Revenue Authority or for Retired non-citizen documentary evidence from Bank (attestation) which will be retained for Office Use.

D. Permanent Residence Permit for accompanying spouse and dependents

- The spouse, dependent child, parent or other dependent of the main Permanent Residence Permit holder (**under section B1 above**) are eligible for a Permanent Residence Permit.
  - A "dependent child" by definition means a child, stepchild or lawfully adopted child of a person and who is -
    - wholly dependent on the person;
    - not over 24 years of age;
    - unmarried; and
    - not engaged in any gainful activity.

  Note:

  (a) The main holder of a Permanent Residence Permit should imperatively notify the Prime Minister's Office and the Passport Immigration Office in the event his dependent child ceases to satisfy the above criteria.

  (b) The number of persons who may be issued with a Permanent Residence Permit as "other dependent" shall not exceed 2.
- The spouse and dependent child of the main Permanent Residence Permit holder under the Mauritian Diaspora Scheme (**under section B2 above**) are eligible for a Permanent Residence Permit for a period of 10 years.
- In case a dependent intends to take up employment in Mauritius, he should apply and obtain a Work Permit or an Occupation permit.
- Details of each dependent must be included in Section 2 of the "Application for Permanent Residence Permit" form.

► **Documents required for Dependents:**

- A valid passport of each dependent and a copy of its bio-data page.
- Four recent passport size digital photo either in pixel (Height between 170-181 pixels, Width 132-151 pixels) or in mm (Height between 45-50 mm, Width between 35-40 mm) (not older than three months).
- An affidavit sworn before the Supreme Court of Mauritius to the effect that the dependent has not been convicted for any criminal offence in his/her country of origin and/or residence for the past 10 years. Minors (under 18 years) are not required to submit the sworn affidavit.
- A medical certificate issued by a Medical practitioner registered with the Medical Council of Mauritius, accompanied by test results/reports, confirming that the non-citizen is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease. (**see Section F below**).
- Birth Certificate /or Marriage certificate (original and copies), where applicable.
- Consent letter from biological mother/father authorizing the main applicant to apply for the Permanent Residence Permit for the minors (under 18 years), where applicable.

E. Fees for Application and Issue of Permanent Residence Permit

- A non-refundable application fee of USD 50 per person must be paid at the Cashier's Office of the Prime Minister's Office, New Government Centre, Port Louis, by a Debit Card.
- A fee of USD 3,000 is payable for the issue of the Permanent Residence Permit to the main beneficiary and a fee of USD 2,000 is payable for each dependent. The fee must be paid at the Cashier's Office at the Passport and Immigration Office, located on the Ground Floor, 7 Exchange Square, Wall Street, Ebene Cybercity, by a Debit Card.

  Arrangements would, in principle, be made for complete applications to be determined by the Prime Minister's Office within a period of three months.

F. Medical Requirements:

- Tests for HIV, Hepatitis B and a chest X-ray should be done at a private medical laboratory/clinic/hospital in Mauritius registered with the Ministry of Health and Wellness. The list of the medical institutions may be obtained on the following link: https://passport.govmu.org/passport/?p=1408.
- Chest X-ray report should be certified by a Radiologist.
- Children under 12 years are exempted from doing the tests and X-ray. However, they should produce a medical certificate.

Application forms, guidelines and other useful information may be obtained from:

Prime Minister's Office (Home Affairs Division)
Residence Permit Section
4th Floor, New Government Centre, Port-Louis
Tel: +(230) 201 1019, 201 3449, 201 1187, 214 1983, 214 1753, 214 1353, 201 1244 or 214 2161 Fax: +(230) 201 1082
Email: pmo-rp@govmu.org
Website: https://dha.govmu.org/Pages/Services/Residence_Permit_and_Visa.aspx

Other useful address:

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PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT SECTION
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PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT SECTION
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