

# Guidelines for a Permanent Residence Permit (PRP)

## A. What is a Permanent Residence Permit?

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

## B. Eligibility for Permanent Residence Permit

### **B1. Criteria for Eligibility for Permanent Residence Permit 20 years:**

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-year provided the following conditions are met:

1. **Investor:** Holder of an Occupation Permit as Investor for at least 3 years, immediately preceding the date of application for the Permanent Residence Permit, with:

- a minimum annual gross income of at least MUR 15M for 3 years preceding the application; or
- an aggregate turnover of MUR 45M for any consecutive period of 3 years during his/her current permit.

2. **Professional:** Holder of an Occupation as Professional for at least 3 years, immediately preceding the date of application for the Permanent Residence Permit, with a basic monthly salary of at least MUR 150,000 for 3 consecutive years.

3. **Self-Employed:** Holder of an Occupation Permit as Self-Employed for at least 3 years, immediately preceding the date of application for the Permanent Residence Permit, with an annual business income of at least MUR 3 million for the 3 consecutive years.

4. **Retired Non-Citizen:** Holder of a Residence Permit as a Retired non-citizen for at least 3 years, immediately preceding the date of application for the Permanent Residence Permit with transfer of at least USD 54,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency during the period of 3 years preceding the application.

5. **An investor who invests at least USD 375,000** in a qualifying business activity.

### **B2. Criteria for Eligibility for Permanent Residence Permit for holders of Occupation Permit/Residence Permit Holder for at least 3 years immediately before 01 September 2020.**

1. A non-citizen who has been a holder of an Occupation permit or Residence permit as a Retired non-citizen for at least 3 years immediately **before 1 September 2020** and who satisfies the required conditions, may on application, be granted the status of permanent resident for a period of 20 years.

- Investor:** Holder of an Occupation Permit as Investor for at least 3 years immediately before 1 September 2020, with cumulative turnover of at least MUR 12 million during the 3 years preceding the application.
- Self-Employed:** Holder of an Occupation Permit as Self-Employed for at least 3 years immediately before 1 September 2020, with cumulative business income of at least MUR 2.4 million during the 3 years preceding the application.
- Professional:** Holder of an Occupation Permit as Professional for at least 3 years immediately before 1 September 2020, in:
  - a) the information and communication technologies (ICT) sector and business process outsourcing (BPO) sector with a monthly basic salary of at least MUR 30,000 during the 3 years preceding the application.
  - b) any other sector with a monthly basic salary of at least MUR 60,000 during the 3 years preceding the application.

iv. **Retired Non-Citizen:** Holder of a Residence Permit as Retired non-citizen for at least 3 years immediately before 1 September 2020, with

- 1) a monthly transfer of at least USD 1,500 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency, during the period of 3 years;  
Or
- 2) a cumulative transfer of at least USD 54,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency, during the period of 3 years.

### **B3. 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 10-year Permanent Residence Permit.

#### **Note:**

- 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 contravention to any law of Mauritius, or has given any false or misleading information at the time of application.

### **C. Application for Permanent Residence Permit**

An application for Permanent Residence Permit should be made to “Residence Permit Section”, Prime Minister’s Office (Defence and Home Affairs Division), 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Government Centre, Port Louis on the “Application for Permanent Residence Permit” form.

#### **► Documents required:**

- A valid passport and a copy of the bio-data page.
- Four recent passport size photographs (not older than three months).
- A sworn affidavit to the effect that the applicant has not been convicted in his country of origin and/ or residence of any criminal offence for the past 10 years.
- In case of Investor/Self-employed/Professional, a certificate of income/turnover from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, covering the last three years preceding his application.
- In case of investor in the USD 375,000 category, the applicant must submit the registration certificate issued by the Economic Development Board.
- In case of Retired non-citizen, documentary evidence from bank to the effect that the applicant has transferred from abroad to Mauritius an amount of money of USD 54,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency during the period of 3 years preceding the application.
- In case of a member of the Mauritian Diaspora, Mauritian Diaspora Registration Certificate issued by Economic Development Board.
- A medical certificate issued by a doctor in Mauritius, accompanied by test results and chest X-ray report. (see Section F below).
- Previous Occupation Permit(s) or Residence Permit(s) as Retired non-citizen (if applicable).

#### **Notes**

Original documents, such as passport, 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 (Bank Certificate) which will be retained for Office Use.

**Downloadable Permanent Residence Permit Application Form is available on the website:**

[https://dha.govmu.org/Pages/Services/RP\\_Permanent\\_Residence\\_Permit.aspx](https://dha.govmu.org/Pages/Services/RP_Permanent_Residence_Permit.aspx)

#### **D. Permanent Residence Permit for accompanying spouse and dependents**

- The spouse, dependent children, parent, the wholly dependent next to kin of an unmarried person or other dependent of the main Permanent Residence Permit holder are eligible for a permanent residence permit.
  - A “dependent child” by definition is a child, stepchild or lawfully adopted child of a person and who is -
    - wholly dependent on the person;
    - unmarried;
    - not engaged in any gainful activity.

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 children cease to satisfy the above criteria.
  - The wholly dependent next to kin of an unmarried person which shall not exceed 3 persons.

“next of kin” means, in relation to a person, the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of that person;
- In case a dependent intends to take up employment in Mauritius, he should apply and obtain a work permit or an Occupation permit.
- Common law partners are also eligible for residence permit for 20 years as dependent, provided they are not of same sex and documentary evidence is produced to the effect that the main holder and his/her partner are common-law-partners and are living together.
  - The main holder of a Permanent Residence Permit who sponsors his/her common-law partner as dependent should imperatively notify the Prime Minister’s Office and the Passport Immigration Office in the event the latter ceases to be the common-law partner.
- Details of each dependent must be included in Section 3 of the “Application for Permanent Residence Permit” form. The following documents are required in respect of the dependents:
  - A valid passport of each dependent plus the bio-data page.
  - Four recent passport size photographs of each dependent (not older than three months).
  - A sworn affidavit to the effect that the applicant has not been convicted of any criminal offence in his/her country of origin and/or residence for the past 10 years. Children under 18 are not required to submit the sworn affidavit.
  - A medical certificate issued by a doctor in Mauritius (see Section F) below.
  - Birth Certificates /or marriage certificate (if applicable).
  - Consent letter from biological mother/father (if applicable).
  - All required documents should be preferably apostilled and legalized.

#### **E. Fees for Application and Issue of Permanent Residence Permit (with effect from 11 July 2022)**

- A non-refundable application fee of USD 50 per person should be accompanied by each application. The fee must be paid either by Debit/Credit Card at the Cashier’s office of the Prime Minister’s Office, New Government Centre, Port Louis. A receipt will be issued and should be produced to the Residence Permit Section with the application.
- A fee of USD 3,000 is payable for the issue of the Permanent Residence Permit to the principal beneficiary upon approval of the application. The fee must be paid by either by Debit/Credit Card at the Cashier’s office at the Passport and Immigration Office, Ground Floor, Sterling House, 9-11 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis.
- A fee of USD 2,000 is payable for each dependent. The fee must be paid by either by Debit/Credit Card at the Cashier’s office at the Passport and Immigration Office, Ground Floor, Sterling House, 9-11 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis.

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. Important Notes

- Original passport should be produced. For birth and marriage certificate, copies are accepted if they are certified true copies. Copies may be certified by diplomatic missions, attorneys of notaries. If copies are not in English or French, official translation is required.
- To obtain a medical certificate from a doctor in Mauritius, a test for HIV, Hepatitis B and a chest X-ray should be done at any private medical laboratory/clinic/hospital in Mauritius. Tests results and Chest X-ray report should be submitted. Children under 12 years old are exempted from doing the tests and X-ray, but should produce a medical certificate.

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

**Residence Permit Section**  
**Prime Minister's Office (Home Affairs Division)**  
**4th Floor, New Government Centre, Port Louis**  
**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](mailto:pmo-rp@govmu.org)  
Website: [https://dha.govmu.org/Pages/Services/Residence\\_Permit\\_and\\_Visa.aspx](https://dha.govmu.org/Pages/Services/Residence_Permit_and_Visa.aspx)

### Other useful address

**Permanent Residence and Occupation Permit Section**  
**Passport and Immigration Office**  
**4th Floor, Sterling House,**  
**9-11 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port-Louis**  
  
Tel: +(230) 211 5830 ● Fax: +(230) 210 9322  
Email: [PIOMAIN@govmu.org](mailto:PIOMAIN@govmu.org)  
Website: <http://passport.gov.mu>

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