

Key Facts

Individual Investor Programme

The Individual Investor Programme of the Republic of Malta (IIP) enables high net worth individuals to acquire Maltese citizenship for themselves and their family by contributing to the economic and social development of Malta.

Benefits of the IIP

The IIP grants the applicant and their family:

- A passport within one year and in the interim Schengen residence status
- The right to freely live and work in Malta or in any other European Union member state
- Visa-free travel to 163 countries, including all the European Union member states, the USA, Switzerland and South Africa
- under 18 years, €50,000 for every unmarried financially dependent child aged between 18 and 26 and for every dependent adult aged over 55
- The rental or acquisition of immovable property in Malta at an annual rate of €16,000 or a value of €350,000, respectively
- Proof of residence in Malta for 1 year
- Liquid investments at a minimum of €150,000 in qualifying classes of bonds and/or stocks
- Evidence of a global health insurance policy for the applicant and dependents and a declaration that they are in a position to retain the policy indefinitely

Who may apply

To qualify for citizenship, the main applicant must be over 18 years of age and satisfy a fit-and-proper test, as well as a number of other requirements (see below).

The main applicant may add to his/her citizenship application his/her spouse, and any dependents under the age of 27 years (under certain conditions) and over the age of 55 years.

Requirements

Applicants for the IIP must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- A monetary contribution of €650,000 for the main applicant, and an additional €25,000 for the spouse and for each and every child aged

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the 1-year residency requirement begin to run from the date of submission of the application for citizenship or from when one acquires residence?

The 1-year residence requirement starts to run from when one takes up residence in Malta. In practice, one may first obtain his e-residence card and at a later stage, when all documents have been collected, apply for citizenship.

Does the requirement to reside in Malta apply to both the main applicant and his dependents?

No, this requirement only applies to the main applicant. Their dependents need not reside in Malta for any time in their lives.

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Should the dependents wish, may they apply for an e-residence card along with the main applicant?

Yes, the dependents may also apply for an e-residence card.

What are the requirements to prove residence and is it required to physically stay in Malta for a particular number of days?

The law does not specify any particular requirements with regard to proof of residence. Neither does it specify a number of days within which one needs to be physically present in Malta. It requires, however that the main applicant forges links to the island. In practice the main applicant must have held an e-residence card for 1 year, having rented or purchased property in Malta. Other evidence could be in the form of membership to local clubs or professional bodies, local mobile phone numbers and involvement in philanthropic work.

Is there a fee to obtain e-residence?

Yes. The fee for the main applicant is €5,000. This payment counts as a deposit on account for the €650,000 one-time monetary contribution. The fee for dependents is €1,000. The fee paid for dependents is over and above the IIP contribution.

Does the applicant have to travel to Malta to obtain the e-residence card and how long does it take to obtain it?

Yes, the applicant and any of their dependents who wish to acquire residence in Malta must travel to Malta to acquire an e-residence card. It normally takes between one or two days to obtain an e-residence card.

Does Maltese law allow dual citizenship?

Yes, dual citizenship is allowed under the Maltese Citizenship Act.

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