

PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION OFFICE – OCCUPATION PERMIT SECTION

Guidelines for applying for a Residence Permit for Retired Non-Citizen

Retired non-citizens applying for a Residence Permit should come in person for registration and submission of applications with the Board of Investment.

Eligibility criteria for registration

- To be eligible for a residence permit, a retired non-citizen should be 50 years of age or above and must undertake to transfer to his/her local bank account in Mauritius, at least 40,000 US dollars annually, or its equivalent in any freely convertible foreign currency. The applicant should make an initial transfer of at least USD 40,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency when first settling in Mauritius.
- A holder of a residence permit for retired non-citizen and his dependents are not allowed to work in Mauritius.
- He/She is also not allowed to remit to his/her country of origin or any country abroad the funds transferred into Mauritius or any balance thereof, except where the residence permit is cancelled. He/She should submit annually a statement from his/her local bank about the transfer of funds from abroad to his/her local account, together with a certificate to the effect that no money has been remitted overseas from the account.

Registration Process

A duly filled-in registration form should be submitted along with an application for Residence Permit. A registration certificate may be issued to eligible applicants.

Application for Residence Permit for Retired non-citizen

An application for Residence Permit should be made on the “Application for Residence Permit” form. The following documents are required:-

Note: Applicants are requested to submit the original and one copy of each required document.

- Passport (must have minimum validity of 6 months and a valid visa). Copy of last entry visa should also be submitted.
- Birth certificate (If not in English or French an authorised translated copy, certified by a competent authority, should be attached to birth certificate)
- Four recent identical colour passport sized photographs
- A morality certificate or police clearance covering the last four years. The document should not be more than three months old.
- A leaving certificate from the last employer or a statement on the previous professional background
- A medical certificate issued by a doctor in Mauritius, together with result of HIV test, Hepatitis B Surface Antigen test and chest x-ray report (see details on medical form)
- Residence Permit fee of MRU 10,000. Payment must be made by an office cheque drawn to the order of the Government of Mauritius. Payment in cash, personal or company cheque are not accepted)
- A bank guarantee of MRU 50,000 made in favour of Government of Mauritius

Application for Residence Permit for accompanying dependents

For accompanying spouse and children under 18 only, an application for a residence permit should be made on the “Application to enter Mauritius” form and submitted along with the following documents:-

- Marriage certificate. For unmarried partners, official document proving cohabitation/civil partnership/common law partners, etc is required
- Passport of each dependent (should have a minimum 6 months validity and a valid visa)
- Birth certificate of each dependent. (Full birth certificate in case of children) If not in English or French an authorised translated copy, certified by a competent authority, should be attached to birth certificate.
- Four recent identical colour passport sized photographs of each dependent
- A medical certificate for each dependent issued by a doctor in Mauritius plus result of HIV test, Hepatitis B Surface Antigen test and chest x ray report (see details on medical form)
- A bank guarantee of MRU 20,000 for each dependent, made in favour of the Government of Mauritius

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Cancellation of a Residence Permit:

The holder of a Residence permit should inform the Board of Investment in writing when he or she ceases to live in Mauritius and wants to have the permit cancelled. The original permit and card should be returned to the Passport and Immigration Office and the Registration Certificate should be returned to the Board of Investment.

A Residence Permit may be cancelled if the holder no longer satisfies the criteria and conditions of registration, or has acted in contravention to any laws of Mauritius, or has given any false or misleading information at the time of application.

The Board of Investment may deregister the applicant and notify Passport and Immigration Office to cancel the Residence Permit and return any bank guarantee submitted.

Important information:

1. No application will be accepted if there is evidence that the applicant is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
2. Medical tests should have been done no longer than six months before date of submitting an application for Residence Permit
3. Children under 12 years of age are not required to do blood tests or chest X ray, unless directed by the medical practitioner. They should however obtain a medical certificate.
4. Dependents include spouse and children under 18 only. Spouse includes both married and common law partners. Children include legally adopted children and children from a previous marriage. Unmarried partners are eligible for six months residence permit, renewable thereafter.
5. In case of divorced parents, evidence of legal custody of child is required; where necessary the consent of the other parent is also required. The letter of consent should be witnessed and countersigned by a legal entity.
6. Where the residence permit holder applies for residence permit for his child but not for the spouse, the consent of the spouse is required. The letter of consent should be witnessed and countersigned by a legal entity.
7. Processing time for Residence Permit for retired non-citizen is 3 working days. For Residence Permit for dependents please allow between 3 and 5 working days.
8. Only application which is complete will be accepted for further processing / No application for Occupation Permit will be accepted if it is not complete.

Applicants should inform the Passport and Immigration Office and the Board of Investment in writing of any change in their particulars.

These guidelines may be subject to changes and should not, in any circumstances, be treated as final. Any other information or document not listed above may be requested depending on the application.

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

Occupation Permit Section

Passport and Immigration Office

4th Floor, Sterling House, Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis - Mauritius

Tel: + (230) 211 5586 (for queries on applications)

Fax: +(230) 210 7322

Work and Live Department

Board of Investment

4th Floor, Sterling House, Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis - Mauritius

Tel: + (230) 211 3800 (for general information on working and living in Mauritius)

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