

## Checklist for third-country nationals applying for the long-term resident status in Malta - [Subsidiary Legislation 217.05]

Third-Country Nationals who have been legally and continuously residing in Malta for five years may apply for the long-term residence status. The status of long-term residents is permanent and the residence permit would be issued for a period of five years. The applicant must submit the following documentary evidence in support of his request:

1. A covering letter explaining (i) the intentions of the applicant to apply for the long-term residence status and (ii) the background of the applicant in Malta. The information must include (a) accurate information on the applicant's first settlement in Malta, (b) the nature of the stay throughout the years, and (iii) the existence of any family members.
2. Chronological list of dates of arrivals and departures from the Schengen territory;
3. Full copies of the passport/s used in the last five years prior to the submission of the application;
4. Tax declarations of the last five years prior to the submission of the application, confirming that the applicant earned the national minimum wage with an additional 20% of the national minimum wage for each of the family members;
5. A certificate by a warranted architect confirming that the applicant's accommodation is regarded as normal for a comparable family in Malta and meets the standards established by the Housing Authority;
6. Evidence of sickness insurance covering the applicant and all the related family members where applicable;
7. Evidence of integration measures, particularly:
  - *I Belong* course provided by the Directorate for Human rights and Integration: confirmation of at least 100 hours of attendance and the achievement of an examination pass mark of at least 75%,
  - A pass mark of at least 65% in MQF Level 2 Maltese language certificate,
  - Documentation showing that the relevant course fees have been paid. The application must include all the requested information, contact details, dates and signatures.

Identity Malta will issue a decision on the application within a period which does not exceed six months. Applicants with a favourable decision may present the decision together with the following forms in order to apply for an updated residence document:

- i. CEA Form L– Application for a residence permit submitted by a non-EU national on the basis of the Long-Term Residence status.
- ii. Form ID 1A – Identity Registration Form – together with an application fee of €137.50;

### Notes

Documents in a foreign language must be translated to Maltese or English by a translator registered with the Maltese authorities. Identity Malta retains certified/apostilled copies of the said documents



where original documentation would not be possible to retain. Identity Malta and other related stakeholders reserve the right to request any further documentation that they may deem necessary in the evaluation process of the application.

The decision of Identity Malta to reject an application may be contested at the Immigration Appeals Board within three days from the date of receipt of the decision.