

Checklist for the application for a residence permit based on a relationship with a Maltese Citizen (Partner)

Applications must be submitted by the applicant in person whilst in Malta. Applicants are required to fill in the relevant forms which must include all the required information, contact details, dates and signatures. This must be done before the expiry of the authorisation to stay in Malta.

A third country national may be eligible for a residence permit based on a relationship with a Maltese National. The Department defines partnership as two people of the opposite or same sex who have been together in a genuine and stable relationship for not less than two years.

Applicants and their partner must:

- be at least 18 years of age;
- be in a relationship for 2 years;
- not be close relatives;
- be living together, i.e. sharing the same home as your partner, which does not include sharing accommodation while on holiday and flatmate arrangements.

Requirements

Applicants are requested to submit the following:

- CEA Form O and an application fee of €27.50;
- Form ID 1A - Identity Registration Form.;
- Full copy of the applicant's valid passport, including the blank pages, showing a valid visa. Upon renewal, the applicant must return his previous residence permit together with a copy of the passport's biometric page;
- An affidavit by the couple under oath, stating they have been in a relationship for 2 years or more, administered by a notary registered in Malta;
- Official certificate issued from Public Registry showing the civil status of the Maltese national;
- Evidence of a stable relationship ongoing for not less than 2 years;
- A letter from two different relatives or friends witnessing the relationship;
- Health insurance policy in respect of all risks leading to any type of medical assistance or hospitalization. The validity period should be for not less than a year;
- Bank statement of the applicant or the partner for the previous 3 months showing adequate funds in Euro to support the applicant's stay in Malta. Funds should amount minimum wage + 20%. Consideration will be made to whether the couple is renting or owning the property;
- Lease agreement of property which makes clear reference to the applicant and the partner. In case of owning the property, a clear reference to the applicant/partner in the purchase agreement should be made. If renting property, the applicant is required to also present a Rental Declaration Form signed by the owner of the same property. The termination date must be specified in the Lease agreement and Rental Declaration Form.

Evidence of relationship

- Together with the relevant forms and other required documents listed above, applicants must provide enough evidence to show that the relationship has been stable for at least two years. Evidence should be supported by a detailed timeline of the relationship. The Department considers the nature of the commitment to each other and will place more weight on some forms of evidence relative to others.

Strong evidence

Official documents that show joint assets, liabilities, undertakings etc. Examples include:

- Joint bank accounts;
- Jointly owned assets;
- Joint liabilities such as mortgages;
- Any joint undertakings such as joint lease;
- Naming each other as beneficiaries under respective wills or insurance policies.

Demonstrating that both the applicant and the partner are jointly responsible for the care and support of a child or children is a strong evidence of the relationship. In this case a birth certificate of the child/children must be submitted with the application.

Good evidence

Official documents generated by third parties that are addressed to the applicant and partner.

Examples include:

- Bank statements;
- Bills, invoices, receipts etc.;
- Letters, invitations;
- Flight tickets or receipts evidencing your joint holidays or travels.

Other decent forms of evidence

Other general evidence that might be necessary, include:

- Dated photos;
- Emails/letters to each other;
- Social media interaction with each other;
- Phone records.

Time spent living apart

If the couple spend time living apart, information about their separation should be provided, including:

- the reasons why they were living apart;
- the duration of time they were living apart;
- how did they keep in touch while apart?

All documentation listed above must be presented in English. All presented translations of official documents are to be apostilled by the Foreign Affairs if applicable. All supporting documentation must be presented in original format. The Department retains a copy of the above-mentioned list of documents.

Identity Malta reserves the right to request additional documents before the application could be processed.