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**The Maltese
Citizenship by
Naturalisation
for Exceptional
Services by Direct
Investment**

**The Granting of Citizenship
for Exceptional Services
Regulations**



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What are the granting of citizenship for exceptional services regulations?

Malta allows for granting of citizenship by a certificate of naturalisation to highly talented high-net-worth individuals and their families who can contribute to Malta's economic development.

It mandates the applicant and all the adult dependents to hold Maltese residency status for a minimum of 12 months prior to submission of the Citizenship application.

The applicant has two options to attain citizenship depending on the size of investment to the Government of Malta. Citizenship can be achieved either in 36 months for a reduced investment of €600,000 or 12 months with an investment of €750,000.



What are the benefits?

- Citizenship in a well-respected, economically, and politically stable European country;
- Citizenship status that is inherited by future generations even if born outside of Malta;
- Freedom to travel to 184 countries including the USA, Canada, and Australia;
- Right to live, work, and study in all 27 EU and 4 EEA member states as per EU Treaty Rights as Malta has been a member of EU since 2004;

Eligibility may also extend to applicant's dependents including spouses or partners in a relationship, children, & grandparents under specific terms.



Why Malta?

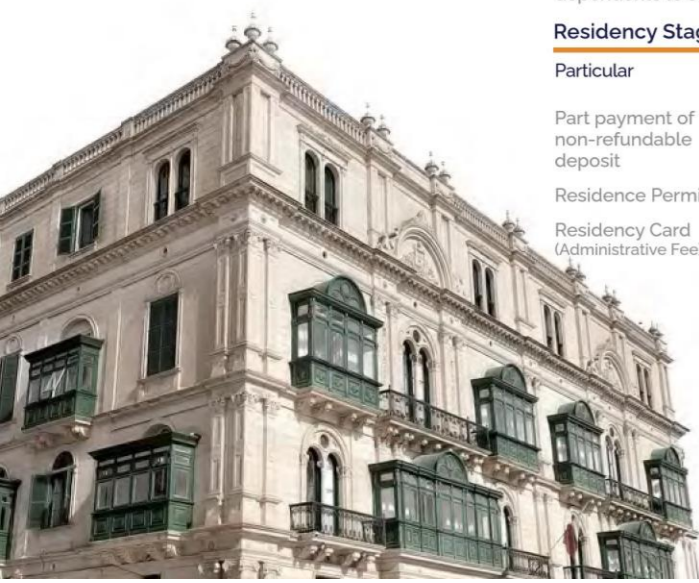
- Member of the European Union (EU);
- Fastest growing economy in the EU with rated A+ by Fitch and A2 by Moody's;
- Member of the Schengen Area and the British Commonwealth;
- Political and economic stability;
- Excellent business opportunities;
- English as a primary language;
- Euro (€) as the base currency;
- Voted 2nd safest country in the world (World Risk Index 2020);
- First-class health service;
- Top educational system;
- Repeatedly voted as best climate in the world.





Engagement

The applicant gives the agent a power of attorney to act on his behalf for the entire application process.



Residency

The agent performs Tier 1 due diligence on the applicant and submits Residency application.

The Government Agency performs Tier 1 due diligence and obtains first police clearance.

Visit to Malta by the main applicant and all adult dependents to submit biometric data.

Residency Stage Costs

Particular	Applicant	Each Dependent
Part payment of non-refundable deposit	€10,000	
Residence Permit	€ 5,000	€1,000
Residency Card (Administrative Fee)	€ 28	€ 28



Eligibility

The Agent submits the Citizenship eligibility application to the Government Agency.

The birth and marriage certificates are submitted to Public Registry and Passport Office by the Agent.

The Government Agency performs a Tier 2 due diligence and ensures correctness and completeness of the application.

The Government Agency further conducts a Tier 3 & Tier 4 due diligence and presents the application and its findings to the Minister.

On the Minister's instructions, the Government Agency informs the Agent of the Minister's decision if the Applicant is eligible to apply for Maltese Citizenship.

Eligibility Stage Costs

Particular	Due Diligence	Admin Fee
Applicant	€15,000	€1,000
*Each Dependent	€10,000	€1,000
Benefactor (if applicable)	€15,000	€1,000



Citizenship

Depending on the Applicant's level of chosen investment, the Agent presents the Citizenship application to the Government Agency. The period can be 12 months or 36 months from the time the Applicant received his or her Residence.

The Government Agency further updates its due diligence on the Applicant and presents its final findings to the Minister.

On the Minister's instructions, the Government Agency informs the Agent about the Minister's decision if the Applicant can be granted Maltese Citizenship.

Citizenship Stage Costs

Particular	Applicant	Each Dependent
Exceptional Direct Investment (36-month residency)	€590,000	€50,000
OR		
Exceptional Direct Investment (12-month residency)	€740,000	€50,000
Administrative Fee	€ 5,000	€ 1,000



Obligations

The Applicant fulfills the Exceptional Investment, Donation and Property requirements.

Obligation Stage Costs

Particular	Property
Minimum Purchase**	€700,000
or	
Minimum Rental** (per annum)	€ 16,000
Donation***	€ 10,000



Oath of Allegiance

The Applicant and adult dependents are invited to come to Malta to take the Oath of Allegiance.

The Applicant and adult dependents are granted Maltese Citizenship and are issued with a Certificate of Naturalisation and a Maltese Passport.

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Timeline Index

- The Agent submits an annual compliance form to the Community Malta, the Government Agency that conducts continuous monitoring of successful applicants for five years after attaining citizenship.
- (*) - Due diligence fees apply to persons over the age of 12 years.
- (**) - To be retained for a minimum period of 5 years from the date of issue of the certificate of naturalisation.
- (***) - Donation to a registered philanthropic, cultural, sport, scientific, animal welfare or artistic non governmental organisation or society, or as otherwise approved by the Government Agency.
- All amounts have been rounded up to the nearest €0.50. E.g., the residency card's actual cost is €27.50, but we rounded off to €28 to simplify.



Eligibility Criteria

- Main applicant must be 18 years of age, or older.
- Holding Maltese residency status for a period of 36 months, provided that this period may by exception be reduced to a minimum of 12 months, subject to an exceptional direct investment (of €600,000 and €750,000 respectively), to be effected prior the issuance of the certificate of naturalisation.
- Purchase an immovable residential property in Malta having a minimum value of €700,000. Alternatively, lease a residential immovable property in Malta for a minimum annual rent of €16,000. Such qualifying property is to be held for a minimum period of five (5) years from the date of issuance of the certificate of naturalisation. The changing of property and switching from lease to purchase, or vice versa, is permissible throughout the period.
- Carry out an exceptional direct investment in Malta, in accordance with the Regulations.
- Donate, prior to the issue of the certificate of naturalisation, a minimum of €10,000 to a registered philanthropic and Government Agency approved organisation or society focusing on cultural, sport, scientific, animal welfare or artistic endeavours.
- The applicant and all dependants to have approved global health insurance for life;
- Have a clean criminal record.
- Not be considered a potential national security risk.
- Not having a reputational risk.
- Not subject to criminal proceedings.



Investment Requirements

Particular	Applicant	Each Dependent	Benefactor (if applicable)
Residency Stage Costs			
Part payment of non-refundable deposit	€ 10,000		
Residence Permit	€ 5,000	€000	
Residency Card (Administrative Fee)	€ 28	€ 28	
Eligibility Payment Request Voucher (EPRV)			
Due Diligence Fee*	€ 15,000	€10,000	€15,000
Administrative Fee	€ 1,000	€ 1,000	
(* Due diligence fees apply to persons over the age of 12 years).			
Investment Request Voucher (IRV)			
Exceptional Direct Investment (12-month residency)	€740,000	€50,000	
OR			
Exceptional Direct Investment (36-month residency)	€590,000	€50,000	
Administrative Fee	€ 5,000	€ 1,000	

Investment Requirements

Particular	Applicant	Each Dependent
Investment Obligations		
* Purchase of an immovable residential property in Malta	€700,000	
OR		
* Lease a residential immovable property in Malta	€ 16,000 p.a.	
<i>* To be retained for a minimum period of 5 years from the date of issue of the certificate of naturalisation.</i>		
* Donation to a registered philanthropic, cultural, sport, scientific, animal welfare, or artistic non-governmental organisation or society, or as otherwise approved by the Government agency	€ 10,000	
Residency, Eligibility, or Citizenship Stage (as applicable)		
Expired Card Renewal	€ 228	€228
Change of Address	€ 28	€ 28

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This granting of citizenship by Naturalisation for Exceptional Services by Direct Investment is regulated by Granting of Citizenship for Exceptional Services by Direct Investment Regulations SL 188.05.

Community Malta Agency (Agenzija Komunità Malta) is the competent Maltese Government Agency responsible for administering these Regulations and process applications (herein referred to as “Government Agency”).

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