

MALTA PERMANENT RESIDENCE PROGRAMME (MPRP)

BDO MALTA

INTRODUCTION

The Malta Permanent Residence Programme (MPRP) grants qualifying applicants the opportunity to reside in Malta indefinitely, promising a mediterranean lifestyle and facilitating travel within the Schengen area.

Why Malta?

Described as one of the most dynamic economies in the EU, Malta offers a high standard of living, a good level of education, an excellent health care system and a warm climate. Malta also guarantees a safe, politically and economically stable environment as well as exceptional business opportunities.

The benefits offered by the programme

- ▶ Successful applicants will be entitled to take up residence and remain indefinitely in Malta without the need of obtaining an entry visa.
- ▶ Successful applicants will enjoy visa-free travel within the Schengen area.
- ▶ Applicants may include their dependants in their application for MPRP, namely spouse, minor children, children who are over the age of eighteen, yet not married and not economically active, as well as parents or grandparents of the main applicant or of his spouse. The children, parents and grandparents must be principally dependant on the main applicant.
- ▶ Taking up residence in Malta may also provide the possibility to restructure business interests so that applicants and their dependants may also benefit from Malta's advantageous taxation system.

A STRAIGHT-FORWARD APPLICATION PROCESS

The application for the Malta Permanent Residence Programme must be filed with the Residency Malta Agency through a registered approved agent, such as BDO.

A non-refundable administrative fee of €10,000 is payable upon the submission of the application forms and the required documentation. Following a thorough due diligence process, the Agency will proceed to issue an approval in principal, which shall necessitate the payment of a contribution to the Government of Malta of an additional €30,000.

Upon the issuance of the approval in principle, the main applicant would need to prove that he/she has satisfied the following investment conditions for the residence certificate to be issued for him/her and the dependants included in the application:

- ▶ The main applicant has acquired an immovable property in Malta, having a value of €350,000 or €300,000 if the property is situated in the south of Malta or Gozo;

OR

- ▶ The main applicant is renting an immovable property in Malta which has been taken on lease for a rent of not less than €12,000 per annum or €10,000 if the property is situated in the south of Malta or Gozo.

Depending on the immovable property option chosen, the main applicant would be required to pay a further direct contribution to the Government of Malta after the issuance of the approval in principle. Should the applicant proceed with the acquisition of immovable property in Malta, the direct contribution would be €28,000. Should the applicant lease an immovable property in Malta, the direct contribution would be that of €58,000.

A further contribution of €7,500 per parent or grandparent of the main applicant or of the spouse shall apply.

Who is eligible for the programme?

A prospective applicant will be eligible to apply for the programme if he satisfies the following conditions:

- ▶ The prospective applicant must be at least 18 years of age and he/she must not be a national of an EU member state, the EEA (European Economic Area) or Switzerland
- ▶ The prospective applicant must commit to acquiring or renting of an immovable property in Malta, satisfying the requirements of the Programme as described above, and that he/she shall hold the qualifying property for a minimum period of 5 years from the date of the issuance of the residence certificate
- ▶ The prospective applicant must commit to make a non-refundable contribution of €40,000 (of which €10,000 shall be paid upon the submission of the application forms and documentation required by the Agency)
- ▶ The prospective applicant must be in possession of a valid health insurance policy which covers all health and sickness risks across the European Union. The insurance policy must cover the applicant and his/her dependants
- ▶ The prospective applicant and his dependants need to be fit and proper persons and the prospective applicant would need to be able to prove that he is in receipt of stable and regular resources enough to maintain himself and his dependants without recourse to Malta's social assistance system
- ▶ The prospective applicant would need to provide proof that he has capital assets of not less than €500,000 out of which €150,000 must be financial assets



OUR SOLUTION

BDO is registered with the authorities as an approved agent and can assist applicants with their application for the MRVP.

What can BDO offer?

BDO can offer a team of specialists who possess in-depth knowledge and experience of the related legislation and are able to assist applicants and their dependants throughout the application process.

BDO can also advise on all the fiscal and legal implications to be considered upon taking up residence in Malta.

About BDO

BDO Malta is a Member Firm of BDO International, one of the world's largest professional services firms. BDO provides accounting and auditing, tax and consultancy services on a globally integrated basis with over 1,800 offices in more than 164 countries and territories.

BDO Malta serves clients on an international level as they navigate an increasingly complex tax landscape. Our tax professionals draw on deep experience and industry-specific knowledge to deliver clients the insights and innovation they need to maintain compliance and drive value – wherever they do business. Our strategic tax planning expertise includes tax advisory, tax structuring, indirect tax and expatriate and personal tax services to name a few.

We can deliver the right level of support that you need to achieve your goals – from tax consulting to help you document your corporate tax strategy to fully outsourced tax compliance services, our expert tax advisers can help grow and protect your business.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

BDO MALTA

Triq it-Torri
Msida
MSD 1824
Malta

Tel: +356 2342 4000

info@bdo.com.mt

This publication has been carefully prepared, but it has been written in general terms and should be seen as containing broad statements only. This publication should not be used or relied upon to cover specific situations and you should not act, or refrain from acting, upon the information contained in this publication without obtaining specific professional advice. Please contact BDO Malta to discuss these matters in the context of your particular circumstances. BDO Malta, its subsidiaries and affiliates, partners, employees, and agents do not accept or assume any responsibility or duty of care in respect of any use of or reliance on this publication, and will deny any liability for any loss arising from any action taken or not taken or decision made by anyone in reliance on this publication or any part of it. Any use of this publication or reliance on it for any purpose or in any context is therefore at your own risk, without any right of recourse against BDO Malta or any of its partners, employees or agents.

BDO Malta, a Maltese civil partnership, is a member of BDO International Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee, and forms part of the international BDO network of independent member firms.

BDO is the brand name for the BDO network and for each of the BDO Member Firms. Copyright © February 2023 BDO Malta. All rights reserved. Published in Malta.

www.bdo.com.mt