

OCCUPATION PERMIT

Self-Employed Occupation Permit

For a person working on their own account in a service activity, without incorporating a company. Issued for up to ten years, with income conditions that rise over the life of the permit. The holder's spouse, dependent children and parents can join under Dependent Permits, which are linked to the main permit and run for the same period.

Minimum investment USD 50,000 from abroad into the holder's Mauritian account within 60 days of issuance	Activity Services sector only, registered with the Registrar of Businesses or as a one-person company	Validity Up to 10 years, renewable
Fees USD 50 application, USD 1,000 permit fee on approval in principle	Income conditions MUR 2 million a year from Year 3; MUR 3 million a year from Year 5 for renewal	Letters of intent At least three, of which at least two from prospective local clients

☒ Required
 ☐ If applicable
 ☐ After approval in principle

Document	First application	Renewal
FEES		
☐ Application fee, USD 50 Non-refundable, payable at submission.	☒	☒
☐ Permit fee, USD 1,000 Payable only after approval in principle.	☐	☐
PERSONAL DOCUMENTS		
☐ Passport, biodata page Valid for the period of the permit applied for.	☒	☒
☐ Last entry visa pages The entry stamp or visa from the applicant's most recent arrival in Mauritius.	☒	☐
☐ Full birth certificate, original With a certified or sworn translation if not in English or French.	☒	☐
☐ Marriage certificate or divorce certificate, original Where applicable, with translation if not in English or French.	☐	☐
☐ Four recent colour passport photographs 3.5 cm × 4.5 cm (413 × 531 px), less than six months old, JPEG.	☒	☒

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☐ Medical certificate and test reports Less than six months old, issued by a doctor in Mauritius. See the notes below.	☒	—
☐ Copy of any current Occupation, Work or Residence Permit If the applicant already holds a permit in Mauritius.	☐	☒
☐ Cancellation letter and no-objection letter Only when switching from another permit category; the no-objection letter is from the current employer when switching from a Professional permit.	☐	—
☐ Curriculum vitae Current and complete.	☒	—
☐ Academic and professional qualifications Originals, or true copies certified by a competent authority, in English or French.	☒	—
BUSINESS DOCUMENTS		
☐ Detailed business plan In the format the EDB assesses against, with five-year projections, written against the income thresholds for Year 3 and Year 5.	☒	—
☐ Letters of intent from prospective clients At least three, including at least two from prospective local clients. Signed contracts where they exist.	☒	—
☐ Certified bank statement from the country of origin or residence Recent, showing funds of at least USD 50,000 or the equivalent in a freely convertible currency.	☒	—
☐ Business Registration Card From the Registrar of Businesses; or the Certificate of Incorporation and register of shareholders and directors for a one-person company.	☒	☒
☐ Evidence of the transfer of funds Bank confirmation that the USD 50,000 was received in Mauritius.	☒	☒
☐ Licence from a professional or regulatory body Where the activity is regulated.	☐	☐
☐ Form of charter for foreign residents in Mauritius Signed by the applicant.	☒	☒
AT RENEWAL ONLY		
☐ Copy of the current Occupation Permit	—	☒
☐ Evidence of business income Income as declared to the Mauritius Revenue Authority for each year under consideration, meeting MUR 2 million from Year 3 and MUR 3 million from Year 5. Audited accounts or tax returns.	—	☒
☐ Renewal application lodged at least one month before expiry	—	☒

Before you file

- The passport should be valid for the period of the permit applied for. Any document not in English or French is accompanied by a certified or sworn translation by a competent authority.
- Medical certificate: tests no older than six months at submission. HIV, Hepatitis B surface antigen and the chest X-ray (signed by a radiologist) are done in Mauritius at a clinic registered with the Ministry of Health; the remaining tests may be done abroad. A doctor in Mauritius issues the certificate after examination. Children under 12 need a certificate of clinical examination only.
- Sequence: the application fee is paid at submission. Approval in principle follows. The medical examination is then completed in Mauritius, the permit fee is paid, and the applicant attends the EDB in person with the originals for the permit to be issued.
- The permit is personal to the holder and does not allow the employment of other professionals. One local administrative employee may be engaged.

We prepare the file, and stay with it after issuance.

Send us the documents you already have and we will tell you what is missing, what needs certifying or translating, and in what order the steps should run. Nothing is filed until the file is complete.

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Eligibility criteria and documentary requirements are set by the Economic Development Board and the Passport and Immigration Office and are revised with each National Budget. This checklist follows the EDB guidelines as revised after the 2026-27 Budget and was last checked in September 2026. It is a working guide, not legal advice, and the authorities may request further documents in any individual case. We confirm the current requirements before any application is prepared. start.mu is a service of Intrasia Corporate Services Limited.