

RESIDENCY IN MAURITIUS

The documents, permit by permit.

One checklist for each route to living in Mauritius: what the Economic Development Board and the Passport and Immigration Office ask for, at first application and at renewal, with the notes that save a second trip.

Investor Occupation Permit	Occupation permit
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Innovator Occupation Permit	Occupation permit, innovative start-up route
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OCCUPATION PERMIT

Investor Occupation Permit

A combined work and residence permit for a person who invests in, and runs, a company incorporated in Mauritius. Issued for up to ten years. 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 100,000 from abroad into the company's Mauritian account within 60 days of issuance	Validity Up to 10 years, renewable	Applicant The investor, once the company is incorporated
Authorities EDB; residence permit issued by the Passport and Immigration Office	Fees USD 50 application, USD 1,000 permit fee on approval in principle	Turnover conditions MUR 5 million a year from Year 3; MUR 8 million a year from Year 5 for renewal

☒ 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.		—
BUSINESS DOCUMENTS		
☐ Detailed business plan In the format the EDB assesses against: executive summary, company overview, products or services, market analysis, management team and staffing (including the number of foreign and local employees), operating strategies, critical risks, and five-year cash flow, income statement, balance sheet and funds required.		—
☐ Certified bank statement from the country of origin or residence Recent, from the applicant's own account, showing funds of at least USD 100,000 or the equivalent in a freely convertible currency.		—
☐ Certificate of Incorporation Issued by the Registrar of Companies once the company is set up.		
☐ Business Registration Card Issued by the Registrar of Businesses.		
☐ Register of shareholders and directors Or the trust deed and other constitutive documents where shares are held through a trust or another entity. Updated documents at renewal if the shareholding has changed.		
☐ Evidence of the transfer of funds Bank confirmation that the USD 100,000 was received in the company's Mauritian account.		
☐ Licences, approval letters or agreements in principle for regulated activities Global Business Licence, Tourism Enterprise Licence, health, education and similar sectors.		
☐ Form of charter for foreign residents in Mauritius Signed by the applicant.		
AT RENEWAL ONLY		
☐ Copy of the current Occupation Permit	—	
☐ Evidence of annual turnover Turnover as declared to the Mauritius Revenue Authority for each year under consideration, meeting MUR 5 million from Year 3 and MUR 8 million from Year 5. Where returns for the last year have not yet been filed, audited accounts.	—	
☐ Renewal application lodged at least one month before expiry	—	

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- 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.
- Where the investor is a company, an application is made for each shareholder who is also a director, and the criteria are applied to each applicant.
- Founders of an innovative start-up apply under the Investor category without a minimum investment. That file is different: see the Innovator Occupation Permit checklist.

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OCCUPATION PERMIT

Professional Occupation Permit

For a non-citizen taking up employment with a Mauritian employer. The employer applies, with the employee as beneficiary. Valid for up to ten years or the length of the contract. 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 basic salary
 MUR 50,000 a month, across all sectors, following the 2026-27 Budget

Validity
 Up to 10 years, or the length of the contract if shorter

Applicant
 The employer, with the employee as beneficiary

Authorities
 EDB; residence permit issued by the Passport and Immigration Office

Fees
 USD 50 application; permit fee by contract length: USD 400 up to 2 years, USD 500 up to 3, USD 800 up to 5, USD 1,000 up to 10

Short-term permit
 Up to 9 months, extendable once by 3 months: USD 300 and USD 150

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 ☒ After approval in principle

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FEES		
☐ Application fee, USD 50 Non-refundable, payable at submission.	☒	☒
☐ Permit fee, according to contract length Payable by the employer after approval in principle.	☒	☒
PERSONAL DOCUMENTS OF THE EMPLOYEE		
☐ 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.	☐	—

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☐ 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.	●	●
EMPLOYER DOCUMENTS		
☐ Contract of employment Stating the employee's name, job title, duration of the contract and basic salary, with a detailed job description attached.	●	●
☐ Comprehensive brief on the activities of the company What the company does, its staffing and why the position is needed.	●	●
☐ Certificate of Incorporation	●	●
☐ Business Registration Card	●	●
☐ Register of shareholders and directors Or the trust deed and other constitutive documents where applicable. The employee may hold shares but not a majority.	●	●
☐ Licences or approvals for regulated activities Global Business Licence, Tourism Enterprise Licence and similar. Regulated professions also need registration or clearance from the relevant council; senior banking roles need Bank of Mauritius clearance.	○	○
☐ Form of charter for foreign residents in Mauritius Signed by the employee.	●	●
AT RENEWAL ONLY		
☐ Copy of the current Occupation Permit	—	●
☐ Updated contract of employment and job description Confirming continued employment and the basic salary.	—	●
☐ Evidence that the salary has been paid and declared Payslips and the employer's returns to the Mauritius Revenue Authority.	—	●

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- A professional holding an active permit under the former MUR 30,000 criterion is eligible for one renewal on that basis.
- The permit is tied to the employer. A move to another company needs a fresh application by the new employer. If employment ends, the employer notifies the EDB, and a self-undertaking must reach the EDB and the PIO within two weeks to keep a six-month window to secure a new permit. We handle this on the holder's behalf.

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Self-Employed Occupation Permit

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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

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☐ 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	—	☒

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- The permit is personal to the holder and does not allow the employment of other professionals. One local administrative employee may be engaged.

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OCCUPATION PERMIT, INNOVATIVE START-UP ROUTE

Innovator Occupation Permit

The innovative start-up route within the Investor category, for founders whose project is approved by the EDB or registered with an accredited incubator. There is no minimum initial investment; the file is judged on the project.

Minimum investment None	Qualifying route A project approved by the EDB, or registration with an incubator accredited by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council	Validity Up to 10 years, renewable
Fees USD 50 application, USD 1,000 permit fee on approval in principle	Reporting Annual progress report within three months of the end of Year 1; development report at the end of Year 5 confirming a minimum viable product	Dependents Spouse or common-law partner, unmarried dependent children and parents, each under a Dependent Permit linked to the holder's

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☐ 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 of the founder With the background of the founding team.	●	—
PROJECT DOCUMENTS		
☐ Business plan, clearly labelled as an innovative start-up In the format the EDB assesses against, with a technical description of the product, the development to be undertaken in Mauritius, the founding team, the commercial path and five-year projections.	●	—
☐ Evidence of the qualifying route The EDB's approval of the project, or the letter of acceptance or registration from an incubator accredited by the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council.	●	—
☐ Certificate of Incorporation Issued by the Registrar of Companies once the company is set up.	◐	●
☐ Business Registration Card	◐	●
☐ Register of shareholders and directors Or the trust deed and other constitutive documents where applicable.	◐	●
☐ Licences or approvals for regulated activities Fintech and financial services activities may need Financial Services Commission or Bank of Mauritius approval.	○	○
☐ Form of charter for foreign residents in Mauritius Signed by the applicant.	●	●
AFTER ISSUANCE AND AT RENEWAL		
☐ Annual progress report Filed with the EDB within three months of the end of the first year of registration, and each year after that, against the approved business plan.	—	●
☐ Development report at the end of Year 5 Confirming that the project has reached the minimum viable product stage.	—	●
☐ Copy of the current Occupation Permit	—	●

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- The certified bank statement and the undertaking to transfer funds required for a standard Investor application do not apply to the innovative start-up route.
- Where an accredited incubator is involved, the incubator's acceptance carries weight with the EDB. We make the introduction where useful.

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Retired Non-Citizen Residence Permit

For a person aged 50 or over living in Mauritius on income transferred from abroad. No property purchase is required and there is no restriction on where in Mauritius the holder lives. Valid for ten years.

Age 50 or over at the date of application	Proof of funds A certified bank statement from the country of origin or residence showing at least USD 24,000	Transfers USD 2,000 within 60 days of issuance, then USD 2,000 a month or USD 24,000 a year
Validity 10 years, renewable	Fees USD 50 application, USD 1,000 permit fee on approval in principle	Dependents Spouse or common-law partner and dependent children, each under a Dependent Permit linked to the holder's

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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 Confirms age. 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.	☒	☒
☐ Certificate of character or police clearance From the country of residence, covering the last ten years and less than six months old. At renewal: a certificate of morality covering the last three years in Mauritius.	☒	☒
☐ 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.	☐	☒

Document	First application	Renewal
☐ Cancellation letter Only when switching from another permit category.	☐	—
FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS		
☐ Certified bank statement from the country of origin or residence Recent, from the applicant's own account, showing at least USD 24,000 or the equivalent in a freely convertible currency.	☒	—
☐ Disclosure of other residences and tax residences Requested by the EDB and shared with the Mauritius Revenue Authority under the Common Reporting Standard.	☒	☒
☐ Mauritian bank account statement Statement of the account opened in Mauritius to receive the transfers.	☒	—
☐ Form of charter for foreign residents in Mauritius Signed by the applicant.	☒	☒
AT RENEWAL ONLY		
☐ Copy of the current Residence Permit	—	☒
☐ Mauritian bank statements for the permit period Showing the transfers from abroad of at least USD 24,000 a year.	—	☒

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- The holder may not take employment on this permit, but may invest in a business provided they are not employed by it and draw no salary from it.
- After five years on the permit, with aggregate transfers of at least USD 200,000 over those five years, the holder may apply for a 20-year Permanent Residence Permit. See the Permanent Residence checklist.

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RESIDENCE PERMIT

Residency by Property Acquisition

A non-citizen who buys residential property in an EDB-approved scheme for at least USD 375,000 is eligible for a residence permit for as long as the property is held. The holder is exempt from the need for a work or occupation permit. The spouse and dependent children can join under Dependent Permits, linked to the residence permit and running for the same period.

Minimum purchase price USD 375,000, or the equivalent in a hard convertible currency at the selling rate on the date of the title deed	Eligible schemes IRS, RES, Invest Hotel Scheme, PDS, Smart City Scheme, and apartments in buildings of at least ground plus two floors	Validity For as long as the holder owns the property
Applicant The purchaser, once the deed is registered and transcribed	Authorities EDB; residence permit issued by the Passport and Immigration Office	Dependents Spouse or common-law partner and dependent children, each under a Dependent Permit linked to the holder's

☒ Required
 ☐ If applicable

Document	Acquisition	Residence permit
STAGE ONE: AUTHORISATION TO ACQUIRE, THROUGH THE DEVELOPER		
☐ Reservation or presale agreement Duly endorsed by a notary public. For an off-plan purchase, the VEFA contract.	☒	☐
☐ Duly authenticated copy of the first five pages of the passport For each purchaser.	☒	☐
☐ KYC letter or bank reference From a recognised local or international bank.	☒	☐
☐ Letter from a bank confirming the funds to finance the acquisition And evidence of the source of funds.	☒	☐
☐ Morality certificate or police clearance For each purchaser over 18, less than six months old.	☒	☐
☐ Marriage certificate and the spouse's passport Where the property is acquired jointly by a married couple.	☐	☐
☐ Entity documents, where the purchaser is a company, trust or société Certificate of Incorporation and register of shareholders; trust deed; deed of formation and statuts; passports of the shareholders, beneficiaries or associés.	☐	☐

Document	Acquisition	Residence permit
STAGE TWO: RESIDENCE PERMIT AFTER THE DEED		
☐ Two passport photographs for each applicant	—	●
☐ Certified true copies of the passport and birth certificate For the main applicant and each dependent.	—	●
☐ Medical certificate for each applicant Less than six months old, issued by a doctor in Mauritius with the test results. Children under 12: a certificate of clinical examination only.	—	●
☐ Morality certificate for each applicant over 18 Less than six months old.	—	●
☐ Notary's certificate Attesting that the deed for the residential property has been duly registered and transcribed, and the EDB's letter recording the acquisition.	—	●
☐ Marriage certificate, certificat de concubinage or affidavit For a couple, whichever applies.	—	○
☐ Nomination of the main applicant, where the property is held through an entity Board resolution and updated register of shareholders for a company; trust deed and trustee's letter for a trust; deed of formation, statuts and the gérant's letter for a société.	—	○
☐ Form of charter for foreign residents in Mauritius	—	●

Before you file

- The acquisition follows a defined sequence: reservation, EDB authorisation, the notarial deed, and registration with payment of the registration duty. The residence permit is applied for once the deed is transcribed.
- The developer or scheme company lodges the application for authorisation to acquire and issues its own checklist for it, including its own verification of source of wealth. Stage one lists what a buyer is usually asked for; the developer's list prevails.
- Purchases below USD 375,000 in an approved scheme are permitted but do not carry a residence permit. The permit lapses on sale unless the holder has qualified under another route by then.
- Documents not in English or French are accompanied by a certified translation. Copies of civil status documents may be certified by a diplomatic mission, an attorney or a notary.
- We act for the buyer throughout, alongside the notary, and prepare the residence permit file in parallel with the acquisition so that it is lodged as soon as the deed is transcribed.

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MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISA

Golden Visa

A multiple-entry visa for high-net-worth individuals, investors and entrepreneurs, and their immediate dependents, the spouse and children. A holder who invests at least USD 1 million in a qualifying business activity during the first twelve months of residence becomes eligible to apply for a twenty-year Permanent Residence Permit.

This checklist follows the EDB's Golden Visa Scheme Guidelines of August 2026. Applications are filed on the National E-Licensing System, and a complete application is to be processed within five working days. There is no processing fee.

Investment At least USD 1 million in qualifying sectors within the first twelve months of residence, confirmed by a written undertaking	Qualifying sectors Financial services, fintech, ICT, tourism and hospitality, manufacturing, healthcare and wellness, education, renewable energy, blue economy, innovative or knowledge-based activities, creative industries	Source of income The applicant's initial source of income must be outside Mauritius
Initial visa Up to two years, multiple entry, renewable	Fee and processing No processing fee; five working days from a complete application	Process Filed on NELS, screened by the EDB, issued by the Passport and Immigration Office

☒ Required
 ☐ If applicable

Document	First application	Renewal
APPLICATION AND IDENTITY		
☐ Golden Visa application form Completed on the National E-Licensing System (NELS).	☒	☒
☐ Passport, front cover and biodata page Valid for at least six months.	☒	☒
BUSINESS PLAN AND FUNDS		
☐ Detailed business plan Background of the shareholders or promoters, the project and its implementation schedule, and how the project is financed.	☒	☒

Document	First application	Renewal
☐ Written undertaking to invest at least USD 1 million within the first twelve months In the EDB's form, signed by the applicant.	●	—
☐ Bank statement showing at least USD 1 million From a financial institution in the applicant's country of origin, in the applicant's name or that of an entity the applicant beneficially owns.	●	—
STAY IN MAURITIUS		
☐ Travel and health insurance	●	●
☐ Letter of accommodation for the intended stay A hotel booking, a rental agreement, or a letter of invitation from a host with the host's proof of address and a copy of their ID, passport or residence permit.	●	●
DEPENDENTS		
☐ Spouse: marriage certificate Or any other applicable document.	○	—
☐ Children: birth certificate	○	—
☐ Children: letter of consent from the other parent Where a child is accompanied by one parent only.	○	○
FURTHER DOCUMENTS		
☐ Any other document the EDB or the PIO asks for	○	○

Before you file

- Eligibility is not the same as approval. The application is assessed on its merits, and completing the investment does not convert the visa into permanent residence automatically.
- The EDB follows up on the investment during the first twelve months. Failing to meet the undertaking may lead to the cancellation, revocation or non-renewal of the visa.
- Source of funds is where a file is tested. We prepare it to the standard the authorities apply, drawing on the group's compliance practice, and confirm the requirements with the EDB before filing.

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LONG-STAY VISA

Premium Visa

A stay of up to a year, renewable, for a non-citizen working remotely for an employer or clients outside Mauritius, or retired and living on income from abroad. Not a residence permit, but often the right first step.

Validity Up to one year, renewable	Who may apply Remote workers, digital professionals, retirees and long-stay visitors whose income arises outside Mauritius	Income Evidence of sufficient means; the EDB guideline is USD 1,500 a month for the principal applicant, with additional amounts for accompanying children
Work No employment with a Mauritian employer and no entry to the local labour market	Cost No application fee	Applied Online through the EDB; approval is typically quick

☒ Required
☐ If applicable

Document	First application	Renewal
DOCUMENTS		
☐ Passport, biodata page Valid for the intended period of stay.	☒	☒
☐ Passport photograph	☒	☐
☐ Copies of the arrival and departure flight tickets The departure ticket for the end of the intended stay, beyond six months.	☒	☒
☐ Travel and health insurance Covering the intended period of stay.	☒	☒
☐ Proof of accommodation for the intended period Either a hotel booking or a lease or rental agreement.	☒	☒
☐ Local sponsorship, where applicable Letter of sponsorship, proof of the sponsor's address and a copy of the sponsor's identity card or residence permit.	☐	☐
☐ Bank statements for the last three months Showing sufficient funds.	☒	☒

Document	First application	Renewal
☐ Proof of monthly income Payslips, contracts with clients abroad, pension statements or dividend statements.	●	●
ACCOMPANYING FAMILY		
☐ Marriage certificate For a spouse, in English or French.	●	—
☐ Birth certificate for each child In English or French.	●	—
☐ Letter of consent from the other parent When a child is accompanied by one parent only.	○	○
☐ Any other document the Passport and Immigration Office may request	○	○

Before you file

- Income spent in Mauritius through foreign cards or accounts is not treated as remitted; tax residence arises after 183 days in a tax year.
- The visa can be converted from within Mauritius to an Investor, Self-Employed or Retired Non-Citizen permit without leaving the country. We plan the sequence at the outset so the time on the Premium Visa is not wasted.

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DEPENDENT RESIDENCE PERMIT

Dependents and Family

The holder's immediate family can join under Dependent Permits, linked to the main permit and running for the same period. The dependent's permit runs with the main holder's and ends when it ends. Applications are determined by the Passport and Immigration Office.

Spouse A spouse or common-law partner of the opposite sex, with a marriage certificate or certificate of cohabitation	Children Unmarried dependent children not over 24, including stepchildren and lawfully adopted children	Parents The parents of the main holder
Fee USD 400 per dependent	Work Dependents may not engage in gainful activity; a dependent who wishes to work applies for their own permit	Timing Filed once the main permit is issued; we prepare the files alongside the main application

☒ Required
 ☐ If applicable

Document	First application	Renewal
FEES		
☐ Permit fee, USD 400 per dependent	☒	☒
DOCUMENTS FOR EACH DEPENDENT		
☐ Passport, biodata page Valid for the period of the main holder's permit.	☒	☒
☐ Valid tourist entry visa The dependent must be lawfully in Mauritius on a valid visa at the time of application.	☒	☐
☐ Full birth certificate, original With a certified or sworn translation if not in English or French.	☒	☐
☐ Marriage certificate, divorce certificate or certificate of cohabitation For a spouse or common-law partner, in English or French or with a certified translation.	☒	☐
☐ Medical certificate with the original test reports Less than six months old, issued by a doctor in Mauritius. Children under 12: a certificate from a local practitioner only.	☒	☐

Document	First application	Renewal
☐ Four recent colour passport photographs 3.5 cm × 4.5 cm (413 × 531 px), less than six months old.	●	●
☐ Adoption order, for a lawfully adopted child	○	○
☐ Certified letter of consent from the biological parent, for a stepchild	○	○
☐ Copy of the main holder's Occupation or Residence Permit	●	●
☐ Form of charter for foreign residents in Mauritius	●	●

Before you file

- The main holder brings the original and a copy of every document on this list to the appointment.
- The former Family Occupation Permit category was abolished in the 2026-27 Budget. Dependents are covered through the Dependent Permit only.
- Dependent children need school places, and the good schools in Mauritius fill early. Our concierge service handles school introductions alongside the permit.

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PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT, 20 YEARS

Permanent Residence

A Permanent Residence Permit is issued for twenty years and frees the holder from the conditions that attach to an Occupation or Residence Permit. It is earned by meeting sustained thresholds under an existing permit, or by completing the Golden Visa investment.

Validity 20 years, renewable	Investor Five years on the permit with annual turnover of at least MUR 15 million each year, or MUR 75 million in aggregate	Professional Five years on an Occupation Permit or work permit with a basic monthly salary of at least MUR 400,000 for five consecutive years
Self-employed Five years on the permit with annual business income of at least MUR 3 million each year, or MUR 15 million in aggregate	Retired Non-Citizen Five years on the permit with aggregate transfers of at least USD 200,000	Timing and fees Apply within six months of meeting the criteria. USD 50 application fee per person; USD 3,000 on issue, USD 2,000 per dependent

☒ Required
 ☐ If applicable
 ☐ After approval in principle

Document	Main applicant	Each dependent
FEES		
☐ Application fee, USD 50 per person Non-refundable, payable at submission.	☒	☒
☐ Permit fee on approval USD 3,000 for the principal beneficiary and USD 2,000 for each dependent.	☐	☐
DOCUMENTS		
☐ Valid passport and a copy of the biodata page The original is produced and returned after verification.	☒	☒
☐ Four recent passport photographs Not older than three months.	☒	☒
☐ Sworn affidavit of no criminal conviction Covering the last ten years in the country of origin and of residence. Not required for children under 18.	☒	☒
☐ Certificate of income or turnover from the Mauritius Revenue Authority Covering the qualifying years. Investor, Professional and Self-Employed applicants.	☒	☐

Document	Main applicant	Each dependent
☐ Bank evidence of transfers from abroad Confirming aggregate transfers of at least USD 200,000 over the five years preceding the application. Retired Non-Citizen applicants.	●	—
☐ Medical certificate from a doctor in Mauritius With the test results and the chest X-ray report. Children under 12: a certificate only.	●	●
☐ Previous Occupation Permits or Residence Permits	●	—
☐ Birth certificate, and marriage certificate where applicable Certified true copies are accepted; official translation if not in English or French. Preferably apostilled.	—	●
☐ Consent letter from the other biological parent Where applicable.	—	○
☐ Evidence of cohabitation, for a common-law partner	—	○

Before you file

- Applications are made to the Residence Permit Section, Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs Division), 4th Floor, New Government Centre, Port Louis. Complete applications are, in principle, determined within three months.
- The thresholds are measured over five consecutive years, not at a single point, and the application window closes six months after the criteria are met. Turnover, salary and business income are taken from the MRA's records, so the annual declarations under the original permit are what count.
- A permanent resident under the Investor, Professional or Self-Employed category may later have the permit reissued under the Retired Non-Citizen category for the remaining period, on showing disposable annual income of USD 40,000.

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