



## LONG-TERM RESIDENCE

Long-term Residence (LTR) may be granted to Third-Country Nationals (TCNs) residing in Malta who meet the required criteria<sup>1</sup>. The LTR permit entitles the holder and family members to remain in Malta **permanently**, enjoying a specific set of rights.

### ELIGIBILITY

TCNs who resided legally and continuously in Malta for 5 years immediately prior to the submission of the application. It also covers persons with refugee status and subsidiary protection (but not asylum seekers).

Not applicable to:

- Students pursuing studies or vocational training;
- Persons in Malta with temporary protection or waiting for a decision about their status;
- Persons who have applied for international protection and have not received a final decision;
- Temporary workers; and
- Diplomats or consuls.

### ENTITLEMENTS

A TCN with a LTR permit enjoys equal treatment as Maltese nationals in relation to:

- access to employment and self-employed activity;
- education and vocational training, including study grants, in accordance with the Education Act;
- recognition of professional qualifications;
- social security and core benefits;
- tax benefits;
- access to goods and services and the supply of goods and services made available to the public;
- access to procedures for obtaining housing; and
- freedom of association and affiliation and membership of an organization representing workers or employers, of any organization whose members are engaged in a specific occupation, including the benefits conferred by such organizations.

### STATUS OF THE PERMIT

The LTR permit is valid for 5 years and is renewable automatically upon application. On approval, ID Malta will issue a uniform residence permit

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<sup>1</sup> [Status of Long-term Residents \(Third Country Nationals\) Regulations](#). See also the government's [Integration web portal](#).



**CONDITIONS  
FOR  
ACQUIRING LTR  
STATUS**

An applicant must submit the [CEA Form L](#) to ID Malta, together with the following evidence of:

- stable and regular resources: national minimum wage + 20% of that figure for each member of the family for a period of 2 years prior to the application;
- appropriate accommodation: the standards are published every 5yrs in the Government Gazette by the Ministry responsible for housing<sup>2</sup>;
- valid travel document; and
- sickness insurance in respect of all risks for applicant & family members.

**INTEGRATION  
CONDITIONS**

In addition, TCNs have to satisfy the following integration conditions:

- Evidence of participation (at least 100 hrs) in an integration course in the last 12 months prior to application and a 75% pass mark in the exam. Integration courses are carried out by authorized educational institutions.
- A pass mark of 65% in the equivalent of Malta Qualifications Framework Level 2 in Maltese (O'level standard / SEC)

**TIMELINE &  
GUARANTEES**

ID Malta must give a decision within 6 months, in exceptional circumstances this can be extended by another 6 months and in such cases the Director has to notify the applicant.

- If ID Malta fails to give a decision within the specified timeframe, the application shall be passed on for appeal to the Immigration Appeals Board.
- ID Malta must give reasons for decisions rejecting or withdrawing LTR, and shall inform the applicant about the redress procedures available.
- TCNs have the right to appeal to the Immigration Appeal Board within 3 days.

**REVOCAATION**

A LTR can lose long-term residence due to fraud, removal order issued against him, absence of 12 months from EU territory, residence of 6 years in another MS, acquisition of LTR in another MS or if considered to be a threat to public policy. In addition, if LTR is obtained on the basis of international protection and such protection is revoked, ended or not renewed.

**INTRA-EU**

A person with LTR from another MS may reside in Malta for more than 3 months. The person must apply with ID Malta for a residence permit and must satisfy the financial, insurance and accommodation requirements as above.

Persons granted LTR in Malta may also reside in other MSs for more than 3 months, however such procedures are regulated by the national laws of that MS.

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<sup>2</sup> Latest standards can be accessed on pg. 6207 of the [Government Gazette No. 18,623](#)