

Registration requirements for foreigners wishing to live and work in Mauritius

An **Occupation Permit** is a permit that allows an eligible non-citizen to reside and work in Mauritius for a maximum of three years.

An application for an occupational permit can be made under any of these three categories: **Investor, Self-Employed or Professional.**

Non-citizens holding an Occupation Permit under the categories of **Investors** and **Self-Employed** only may apply for Permanent Residence at the expiry of their Occupation Permit. A Permanent Residence is given for a period of 10 years only.

Non-citizens who obtained an Occupation Permit under the category of **Professional** cannot apply for Permanent Residence.

Holders of a permanent residence permit are eligible to acquire property for residential purposes.

A non-citizen **Investor** may acquire property in Mauritius with the prior approval of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister's approval is not required in the following situations:

- under a lease agreement not exceeding 20 years
- through shares in companies which do not own immovable property
- through companies listed on the stock exchange
- through a unit trust scheme or any collective investment vehicle
- under the Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS) for the purchase of a residential property
- when the investor holds a registration certificate and following an approval from the Board of Investment to acquire immovable property, a right to immovable property or part of a building to be used for business purposes only.

Application for Occupation Permit or Permanent Residence must be made through the Board of Investment www.investmauritius.com to the Passport and Immigration Office.

The table below sets the minimum qualification levels for Occupational Permit and Permanent Residence.

Category	Occupation Permit	Permanent Residence
Investor	Turnover Rs 3m per annum	Turnover Rs 15m per annum
Self Employed	Income Rs 600,000 per annum	Income Rs 3m per annum
Professional	Salary Rs 30,000 per month	Not applicable
Retired ¹	US\$ 40,000 per annum	US\$ 40,000 per annum

¹A Retired non-citizen gets a Residence Permit rather than an Occupation Permit and may apply for Permanent Residence after three years.