

**L.N. 310 of 2024**

**IMMIGRATION ACT  
(CAP. 217)**

**Malta Permanent Residence Programme  
(Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2024**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 7A and 36 of the Immigration Act, the Minister responsible for immigration has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Malta Permanent Residence Programme (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2024 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Malta Permanent Residence Programme Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations".

Citation and commencement.

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(2) These regulations shall come into force on 1st January 2025.

2. Regulation 3 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 3 of the principal regulations.

(a) the definition "dependent" thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) in paragraph (a) thereof the word "Minister" shall be substituted by the word "Agency"; and

(ii) in paragraph (c) thereof the words "is not married" shall be substituted by the words "but has not yet attained twenty-nine (29) years of age and is not married at the time when the main applicant submits the application";

(b) the definition "qualifying owned property" thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) the word "than:" thereof shall be substituted by the words "than three hundred and seventy-five thousand euro (€375,000) for a property situated in Malta or Gozo:";

(ii) paragraphs (a) and (b) thereof shall be deleted;

(iii) in the first proviso thereof the words "the amounts indicated in paragraphs (a) and (b)" wherever they occur shall be substituted by the words "three hundred and

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seventy-five thousand euro (€375,000)"; and

(iv) the last proviso thereof shall be substituted by the following new proviso:

"Provided further that where an immovable property is purchased for a consideration which is less than three hundred and seventy-five thousand euro (€375,000), it shall, in all cases, be within the power of the Agency to decide whether or not the requirement is satisfied;"; and

(c) the definition "qualifying rented property" thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) the word "than:" thereof shall be substituted by the words "than fourteen thousand euro (€14,000) per annum for a property situated in Malta or Gozo;"; and

(ii) paragraphs (a) and (b) thereof shall be deleted; and

(d) the definition "south of Malta" thereof shall be deleted.

Amends  
regulation 9 of  
the principal  
regulations.

**3.** Regulation 9 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulation (1) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) the words "ten thousand euro (€10,000)" shall be substituted by the words "fifteen thousand euro (€15,000)"; and

(ii) immediately after the words "if payment of the said non-refundable fee is not received" there shall be added the words "within one (1) month from the date of the submission of the application";

(b) sub-regulation (2) thereof shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(2) Upon submission of the application, the main applicant, as duly represented by an agent, shall present evidence of possession of assets, to the satisfaction of the Agency:

(a) having a value of not less than five

hundred thousand euro (€500,000), out of which a minimum of one hundred and fifty thousand euro (€150,000) shall be in the form of financial assets as the Agency may consider appropriate in its sole discretion; or

(b) having a value of not less than six hundred and fifty thousand euro (€650,000), out of which a minimum of seventy-five thousand euro (€75,000) shall be in the form of financial assets, as the Agency may consider appropriate in its sole discretion."; and

(c) sub-regulation (4) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) immediately after the words "indicated in First Schedule" there shall be added the words "and the non-refundable administration fee payable in respect of dependants as indicated in the First Schedule";

(ii) in paragraph (a) thereof, immediately after the word "contribution" there shall be added the words "in respect of the main applicant and each dependent"; and

(iii) in paragraph (d) thereof the words "sickness insurance policy" shall be substituted by the words "health insurance policy".

4. Regulation 11 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends  
regulation 11 of  
the principal  
regulations.

(a) sub-regulation (1) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) the words "each dependant:" shall be substituted by the words " each dependant and subject to the payment to the Agency, for each and every dependant, of a non-refundable administration fee and a contribution as indicated in the First Schedule."; and

(ii) the proviso thereof shall be deleted;

(b) in sub-regulation (2) thereof the words "the Agency of a contribution" shall be substituted by the words "the Agency of a contribution and a non-refundable administration fee";

(c) in sub-regulation (3) thereof the words "the Agency

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of a contribution" shall be substituted by the words "the Agency of a contribution and a non-refundable administration fee";

(d) in sub-regulation (4) thereof the words "the Agency of a contribution" shall be substituted by the words "the Agency of a contribution and a non-refundable administration fee";

(e) in sub-regulation (5) thereof the words "due diligence check." shall be substituted by the words "due diligence check in respect of such dependant and payment to the Agency of a contribution and a non-refundable administration fee as indicated in the First Schedule.";

(f) in sub-regulation (7) thereof the words "is non refundable and" shall be deleted; and

(g) immediately after sub-regulation (7) thereof, as amended, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(8) The contribution payable to the Agency is non-refundable."

Amends regulation 15 of the principal regulations.

**5.** Regulation 15 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (f) of sub-regulation (1) thereof the words "sickness insurance" shall be substituted by the words "a health insurance"; and

(b) in sub-regulation (3) thereof the words "sickness insurance" wherever they occur shall be substituted by the words "health insurance".

Amends regulation 25 of the principal regulations.

**6.** In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 25 of the principal regulations the words "two (2) weeks" shall be substituted by the words "one (1) month".

Transitory provision.

**7.** Applications submitted prior to the coming into force of these regulations, shall remain subject to and governed by the principal regulations as applicable and in force at the time of the submission of the application.

Substitutes the First Schedule to the principal regulations.

**8.** The First Schedule to the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new Schedule:

FIRST SCHEDULE  
(regulations 9 and 11)

**Administrative fees and contributions Schedule**

The following shall be the non-refundable administration fee requirement to qualify for residency in accordance with these regulations:

- (i) for the purposes of regulations 9 and 11:
- a non-refundable administration fee in respect of the main applicant of fifty thousand euro (€50,000), fifteen thousand euro (€15,000) of which need to be paid within one (1) month from the submission of the application, with the remaining thirty five thousand euro (€35,000) payable within two (2) months from the issuance of the Letter of Approval in Principle;
  - a non-refundable administration fee of five thousand euro (€5,000) for each and every dependant payable within two (2) months from the issuance of the Letter of Approval in Principle or, in the case of regulation 11(2), (3), (4) and (5), upon submission of the application:

Provided that a dependant who has been certified by a recognised medical professional or authority as having a disability in terms of the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act shall not be subject to the payment of any non-refundable administration fee.

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(ii) The following shall be the contribution requirement to qualify for residency for the purposes of regulations 9 and 11:

- a contribution of thirty thousand euro (€30,000) in respect of the main applicant where the necessary title to a qualifying property is a qualifying owned property payable within eight (8) months from the issuance of the Letter of Approval in Principle;
- a contribution of sixty thousand euro (€60,000) in respect of the main applicant where the necessary title to a qualifying property is a qualifying rented property payable within eight (8) months from the issuance of the Letter of Approval in Principle;

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- a contribution of five thousand euro (€5,000) for each and every dependant payable within eight (8) months from the issuance of the Letter of Approval in Principle or, in the case of regulation 11(2), (3), (4) and (5), upon submission of the application:

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Provided that a dependant who has been certified by a recognised medical professional or authority as having a disability in terms of the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act shall not be subject to the payment of any contribution."

Deletes the  
Second  
Schedule to the  
principal  
regulations.

**9.** The Second Schedule to the principal regulations shall be  
**deleted.**

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