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## Malta

### Individual Investor Programme (IIP)

A Mediterranean archipelago blessed with warm weather and abundant sunshine, Malta has long been a favourite for holidaymakers and honeymooners. It was once the home of Queen Elizabeth II - prior to her accession to the throne - and she returned with Prince Philip for her Diamond wedding anniversary in 2007. Malta boasts pristine beaches, quaint old towns, delicious Mediterranean cuisine and one of the most enviable climates in the world. But there is more to modern Malta than a luxurious getaway.

Malta has had a rich history, evidenced by the ancient buildings and temples dotted around the islands. Located in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, Malta was an important strategic location and it has been occupied by many diverse ethnic groups. The islands have been occupied by Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs and Normans. The Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem held sway for over 250 years but were later expelled by France in the late eighteenth century. In the 19th century,

Malta became a British colony, and it officially declared independence in 1964 within the British Commonwealth. The culture of Malta reflects the various societies that have come to Malta through the centuries and there is a rich multicultural mix rooted in its society.

Malta joined the EU in 2004, and it became a member of the Schengen Area in 2007. It is the only Commonwealth country that is also a part of the Schengen Area, the European Union, and the Eurozone. Major sectors of the Maltese economy include tourism, electronics, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, gaming, information and communication technology, and financial services. Malta's economy has remained vibrant, despite the Global Economic Crisis, and its recent positive growth rates look set to continue. Malta's excellent citizenship programme is an ideal route to EU citizenship for international investors.







## Individual Investor Programme

The Malta Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP) was introduced in early 2014 to provide high net worth investors around the world with the opportunity to obtain an EU citizenship. Malta's Individual Investor Programme is the first programme of its kind recognized by the European Commission, while the EU's executive body has officially recognized the legitimacy of its purpose. It should be noted that the programme is not open indefinitely. The programme has been very popular since its launch and there are only a very limited number of places available.

## Advantages

- Malta is a member of the European Union. Investors and their families are free to live, work, study and do business in any EU member state and in Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland.
- Maltese passport holders can enjoy visa-free entry to 153 countries and territories.
- Malta has a diverse economy, favourable tax rates and low inflation. Tax is not levied on foreign-source income.
- Malta is a safe and secure country with beautiful weather, excellent healthcare and education, and a high standard of living.

- The world's most rigorous application criteria and due diligence tests ensure that only highly suitable applicants will qualify.
- The investment is only required for five years.
- Family members can accompany the investor, including a spouse, dependent children and parents. Citizenship can be passed on hereditarily.

## Eligibility for Application

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Applicants must have no criminal record and be in good health.
- Applicants need to live in Malta for 12 months prior to taking the citizenship oath.
- Applicants need to purchase medical insurance with an insured amount of at least €5,000,000.
- Accompanying relatives may be a spouse, children under 18 years of age, economically dependent and unmarried children between 18 and 25 years of age, or dependant parents or grandparents.

## Investment Requirements

Applicants must make the following investments/transactions:

1. Applicant must purchase a property worth more than €350,000 or rent a property with rent of at least €16,000 per year for a total of five years.
2. Applicant must make an investment of at least €150,000 in government-approved investments over five years.
3. Applicant must contribute €650,000 to the National Development and Social Fund of the Government of Malta. €30,000 to the National Development and Social Fund of the Government of Malta. A non-refundable application fee of €5,500 is deducted from the total amount due.







## Application Process

1. Application for Residence. Applications must be made in person.
2. Full citizenship applications can be submitted at any time during the 12-month residence period, including payment of most of the costs and the contribution, as well as documentation regarding the investments. This process takes approximately 240 days, and may require an interview, if necessary.
3. Applicants take the oath and are issued a passport. Applicants must come in person. This process can take up to 5 days.
4. Naturalization certificates may take an additional 6 to 24 months to be verified. The identity and suitability of the investor and the investor makes the investments..

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- Whether you choose to go to Switzerland, Norway, France, or Germany, you have the freedom of living, working and studying in any EU/EEA country.
- Malta allows dual citizenship.
- It only takes around 12 months to acquire citizenship and receive a Maltese passport.
- A Maltese passport comes with the freedom to travel to 153 countries, visa-free and hassle-free.
- Although a one year residence period is required after application, there is no on-going residence requirement after the grant of citizenship.





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## Bringing the Future Closer

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The Future Citizen Institute studies all matters relating to the phenomenon of investment residency, citizenship-by-investment, and global mobility. By producing thought-leadership in an ever-changing industry, we hope to shape the evolving understanding of the 'Future Citizen'.

The Institute was formed as a response to the changing nature of citizenship and identity in a globalising world. Drawing on the expertise of industry leaders, academics, and investors, it

examines the consequences of increased mobility in a political and economic context.

At the Future Citizen Institute, we produce research and foster a community of globally minded individuals with an interest in investment migration. As the industry continues to grow rapidly, we hope to be an invaluable source of data and analysis for professionals, students and academics.

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