




# Malta


## NATURALISATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES BY DIRECT INVESTMENT



### Overview

-  Granting of Citizenship for Exceptional Services Regulations released in 2020
-  Type: hybrid residence and citizenship
-  Residence requirement: at least 12 months

### Benefits of Citizenship

-  The right to live and work in Malta
-  Citizenship may be passed to future generations
-  Dual citizenship allowed under the laws of Malta
-  Global mobility

### Main Requirements

- ✓ Over the age of 18
- ✓ Residence requirement of at least 12 months
- ✓ Potential interview requirement at the residency stage
- ✓ Pass an eligibility assessment
- ✓ No English language requirement

*Nationals of, or people with close ties to, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, North Korea, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, Yemen, Russia and Belarus are barred from making an application.*

# Family Inclusion

Family members may be included in an application if, at the time the main applicant submits the application for citizenship and at the time of approval in principle, they are:

- The spouse of the main applicant in a monogamous marriage or partner in the same or similar status to a monogamous marriage
- Biological or adopted children of the main applicant or of the spouse/equivalent and:
  - Not yet 18
  - Aged 18-28, unmarried, and wholly maintained or largely supported by the main applicant
  - Over 18 and with a disability as defined in the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act
- Parents or grandparents of the main applicant or of the spouse/equivalent aged 55+ who are wholly maintained or largely supported by the main applicant

## The Stages


### 1. Residency Stage

Applicants must first apply to the Community Malta Agency (through an agent) for residency in Malta. Residency status:

- Is issued for 36 months (not renewable unless an eligibility application has been submitted)
- Must be held for at least 12 months to submit an application for citizenship
- Comes with a biometrics appointment and, potentially, an interview

**Part payment of non-refundable investment deposit: €10,000**

#### Residence Permit

 Main applicant €5,000		 Each dependant €1,000
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The following minor fees also apply:

- Residency card fees
- Expired card renewal fees (if applicable)
- Change of address fees (if applicable)


### 2. Eligibility Stage

The main applicant must pass an eligibility assessment and complete the residence requirement (12-36 months or 36+ months) to apply for citizenship. Note that all dependants aged 18+ must also complete the residence requirement. The following fees apply:

- Due Diligence Fees

 Main applicant €15,000		 Each Dependant aged 12 or over €10,000		 Benefactor €15,000
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- Administrative Fees




 Per applicant €1,000
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### 3. Citizenship Stage

At this stage, the applicant must make the relevant investment, the total cost of which differs according to how long the applicant resided in Malta under the residency stage. Upon completion of this stage, the main applicant/dependants receive citizenship of Malta, evidenced by a Certificate of Naturalisation for Exceptional Services by Direct Investment.

#### The Investment

The applicant must fulfil all the following requirements:

 Main applicant (36+ months residency) €590,000	or	 Main applicant (12 - 36 months residency) €740,000		 Each dependant €50,000
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#### Real Estate Investment (to be held for 5 years from the grant of citizenship)

Purchase an immovable residential property in Malta that is fit for the main applicant and dependants to live in, having a minimum value of €700,000, or take on a lease of a residential immovable property in Malta for a minimum annual rent of €16,000.

#### Donation

A €10,000 donation to a registered philanthropic, cultural, sport, scientific, animal welfare, or artistic non-governmental organisation or society, or as otherwise approved by the Community Malta Agency.

#### Administrative Fees

 Main applicant €5,000		 Each dependant €1,000
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#### LBA Global Partners Professional Fees