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Global Residence Programme

Applicants qualifying for one of Malta's residence programmes will be able to start enjoying a Mediterranean lifestyle while benefiting from a fiscally advantageous regime.

The Global Residence Programme was introduced as part of Malta's efforts to attract foreign nationals to take up residence in Malta, providing non-EU Nationals the possibility of applying for a special tax status which coupled with Malta's source and remittance basis of taxation, would entitle beneficiaries to a reduced rate of tax of 15% on foreign sourced income received in Malta.

Benefits of the Programme

A successful applicant will be subject to a flat tax rate of 15% on foreign sourced income that is received in Malta. Foreign sourced income that is not received in Malta is not subject to Maltese tax.

Furthermore, foreign sourced capital gains will not be subject to Maltese tax, even if received in Malta. Beneficiaries in terms of the programme are subject to an annual minimum tax liability of €15,000 (minimum tax must be paid in full in the years in which the special tax status is confirmed and cancelled).

The special tax rate is applicable to foreign sourced income of both the main applicant and also dependants and applies from the year of confirmation of the special tax status until the year of cessation (both years included).

Other income that is chargeable to tax in Malta in terms of the Income Tax Acts is charged at a flat rate of 35%.

Application Procedure

The application process to qualify for the Global Residence Programme is straight-forward and non-bureaucratic owing to the programme design and specialist assistance offered by RSM. Moreover, applications may only be submitted through an Authorised Registered Mandatary such as RSM Malta.

Eligibility for the Programme

In order to qualify in terms of the Programme, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- The applicant is a third country national and is not a Maltese, EEA or Swiss national and not a long term resident in Malta.
- The applicant acquires immovable property in Malta for a value of not less than €275,000 (€220,000 if located in the south of Malta or Gozo), or rents property in Malta for not less than €9,600 per annum (€8,750 if located in the south of Malta or Gozo), and such individual and his family members establish their principal place of residence in such property.
- The applicant must be in receipt of stable and regular resources that are sufficient to maintain himself and dependents without recourse to the social assistance system in Malta.
- The applicant must be in possession of sickness insurance covering himself and dependents in respect of all risks across the EU normally covered by Maltese nationals.
- The applicant must not spend more than 183 days in any other jurisdiction and must satisfy the authorities that he is a fit and proper person following due diligence checks that will be carried out.
- The applicant must also be fluent in one of the official languages of Malta (English and Maltese are both official languages).

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