

YOUR GATEWAY TO RESIDENCY IN GREECE

Yearning for a change of scenery? Picture yourself trading the bustling streets of South Africa for the tranquil shores of Greece. With its breathtaking landscapes, warm Mediterranean climate, and rich cultural tapestry, Greece is growing quickly in popularity with South Africans.



HOW TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCY?

To apply for the Greek Golden Visa, non-EU citizens who purchase property in Greece can apply for a residence permit to live in Greece for 5 years.

IS THERE A MINIMUM AMOUNT THAT YOU HAVE TO PURCHASE A PROPERTY FOR?

When purchasing property under the Greek Investment residency programme, the value of the property must be EUR 250,000 or higher.



IS PROPERTY TITLE FREEHOLD OR THRESHOLD?

The property can be freehold or leasehold, commercial or residential, and can be for one or multiple properties.

DO YOU HAVE TO PURCHASE PROPERTY AS AN INDIVIDUAL?

You can obtain the property individually or jointly (providing each applicant invests into the required EUR 250,000), privately or through a wholly owned company in Greece.



HOW DOES IT WORK IF YOU WANT TO LEASE A PROPERTY?

If the property is a lease, it must be leased for at least 10 years, and the minimum prepayment must be at least the EUR 250,000 limit.

ARE THERE ANY LIMITS ON RESIDENCY?

The Greek Golden Visa allows you and your family to reside in Greece without time constraints or a minimum stay requirement, with added access to public healthcare and education benefits.



IS THERE A RESIDENCY COMMITMENT?

To qualify for citizenship, a 180-day per year residency commitment over seven consecutive years is required.

CAN THE APPLICATION BE DONE REMOTELY?

Greek Golden Visa applicants can seamlessly apply for the programme through a fully remote process, facilitated by authorizing a Power of Attorney with a local law firm in Greece.



WHEN TO APPLY FOR YOUR GREEK PASSPORT APPLICATION?

Apply for a Greek Passport (EU) in 7 years after obtaining Greek PR status. You need to live in Greece for a minimum of 180 days a year.

CAN YOU TRAVEL VISA-FREE WITH A GREECE RESIDENCY PERMIT?

With a Greek residency permit, travel freely across the Schengen zone - 26 European countries without visas or border controls. The Golden Visa eliminates the need for additional visas during your travels.



CAN YOU LIVE PERMANENTLY IN GREECE WITH YOUR FAMILY?

The applicant can bring a spouse, their parents, and dependent children under the age of 21. The GIRP permit allows your family to live, work, and study in Greece indefinitely. The permit is valid for 5 years and is renewable. After 7 years, your family is eligible to apply for citizenship. However, there will be residency and language requirements at this stage.

HOW LONG DOES GREECE'S PERMANENT RESIDENCY TAKE TO GET ISSUED?

6 months.



HOW IS THE SCHOOLING SYSTEM?

The Greek schooling system at primary, secondary, and post-secondary levels is good. Access tuition-free education in public schools, conducted in the Greek language.

IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF WORKING UNDER THE GOLDEN VISA?

The Golden Visa doesn't grant work access in Greece or the wider EU region without citizenship.



IS HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBLE?

Non-EU citizens on a Golden Visa often find private healthcare more fitting for their needs.

IS IT EASY TO SET UP A BUSINESS?

The GIRP allows you to start a business and Greece offers many opportunities, particularly in tourism which is about 20% of the economy.



HOW IS PERSONAL TAX CALCULATED?

Depending on your residence and time spent in Greece, your international income may be exempt from taxation in Greece. The Double Taxation Treaty provides a favourable financial arrangement.

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