

Want to move to Mauritius?

We answer all your important questions



Looking for island bliss in beautiful Mauritius? If you're considering leaving South Africa and moving to this Indian Ocean island nation, here are the answers to some essential questions.

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Is a visa required for South African passport holders?

No

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What are the requirements for a residency application?

The application process is to be done with the submission of standard KYC documents and depends on the type of residency permit required. Here are the different types of permits: Occupation Permit, Residency by Investment, Retirement Permit, Permanent Residence, and Premium Visa. Find more information here: <https://residency.mu/>

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Does the application include the entire family and is there an age restriction?

Yes, and children need to be dependents. They also include the applicant's senior parents.

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How long would residency take once the application process is complete?

This depends on the visa requested. Residency excluding property purchase is from 1 to 3 months, with property purchase it is between 1 to 6 months.

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How long would the approved residency be valid for?

From 1 year for a premium visa to 3 years for most other residency permits (renewable after 3 years for 10 to 20 years). When the residency is granted with a property (value above USD 375,000), residency is granted for as long as the buyer remains the owner of the property.



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Will the Golden Visa/residency give an opportunity to work in the country?

Yes

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Does buying property allow for citizenship/ a Mauritian passport for South Africans?

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What is the personal tax rate in Mauritius?

Personal tax is generally between 10 and 20%.

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What are the minimum personal funds needed to qualify for a visa and citizenship?

There is no citizenship. For a residency visa with a property, a USD 375,000 minimum investment (or USD 200,000 in a senior living-approved development) is required. For other types of residencies: self-employed (USD 35,000 minimum investment required), retired citizens (USD 1,500 required), premium visa varies upon application.



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What rate are most companies taxed at in Mauritius?

Company tax is currently 15%.

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Is it easy to set up a business?

Yes

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Are there SADC or other regulations?

Yes, but most apply to manufacturers and importers within the SADC region. See: <https://www.sadc.int/sadc-guidelines>



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Is property title freehold or leasehold?

Freehold, and some leasehold if it is beachfront property in an approved development.

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How much are property transfer costs and property taxes?

At the cost of the buyer: 5% registration duties up to 1.5% notary fees, 2.3% agency fees (in most off-plan developments, no agency fees chargeable to the buyers). No annual property taxes (except levies and common charges within a private development).



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Are there any capital gains taxes?

No

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Are there any religious considerations?

No



Please note: The information provided was accurate at the time of publishing but may have changed based amendments to the country's legislation.

While this isn't an exhaustive list, it is a start. If you have any other questions about moving to Mauritius, contact the international property professionals at Chas Everitt. Our experts are ready and waiting to help you make your move.

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