

GOLDEN VISA SCHEME MAURITIUS

Guidelines

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1. Overview

The Government of Mauritius has introduced the **Golden Visa Scheme** as a strategic initiative to attract high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs), investors and entrepreneurs, specialised in high value sectors such as FinTech, global treasury, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and renewable energy, seeking a stable, business-friendly, and secure environment. A minimum investment amount of USD 1 million in qualifying sectors is required during the first 12 months of residence in Mauritius.

The Golden Visa allows a non-citizen and his/her immediate dependents (spouse/children) to stay in Mauritius for a period of up to two (2) years with an option to renew.

2. Key Features of the Golden Visa

- The Golden visa is valid for a period of up to two (2) years
- A multi-entry visa, possibility to exit and re-enter the country during its validity
- Option to renew upon expiry
- No processing fee applicable
- Fast-track processing of five (5) working days for applications deemed complete
- Access to concierge-level support services
- Fast track Work permits for domestic workers accompanying the Golden Visa holder

Fast-Track application process for Issuance of Work Permits for Domestic Workers/Carers as per Annex 1.

A holder of a Golden Visa who has invested a minimum of USD 1,000,000 in a qualifying business activity during the first 12 months of residence in Mauritius, will be eligible to apply for a Permanent Residence Permit.

3. Conditions

- Applicant must provide a written undertaking at the time of application confirming his/her commitment to invest a minimum of USD 1 million in Mauritius within the first 12 months of residence in Mauritius. The Economic Development Board (EDB) will monitor and follow up on the progress of the investment during this period.
- The initial source of income must be outside Mauritius
- Compliance with all applicable immigration requirements

4. Qualifying sectors

The qualifying sectors include

1. financial services,
2. fintech,
3. ICT,
4. tourism and hospitality,
5. manufacturing,
6. healthcare and wellness,
7. education,
8. renewable energy,
9. blue economy,
10. innovative or knowledge-based
11. creative industries.

5. Checklist of documents

Applicants must submit the following documents:

Main applicant		1st Application	Renewal
1.	Golden Visa Application Form duly filled on NELS	✓	✓
2.	Front cover page & Bio data page of Passport	✓	✓
3.	A detailed business plan including: a. Background of shareholders/promoters b. The project and implementation schedule c. Project financing	✓	✓
4.	Travel and Health Insurance	✓	✓
5.	i. Birth Certificate ii. Marriage Certificate (where applicable)	✓	✓
6.	Letter of accommodation for intended period of stay: Hotel booking or rental agreement or Letter of invitation from host, proof of address, copy ID/passport or residence permit of host	✓	✓
7.	Evidence of funds:		
	a. A written undertaking to invest a minimum amount of USD 1 million within the first 12 months of your stay in Mauritius b. A bank statement from a financial institution in the applicant's country of origin, showing a minimum balance of USD 1 million in the name of the applicant or in the name of an entity of which the applicant is the beneficial owner.	✓	-
8.	Dependent/s:		
(i)	Spouse i. Birth Certificate ii. Marriage Certificate or any applicable document	✓	-
(ii)	Children – (a) Birth Certificate (b) Letter of consent (when accompanied by one parent only)	✓	-
		✓	✓
9.	Any other documents as may be required by EDB/PIO	✓	✓

6. Application Process

1. Submission

Applications are submitted online via the National Electronic Licensing System (NELS) platform <https://business.edbmauritius.org/>.

2. Initial Screening (EDB)

The Economic Development Board (EDB) conducts a preliminary assessment of applications.

3. Recommendation to PIO

Applications meeting the prescribed criteria would be recommended to the Passport and Immigration Office (PIO).

4. Final Processing and Approval

The PIO would process and issue the Golden visa.

7. Processing Timeline

A Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been established to ensure that **Golden Visa applications are processed within five (5) working days**, from the date the application is deemed complete.

8. Investor Experience: Fast-Track Concierge Service

The Fast-Track Concierge Service (FTCS) at EDB will provide a streamlined, end-to-end experience for investors and High Net Worth Individuals. Beyond business facilitation, the service offers comprehensive relocation assistance ensuring a seamless transition into the local ecosystem.

Concierge Services for HNWIs

- Investment advisory (real estate and key sectors)
- Wealth management and family office guidance
- Support for fintech and investment structures
- Family relocation assistance
- School and higher education information

The Desk also assists Golden Visa holders wishing to transition to:

- Occupation Permit
- Residence Permit
- Permanent Residence Permit

9. Key Benefits

- **Application for a Permanent Residence Permit**

A holder of a Golden Visa who has invested a minimum of USD 1,000,000 in a qualifying business activity during the first 12 months of residence in Mauritius, will be eligible to apply for a Permanent Residence Permit.

- **Switch to an Occupation Permit or Residence Permit**

A non-citizen staying in Mauritius under a Golden Visa may apply for an Occupation Permit if he/she intends to work or invest in Mauritius or a Residence Permit as a retired non-citizen on the following link: [Work & Live - EDB Mauritius](#).

- **Enrolment in private educational institutions**

Golden Visa holders may enrol their dependent children in private educational institutions in Mauritius.

- **Acquisition of a residential property in Mauritius**

A Golden Visa holder may acquire a residential property developed under the Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS), Real Estate Scheme (RES), Property Development Scheme (PDS) or Smart City Scheme (SCS). The non-citizen is also allowed to acquire an apartment located in a building of at least ground plus two floors.

- **Bring pets to Mauritius**

A Golden Visa holder can bring pets to Mauritius in line with protocols set by the Division of Veterinary Services in Mauritius. An application for an Import Permit should be made to the Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries, Division of Veterinary Services. The guidelines are herewith attached.

- **Work permits for domestic workers**

Work permits for domestic workers accompanying the Golden Visa holder will be processed within 5 working days.

- **Tax Considerations**

- Income earned and taxed outside Mauritius is not subject to tax locally
- Funds remitted to Mauritius may be taxable unless proof of prior taxation is provided
- Expenditure in Mauritius via foreign cards is not subject to tax

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UNDERTAKING

Golden Visa Application

I, the undersigned, Mr./Mrs./Miss _____, holder of
Passport No. _____, presently residing in _____, hereby make this
undertaking in support of my application for a Golden Visa in Mauritius.

I solemnly declare and undertake as follows:

- That I intend to transfer and invest a minimum amount of USD 1,000,000 into a bank account (in my name or any entity of which I am the beneficial owner) in a licensed banking institution in Mauritius within a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance of the Golden Visa.
- That the said funds shall be invested in qualifying high value sectors in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines of the Republic of Mauritius.
- That I shall provide such documentary evidence and information as may be required by the relevant authorities to demonstrate compliance with the above investment commitment.
- That I fully understand and acknowledge that failure to fulfil the investment commitment set out herein within the prescribed timeframe may result in the cancellation, revocation, or non-renewal of the Golden Visa and any related permits or approvals granted thereunder.
- That I make this undertaking voluntarily, knowingly, and in good faith for the purposes of my Golden Visa application.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Name: _____

Signed at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20____

Annex 1: Fast-Track Process for Issuance of Work Permits for Domestic Workers under the Golden Visa Scheme

1. Introduction

A fast-track processing mechanism has been established to facilitate the issuance of Work Permits for domestic workers employed by Golden Visa holders, subject to the submission of a complete application and compliance with all applicable requirements.

The fast-track process shall be completed within **five (5) working days** from the date of submission of a complete Work Permit application on the National E-Licensing System (NELs)

2. Pre-Application Requirements

Prior to submitting the Work Permit application, the employer shall ensure that the following requirements have been fulfilled:

2.1 Vetted Contract of Employment

The employment contract must comply with the applicable labour laws and regulations of Mauritius. Model contract is as per Annex 2.

A duly vetted Contract of Employment is required for salaries equal or not exceeding 50,000 MUR per month. Model of contract is available at Annex I. The contract should be uploaded online and duly vetted by the Special Migrant Worker's Unit of the Ministry of Labour and Industrial Relations in Mauritius.

If salary is more than 50,000 MUR, documentary evidence from the employer certifying that the expatriate will earn a monthly salary of more than 50,000 MUR will be required.

Note: For Malagasy workers, their contract of employment(new/renewal/transfer) should be validated, for salaries up to 50,000 MUR, by the Embassy of Madagascar.

2.2 Accommodation Requirements

Residential address where the domestic worker will be accommodated during the intended duration of Employment.

2.3 Medical Clearance

The domestic worker must obtain the required medical health clearance from the Ministry of Health and Wellness. The Tests can be done in private labs abroad and the results should be submitted to the MOH for the issue of provisional medical health clearance.

Before Arrival

These tests should be submitted online to the Migrant Worker Section of the Occupational Health Unit of the Ministry of Health and Wellness in Mauritius in order to obtain a Provisional Medical Clearance:

Fitness Certificate (This includes a complete medical examination of the expatriate).

For an expatriate travelling from India, the doctor has to mention that the expatriate is not suffering from Leprosy).

- Blood tests as follows
- Fasting Blood Sugar
- Blood Urea
- Full Blood Count
- Test for Filariasis
- Hepatitis B Surface Antigen Test
- HIV Test (The method used needs to be specified)
- PHA Test
- Chest x-ray report (The report needs to be certified by a specialist in Radiology with name and signature).
- (*Filariasis blood test to be done for expatriates from India, Bangladesh, Madagascar, Brazil, Comoros, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam).

After Arrival

Repeat tests to be carried out within one week after arrival to obtain a Final Medical Clearance:

1) Chest x-ray in a private clinic and the report certified by a radiologist, should be submitted to the Migrant Worker Section of the Occupational Health Unit of the Ministry of Health and Wellness along with a covering letter, a copy of the Provisional Medical Clearance and a copy of the HIV/Filariasis payment receipt.

2) For an expatriate travelling from India, a Medical Certificate, issued from a medical practitioner registered with the Medical Council of Mauritius, should be submitted certifying that the expatriate is not suffering from Leprosy.

The work permit will be cancelled if final health clearance is not granted to the expatriate.

3. Fast-Track Work Permit Application Process

Step	Process	Responsible Authority / Person
1	Submission of Work Permit Application on NELS	Employer
	The employer submits the Work Permit application through NELS together with the required supporting documents, including:	
	• Copy of passport of the domestic worker;	
	• Photograph;	
	• Vetted contract of employment;	
	• Information regarding accommodation arrangements	
	• Medical Clearance issued by the Ministry responsible for Health; and	
	• PMO clearance	
	The Economic Development Board will issue a notification confirming that the application relates to a Golden Visa holder to facilitate identification and prioritisation of the application.	
2	Verification of Application and Payment of Application Fee	Ministry responsible for Labour
	Upon verification that the application is complete, a payment claim shall be issued for the Work Permit application fee of Rs 700.	
	The employer shall proceed with payment of the prescribed application fee. The payment may be effected online in Mauritian rupees.	
3	Verification of Accommodation (where applicable)	National Employment Department (NED)
	Where the domestic worker will reside at the employer's residence, the National Employment Department of the Ministry of Labour and Industrial Relations shall conduct an inspection to verify the suitability of the accommodation.	

Step	Process	Responsible Authority / Person
4	Issuance of Work Permit	Ministry responsible for Labour
	Upon approval, a payment claim shall be issued for payment of the Work Permit fee and applicable annual fees. The payment may be effected online in Mauritian rupees.	
	The Work Permit shall be issued upon confirmation of payment by the employer.	

4. Conditions for Fast-Track Processing

The five (5) working day processing timeline shall apply only where:

- the application submitted on NELS is complete from Day 1;
- all supporting documents have been provided;
- the employer has obtained the vetted employment contract;
- the provisional medical clearance has been obtained;
- the required clearances are available.

Any delay resulting from missing documents, incomplete applications, pending approvals, or external clearances may affect the processing timeline.