



British High Commission Mauritius

Information Leaflet for British citizen applying for Work/Residence and Occupation Permit in Mauritius

This information leaflet is aimed to provide you with useful information when applying for Work /Residence or Occupation permit in Mauritius. It also includes information of non citizen spouse applying for Residence permit.

Any person who wishes to seek employment or engage in any gainful occupation in Mauritius will not be allowed to enter Mauritius unless he is the holder of a valid residence permit and a work permit issued by the Mauritius Authorities. The information below will help you with the process.

WORK PERMIT -

You will need to apply for a Residence permit issued by the Passport and Immigration Office and for a Work Permit issued by the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment. There is a common counter at the Immigration office in Port Louis, where you apply for both permits at the same time. There is no minimum or maximum salary required to apply for a work permit as it depends on the contract of employment agreed between employer and employee. Please note that a work permit application can be submitted by the employer on behalf of an employee.

When applying, applicants will need to provide the following:

- An application form duly filled in and signed. Application forms can be downloaded from the following website www.passport.gov.mu
- Two recent photographs
- Photocopy of data page of passport
- Letter of sponsor from the company or local counterpart
- Documentary evidence that work has been applied for
- If accompanied by any dependents, all births and marriage certificates should be provided.

APPLICANTS ENTERING ON A VISIT VISA ARE NOT BE ABLE TO CHANGE TO A WORK PERMIT VISA.

OCCUPATION PERMIT – WHAT IS AN OCCUPATION PERMIT

Occupation permit is different to a work permit as it allows Non Citizen to stay and work in Mauritius and only applies to the following Category:

- Investors – The business activity should generate a turnover exceeding MRU 4 million annually with an initial investment of USD100,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency. If there is more than one investor in the same company applying for an Occupation Permit, the turnover criteria should apply in respect of each applicant (i.e MRU 8 million for two applicants, MRU 12 million for three applicants, and so on)
- Professional -Basic salary should exceed MRU 45,000 monthly. However, the basic salary for the category Professional in the ICT Sector should exceed MRU 30,000 monthly.
- Self Employed -Income from the business activity should exceed MRU 600,000 annually with an initial investment of USD 35,000 or its equivalent in freely convertible foreign currency.
- Retired Non Citizens - A residence permit for retired non-citizens allows an eligible person to reside in Mauritius for three years. To be eligible for a retired permit, a retired non citizen must be 50 years of age or above and must undertake to transfer to his/her local bank account in Mauritius at least USD 40,000 annually, or its equivalent in any convertible foreign currency so as to meet his/her own living expenses in Mauritius. The applicant must make an initial transfer of USD 40,000 at the time of application.

An application for Occupation permit is done with the Board of Investment who has a joint counter with Immigration. Further information can be obtained on www.investmauritius.com

Depending on nationality and as per Mauritius Visa regulations Foreigners entering the country in the following categories are allowed to enter without a visa. British citizens are among those who can enter without prior visa if they are to enter in the following categories:

- Tourism, Visit or Business

For all other categories, you need to apply for a visa prior to arrival.

Spouse and dependent visa

- Spouses and children born abroad, applying for Residence permit should produce their full Birth Certificate duly legalised/authenticated by competent authority bearing the seal of 'Apostille' of the Hague Convention
- Civil Marriage Certificate. In case marriage was celebrated outside Mauritius, the Marriage Certificate should be legalized/authenticated by competent authority/ bearThe seal of "Apostile" of the Hague Convention of 5th October 1961 (whichever applicable).
- A Recent Certificate of Morality/Casier Judiciaire/Certificate of Previous Convictions which should bear surname and forenames as per your Birth Certificate

- Common Law spouse need to provide an affidavit from the UK or what in French is called a 'certificat de concubinage' confirming that they have lived together for a certain amount of time (no specific time required). In such cases, the permit is given for 6 months only and need to be renewed every six months. (one month before expiry of visa and as long as the main applicant continue to hold a work/residence permit).

When submitting an application, all documents should be provided in original and one Photostat copy.

Other Important information: As it is the procedure locally to have a Passport issued in your name as it appears on your birth certificate, please note that if your name and surname on your passport are different from your name and surname on your birth certificate, you need to provide either a deed poll if your name has been changed by deed poll or an affidavit from a lawyer/solicitor **in the UK** stating that you are one and same person.

- The British High Commission cannot issue you with a letter stating that you are one and same person as this is not among the Consular services that we currently offer to British citizens.
- Other consular services that are no longer provided by the British High Commission are as follows: Signing life certificate for DWP (as this can be done by persons on the list for countersigning British passport)
- Certifying copies of British passport required for Tax purposes or by Banks in the UK
- Legalisation of documents for Non Commonwealth citizens

FULL DETAILS OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR MAURITIUS CAN BE OBTAINED ON WWW.PASSPORT.GOV.MU

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