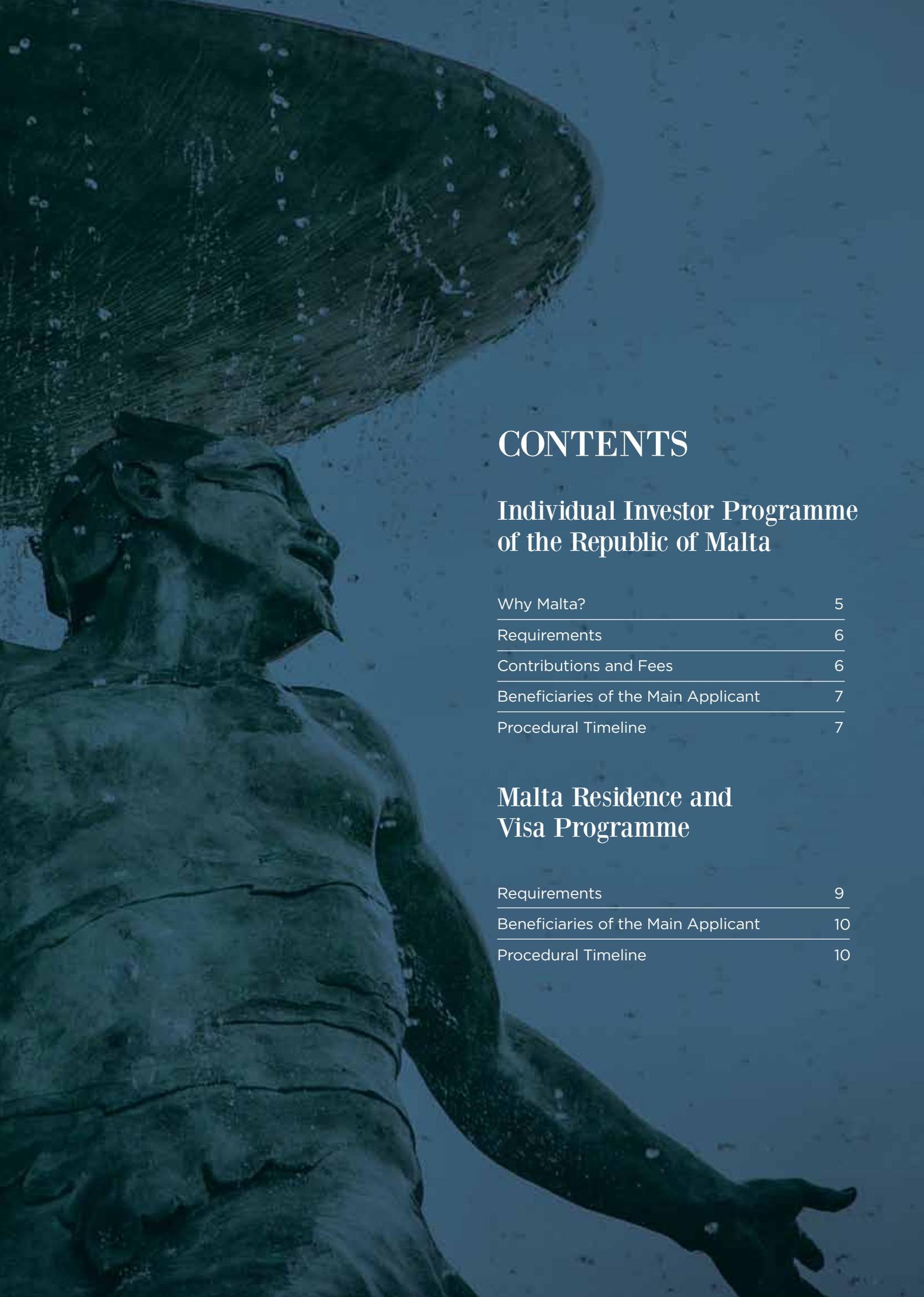




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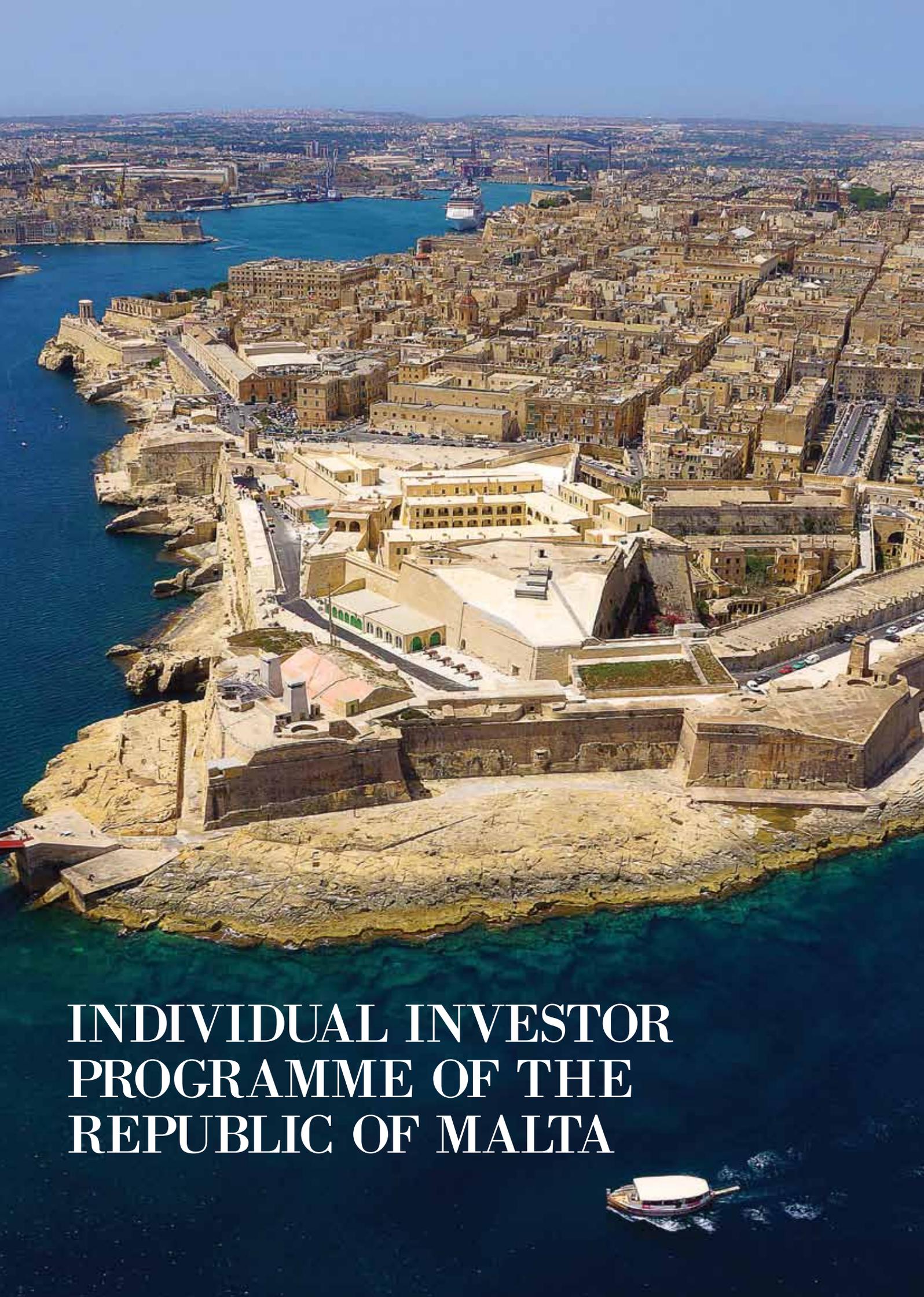
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**INDIVIDUAL INVESTOR
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Why Malta?

The Maltese Citizenship by Investment Programme is designed for high net worth individuals intending to obtain dual citizenship or to relocate their family or business to Malta.

It is currently considered as one of the best citizenship programmes in the world and this for various reasons including the following:

- It is not a rubber-stamp citizenship programme. The due diligence process is globally considered as one of the strictest. In fact, a number of high net worth individuals did not qualify to obtain Maltese citizenship;
- Applicants are given the right to live, work and stay indefinitely in Malta;
- Malta is the 3rd safest country in the world, boasting one of the lowest crime rates in Europe;
- Malta is known for having one of the top reputable health care systems, ranked 5th globally;
- Beneficial tax systems;
- Highly evolved education system, having access to top-tier international and English speaking schools;
- Excellent strategic position in the middle of the Mediterranean. Even though Malta's population is less than half a million, owing to its unique location, it is surrounded by a community of 455 million people;
- The University of Malta enjoys universal reputation for its high standards;
- The Malta International Airport greets over six million passengers each year. It links three continents, connecting over 115 airports directly to Malta, making it a strategic location;
- Maltese Passport is obtained within a relatively short time;
- Rich in culture, Malta is home to 10 UNESCO Sites, including the City of Valletta, Megalithic Temples, Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, the Grand Harbour, the Victoria Lines, Mdina and Cittadella in Gozo;
- Neutral state;
- Citizenship is conferred also to descendants born in Malta;
- Most nationals are fluent in English, Italian and French;
- Democratic Parliament;
- A reputable legal system;
- High standard of living which is yet affordable;
- An economy characterised by steady growth and ranking the 2nd best among the 28 European Union Member States. Malta's credit rating has been affirmed by Fitch at 'A+', with a stable outlook;
- Modern and high-tech medical services;
- Operates with a currency common to most of the European countries, i.e. the Euro;
- Maltese passport serves as a gateway to all the Schengen Area;
- Maltese citizens enjoy the same rights as any other European Citizen, i.e. freedom of movement, capital, services and goods within the European Union;
- Visa free travel to more than 160 countries;
- Mediterranean climate all year round;
- Tolerance of all forms of religion and multiculturalism.

The link below will direct you to a short video clip which offers a good insight about Malta and why this programme is the most ideal for those seeking to obtain dual citizenship. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgTeHKBy5-8>

Requirements

The Individual Investor Programme of the Republic of Malta offers individuals and their dependents, who contribute to the economic and social development of Malta, full Maltese citizenship by a certificate of naturalisation.

Applicants must satisfy the following criteria to qualify for the Individual Investor Programme of the Republic of Malta (IIP):

Main Applicant must be at least 18 years old;

Main Applicant must prove that he is in possession of a residential address in Malta, either by acquiring and holding a residential immovable property in Malta (having a minimum value of €350,000) or by renting property (for a minimum annual rent of €16,000). The said property must be retained by the applicant for a period of at least 5 years from the date of purchase or lease;

Main Applicant must also provide proof that he has been a resident in Malta for a period of at least 12 months;

Main Applicant must commit himself to invest €150,000 in stocks, bonds, debentures, special purpose vehicles or other investments which must be retained for a period of 5 years;

As explained hereunder in further detail, a non-refundable contribution of €650,000 (€10,000 of which would have already been paid for the due diligence process) must be paid by applicant once the Letter of Approval in Principle is issued;

Moreover, applicants and their dependents ought to be in possession of a Global Health Insurance coverage for at least €50,000 per person. This has to be retained for an indefinite period.

Contributions and Fees

Contribution requirements (To be paid to Identity Malta):

Principal applicant	Euro 650,000 (Euro 10,000 paid upon application)
Spouse	Euro 25,000
Each dependent child aged 0-17	Euro 25,000
Each dependent child aged 18-26	Euro 50,000
Each dependent aged 55 and above	Euro 50,000

Due diligence Fees (to be paid to Identity Malta upon application- non-refundable)

Principal applicant	Euro 7,500
Spouse	Euro 5,000
Each dependent child aged 0-17	Euro 3,000
Each dependent child aged 18-26	Euro 5,000
Each dependent aged 55 and above	Euro 5,000

Other fees (to be paid to Identity Malta upon application- non-refundable)

Passport fees (per applicant)	Euro 500
Bank Fees (per applicant)	Euro 200

Fees of Accredited Agent are to be paid at least 5 days prior to applicant's visit to Malta.

Fees are non-refundable.

Beneficiaries of the Main Applicant

The spouse who is in a monogamous marriage or in a relationship having the same or similar status to marriage;

Dependents of 18 years of age and under;

Dependents between the age of 18 and 26 years of age, who are not married and who are wholly supported by the main applicant and form part of the household;

Dependents over the age of 55 years (e.g. parents), who are wholly supported by and who form part of the household of the main applicant.

Procedural Timeline

An application pack compiled and sent by the Authorised Agent is duly received and checked for completeness by Identity Malta:

- Upon the issuing of an Acknowledgement of Receipt (AOR) by Identity Malta, the applicant must then proceed to effect the payment of Due Diligence fees, Bank Charges and a €10,000 non-refundable contribution deposit;
- The application is then processed and due diligence checks are undertaken within a review period of four (4) months;
- Upon the issuing of a Letter of Approval in Principle, an invoice is issued for the balance of the remaining Contribution (€640,000) which must be duly paid by the applicant within twenty-five (25) days from the date of issue of the aforementioned Letter of Approval in Principle;
- The applicant must then prove that he/she has a contractual undertaking to fulfil the below programme requirements within four (4) months from the date of issue of the Letter of Approval in Principle, namely:
 - Purchase or lease of property as described;
 - €150,000 investment in Malta;
 - Global Health Insurance held for all applicants.
- Upon achievement and evidence of twelve (12) months residency and the fulfilment of all of the above-listed necessary requirements as well as the swearing of the Oath of Allegiance, a Certificate of Naturalisation will be issued;
- Lastly, a passport application will be submitted in conjunction with the payment by the applicant of the passport fees for the subsequent issuing of the applicant's passport.



MALTA RESIDENCE & VISA PROGRAMME

Requirements

Launched in Malta on 28 August 2015, the Malta Residency and Visa Programme (MRVP) provides international investors and their dependents, who are third country nationals (i.e. non EU, EEA or Swiss Nationals), with indefinite residency rights.

The issuing of a certificate under this highly beneficial programme, also known as the Golden Visa, is subject to the following qualifications and general requirements:

- The Main Applicant must be at least 18 years of age;
- The Main Applicant and his dependents must have a clean criminal record and must pass the 'due diligence' and the 'fit and proper' test;
- Upon submission of the initial documents (the Application Pack) relating to the Main Applicant, a non-refundable administrative fee of €5,500 must be paid and a further €5,000 for any additional dependant, parent and/or grandparent. The Main Applicant and his dependants become eligible to apply for a residency permit immediately following the submission of the Application Pack, which remains valid until the MRVP application is completed;
- At the initial stage, the Main Applicant and his dependants need not be present in Malta. The submission of the Application Pack is carried out by the appointed Accredited Agent. It is only upon the issuing of the Letter of Approval in Principle that the Main Applicant and his dependants shall travel to Malta to have their Biometric data captured;
- Upon the issuance of a Letter of Approval in Principle by the Malta Residency and Visa Agency (MRVA), the Main Applicant must commit himself to pay the remaining contribution fee of €24,500 and to provide the following requirements;
- The Main Applicant must prove a title to a Qualifying Property in Malta, to be held for a minimum period of five years from the date of issue of the residency certificate, which may be:
 - A qualifying owned property purchased at a consideration of not less than €270,000, which has to be situated in Gozo or in the South of Malta, or otherwise in any other property situated elsewhere in Malta for not less than €320,000;
 - A qualifying rented property, taken on lease for a rent of not less than €10,000 per annum for property situated in Gozo or in the South of Malta, or otherwise for property situated elsewhere in Malta for not less than €12,000 per annum;
- The applicant must commit himself to invest in a qualifying investment of not less than €250,000, to be held for a minimum period of five years from the date of issue of the residency certificate;
- The applicant must commit himself to pay a contribution of €30,000 - €5,500 of which are to be paid as a non-refundable administrative fee upon application;

- The applicant must produce an affidavit declaring that he has either an annual income of not less than €100,000 arising outside Malta, or has a capital of €500,000 from the date of application onwards;
- The applicant's application must not be deemed as being against the Public Interest;
- The applicant must not be under any of the following schemes or regulations:
 - Residents Scheme Regulations;
 - High Net Worth Individuals – EU/EEA/Swiss;

Nationals Rules:

- Malta Retirement Programme Rules;
- Residence Programme Rules;
- Qualifying Employment in Innovation; and

Creativity Rules:

- Highly Qualified Persons Rules.

Beneficiaries of the Main Applicant

Spouse who is in a monogamous marriage or in a relationship having the same or similar status to marriage;

Dependents, who are not married and who are not economically active and form part of the household;

Children who are not minors but are unable to maintain themselves due to illness or disability;

A parent or grandparent of the Main Applicant and/or his/her spouse, who are not economically active and who are wholly supported by and who form part of the household of the Main Applicant.

Procedural Timeline

The Application Pack, including all necessary applications and supporting documentation, is submitted by the Accredited Agent to the MRVA together with a non-refundable administrative fee of €5,500 for the Main Applicant and an additional €5,000 for every dependant parent and/or grandparent. The payments must be transferred to the MRVA from the main bank account of the Main Applicant;

- The application is then processed and checked for completeness and the necessary due diligence process is carried out by the MRVA;
- A letter of Approval in Principle is then issued, following which, the Main Applicant must pay the remaining balance of €24,500 for the contribution fee, present the necessary title to a Qualifying Property as well as the certificate to a Qualifying Investment and provide Proof of Assets;
- A 'Certificate of Residence' including the details of the Main Applicant and his/her dependants is issued. The Residency Certificate does not expire, provided all the requirements are adhered to. The Main Applicant and his/her dependants and household will be monitored annually for the first 5 years and every 5 years thereafter;
- A Maltese e-Residence card will also be issued following the taking of biometrics of both the Main Applicant and his/her dependants. The Residency Card is valid for 5 years or until the cut-off dates, which have been set at the ages of 14 and 18, and it is renewable for further equal periods of 5 years. A residency card processing fee is applicable when a residency card is issued or renewed. The fee is of €137.50 per person for the initial 5 years and €27.50 per year for renewals.





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