

Malta Announces New MPRP Reforms: Lower Cost, Greater Flexibility for Families



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Malta has just introduced a series of reforms to its Malta Permanent Residence Programme (MPRP), aiming to make the programme more accessible and family-friendly while offering greater flexibility to property investors.

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Lower Investment Threshold for Families

Families with children under 18 can now apply under a newly reduced package, with the total cost Euro 97,000, excluding property. This significant reduction makes Malta one of the most competitive options in the EU for family-based permanent residency.

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Immediate Issuance of Temporary Residence Card

Applicants will now be issued a temporary residence card immediately after the start of application allowing them to reside legally in Malta while final processing is completed. This eliminates previous delays and makes relocation more seamless for applicants.

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New Rights for Property Owners and Renters (Guidelines to be issued)

Two key changes have been introduced regarding property requirements:

- Applicants who purchase property will now be allowed to rent it out, unlocking the potential for return on investment during the five-year holding period.
- Applicants who rent property as part of their qualifying criteria will now be allowed to sub-lease it after five years, creating additional flexibility and long-term value.



Extended Benefits to Existing Applicants

In a welcome move, these new reforms are applicable retroactively to applicants submitted after 1st January, 2025.

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What This Means for Investors

These changes reflect Malta's effort to stay competitive in a tightening EU investment migration environment. Lower entry costs, streamlined residence issuance, and more investor-friendly property rules are expected to boost demand — especially among young families seeking stability, EU access, and a high quality of life.