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GLOBAL RESIDENCE PROGRAMME

The Government of Malta launched a residence programme in 2013 (Legal Notice 167 of 2013, the Global Residence Program Rules (GRP) that is aimed at people who buy high value property and encourages foreign nationals to take up residence in Malta.

This programme is only applicable to non-Maltese, non-EU, non-EEA and non-Swiss nationals. Further, by means of Legal Notice 178 of 2013, as of the 30th of June 2013, no other applications from Non-EU/ Non-EEA/ Non-Swiss nationals in terms of the HNWI scheme shall be accepted.

The Global Residence Programme Rules:

	Malta	Gozo & South of Malta*
• Purchase of Immovable Property	of at least €275,000	Of at least €220,000
• Rental of Property (per annum)	of at least €9,600	Of at least €8,750
• Minimum Tax Payable	€15,000	€15,000
• Non-Refundable Application Fee	€ 6,000	€ 5,500 when the qualifying property is in the South of Malta.

*The localities designated according to the GRP rules in the south of Malta are the following: *Birżebbuġia, Cospicua, Fgura, Għaxaq, Gudja, Kalkara, Kirkop, Luqa, Marsascale, Marsaxlokk, Mqabba, Paola, Qrendi, Safi, Santa Luċija, Senglea, Siġġiewi, Tarxien, Vittoriosa, Xgħajra, Żabbar, Żejtun and Żurrieq.*

For tax purposes the GRP rules state that:

- income arising outside of Malta but brought into Malta, the minimum tax payable is **€15,000**, with further income arising outside of Malta but brought into Malta to be taxed at a flat rate of **15%**;
- the minimum tax payable must be paid fully and yearly in advance and any other income will be taxed at the rate of **35%**.

To avail themselves from the Global Residence Program Rules the applicants must:

1. Be presented by an Authorised Registered Mandatory;
2. Be a third world national and not be a Maltese/ EEA/ Swiss national;
3. Not benefit from any other special tax status;
4. Hold a qualifying property;
5. Be in receipt of stable and regular resources which are sufficient to maintain himself and his dependents without recourse to the social assistance system in Malta;
6. Be in possession of a valid travel document;



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7. Be in possession of health insurance for himself and his dependents (if any);
8. Be fluent in either Maltese or English; and
9. Be a fit and proper person.

In terms of obligations, the applicant must:

- Not become a Maltese, EEA or Swiss National;
- Retain in holding the Qualified Property;
- Not become a long-term resident;
- Not stay in any other jurisdiction for more than 183days in a calendar year.

In terms of the GRP Rules the special tax status may now be inherited. Moreover, the Rules state that the beneficiary must continuously satisfy the obligations in terms of the Rules.

Additional information:

It is pertinent to note that the rules state that a person availing of the HNWI scheme may request to change to the Global Residence Programme Rules and start availing of the more recent and more advantageous program. Those applicants who (as of the 30th of June) are still in the process of applying for their HNWI status may also choose to avail of the new GRP program. This request may be done to the department through the Authorised Registered Mandatory.

For more information, you may wish to contact us by email at contact@arx.com.mt