

Stay in Mauritius under Premium Travel Visa FAQs

About the Visa

The Premium Visa aims at encouraging foreign nationals to come for a long stay as a tourist, a retiree or a professional willing to come with his/her family and work remotely from Mauritius, in a COVID-safe destination.

It allows a non-citizen to stay in Mauritius for a period exceeding six (6) months up to one (1) year with an option to renew.

Who are eligible?

Any non-citizen from the list of countries listed in **Annex** is eligible to apply for a Premium Visa.

Note: Foreign nationals from countries not listed below can still enter Mauritius on a Tourist Visa and submit their online application for the Premium Visa during their stay in Mauritius.

What is the validity period?

The Premium Visa is valid for a period exceeding six months up to one year and is renewable.

A premium visa is required for those who intend to stay in Mauritius for a period exceeding 180 days in a calendar year. For those staying for less than 180 days, a tourist visa is granted on arrival to Mauritius.

How do you qualify for a Premium Visa?

In order to qualify for the Premium Visa, the applicant must have proof of his/her long stay plans and sufficient travel and health insurance for the initial period of stay. The following criteria should also be met :-

- i. applicant should not enter the Mauritius labour market;
- ii. the main place of business and/or source of income and profits should be outside Mauritius;
- iii. documentary evidence to support application such as purpose of visit, accommodation etc.; and
- iv. other basic immigration requirements.

Mode of Application

Application for the Premium Visa must be submitted online on the following link [Apply for Premium Visa](#). It is a simple online process with no processing fee applicable.

Easy steps to get your premium visa

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What do you need to complete the form?

		1 st time Application	Renewal
Documents to be uploaded			
1	Premium Visa Application form duly filled online	✓	✓
2	Bio data page of Passport	✓	✓
3	Passport Size Photo	✓	Not Applicable
4	Copy of airline ticket (including return ticket for intended period of stay – beyond 6 months)	✓	✓
5	Travel and Health Insurance for intended period of stay	✓	✓
6	Letter of accommodation for intended period of stay:	✓	✓
(i)	Either Hotel Booking / Lease or rental agreement or	✓	✓
(ii)	If sponsored locally (letter of sponsorship, proof of address, copy ID or residence permit)	✓	✓
7	Evidence of funds:		
(i)	Copy recent bank statements for the last three months	✓	✓
(ii)	Proof of monthly income	✓	✓
8	Dependent:		
(i)	Spouse – Married Certificate (in English or French Language)	✓	Not Applicable
(ii)	Children – (a) Birth Certificate (in English or French Language) (b) Letter of consent (when accompanied by one parent only)	✓	Not Applicable
		✓	✓
9	Any other documents as may be required by this Office		

Wait for validation: Do I receive visa document via email?

Once you have finished completing the form, there is nothing left to do except to check your mailbox. The e-visa will be issued via email.

Free of charge visa

The Premium Visa is issued free of charge. There is no processing fee applicable.

Health protocols

All passengers under Premium Visa will have to go through the sanitary and health protocols established by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Health protocols are regularly reviewed in line with the country's requirements and the status of the global pandemic and can be viewed on <https://mauritiusnow.com/>.

Vaccinated travellers

- As from 12 March 2022, travellers do not need to present a negative PCR test before flying to Mauritius.
- Travellers will need to test on arrival in Mauritius. For those staying at a hotel, a mandatory antigen test is required on arrival at the hotel (day 0). This may be chargeable, subject to the hotel's policy.

Unvaccinated Guests

- Travellers will be subject to a test on arrival (day 0)
- It is compulsory to self-isolate for 7 days in accommodation of your choice
- You must take an antigen test on day 7
- If you test negative on day 7, you can freely explore the island from day 8 of your stay

Tourist visa for a holiday not exceeding 180 days.

A tourist visa is granted for a short period of leisure travel. Foreign nationals are granted tourist visa for a cumulative period of stay not exceeding 180 days in a calendar year.

I came to Mauritius on a Tourist visa. Can I apply for a Premium Visa?

Yes, you can apply for a Premium Visa during your stay under a Tourist Visa in Mauritius.

Can I apply for an Occupation Permit or Residence Permit if I want to work or live for a longer period in Mauritius?

A foreign national staying in Mauritius under a Premium Visa may apply for an Occupation Permit if he intends to work or invest in Mauritius or a Residence Permit as a retired non-citizen on the following link: <https://edbmauritius.org/work-and-live-in-mauritius/> .

Can I acquire a residential property in Mauritius while being under a Premium Visa?

A foreign national 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 foreign national is also allowed to acquire an apartment located in a building of at least ground plus two floors.

Taxation

- Mauritian-sourced income of a Premium Visa holder (e.g. emoluments for work performed remotely in Mauritius) will be taxed on a remittance basis. That money spent in Mauritius through the use of foreign credit or debit cards will not be deemed to have been remitted to Mauritius.
- The holder of a Premium Visa will be liable to pay income tax on money brought and deposited in a bank account in Mauritius. As an additional facility, such bank deposits will

not be subject to income tax if a declaration is made to the effect that the required tax has been paid thereon in his country of origin or residence.

Annex - Foreign nationals from the following countries are eligible to apply for the premium visa before entering Mauritius.

Important: Foreign nationals from countries not listed below are required to enter Mauritius on a Tourist Visa and submit their online application for the Premium Visa during their stay in Mauritius.

SN	Country	SN	Country	SN	Country
1	Angola	39	Grenada	77	Qatar
2	Antigua and Barbuda	40	Guyana	78	Romania
3	Argentina	41	Hong Kong	79	Rwanda
4	Australia	42	Hungary	80	Russian Federation (Russia)
5	Austria	43	Iceland	81	Samoa (Western)
6	Bahamas	44	India	82	San Marino
7	Bahrain	45	Ireland	83	Saudi Arabia
8	Barbados	46	Israel	84	Seychelles
9	Belgium	47	Italy	85	Sierra Leone
10	Belize	48	Jamaica	86	Singapore
11	Benin	49	Japan	87	Slovenia
12	Botswana	50	Kenya	88	Slovakia
13	Brazil	51	Kiribati	89	Solomon Islands
14	Brunei Darussalam	52	Korea (South Republic)	90	South Africa
15	Bulgaria	53	Kuwait	91	Spain
16	Burundi	54	Latvia	92	St Kitts and Nevis
17	Canada	55	Lesotho	93	St Lucia
18	Cape Verde	56	Liechtenstein	94	St Vincent & Grenadines
19	Chile	57	Lithuania	95	Suriname
20	China	58	Luxemburg	96	Swaziland
21	Congo (Brazzaville)	59	Macau SAR	97	Sweden
22	Democratic Rep. of Congo	60	Malawi	98	Switzerland
23	Croatia	61	Malaysia	99	Tanzania
24	Cyprus	62	Maldives	100	Tchad
25	Czech Republic (ex Czechoslovakia)	63	Malta	101	Tonga
26	Denmark	64	Mexico	102	Trinidad & Tobago
27	Dominica	65	Monaco	103	Tunisia
28	Egypt	66	Mozambique	104	Turkey
29	Estonia Republic	67	Namibia	105	Tuvalu
30	Fiji	68	Nauru	106	Uganda
31	Finland	69	Netherlands	107	Ukraine
32	France	70	New Zealand	108	United Arab Emirates
33	Gabon	71	Norway	109	United Kingdom
34	Gambia	72	Oman	110	United States of America
35	Georgia	73	Papua New Guinea	111	Vanuatu

36	Germany	74	Paraguay	112	Vatican
37	Ghana	75	Poland	113	Zambia
38	Greece	76	Portugal	114	Zimbabwe

You may submit your application for a Premium Visa through the online portal via the following hyperlink:

[Apply for Premium Visa](#)

[Any questions?](#)

For any questions/assistance, you may contact EDB office on 2033800 or at hp@edbmauritius.org.

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