

Residency Application Process

Foreign nationals in the Dominican Republic are classed as either “Resident” or “Non-resident”, the non-resident status is for those who only wish to visit the country for a limited amount of time, for instance if you have purchased a property here for vacation purposes only.

A resident status will need to be obtained for those foreign nationals who wish to stay in the country for an extended period of time. Any foreigner wishing to live or work in the country will need to obtain residency status, which is a 3-step process:

1. An application for residence visa will need to be lodged at the Ministry of foreign affairs
2. When the visa is granted, the application for provisional residency must be made within 2 months. The applicant will be granted with a 1 year provisional residency status
3. Once the provisional residency visa has expired, the applicant may apply for the permanent status.

In order to apply for the residency visa's, the following paperwork will be required:

- Birth certificate
- Marriage certificate – If a joint application
- Passport
- Tourist card or business visa showing the applicant's last date of entry into the Dominican Republic;
- Evidence of wealth such as bank deposits, property titles, or a work contract
- A certificate of good behaviour from the Dominican authorities;
- Medical exam performed in the Dominican Republic
- 4 front photos 2 x 2
- 4 profile photos 2 x 2
- Completed application forms.