XIPHIAS Immigration

PROGRAMME BROCHURE



RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT | MAURITIUS

Mauritius Retired Non-Citizen Residence Permit – Retirement / Pension Transfer Route

Retire to Mauritius on a Retired Non-Citizen residence permit — for applicants aged 50 and over, valid for up to 10 years and renewable.

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At a glance

COUNTRY **Mauritius**	ROUTE **Residency by Investment - Retirement / Pension Transfer**
FAMILY MEMBERS **Spouse, children up to age 24, parents aged 55+**	LAST UPDATED **1 October 2026**

The Occupation Permit criteria changed

Route	Current EDB criteria
Investor	**USD 100,000** initial, then MUR 5m turnover from year 3 and MUR 8m from year 5
Professional	**MUR 50,000 a month**, standardised
Self-employed	MUR 2m from year 3, MUR 3m from year 5

These replace the older USD 50,000, MUR 30,000 and USD 35,000 figures still in wide circulation.

Their legal status. These are the Economic Development Board's **current published criteria**. The 2025 Act does not amend the Immigration Act, and the instrument that does is still a **Bill**, so XIPHIAS applies the criteria as the EDB currently publishes them and confirms the position for each file.

Property: USD 375,000, and one trap

USD 375,000 under the IRS, RES, PDS or Smart City schemes buys a residence permit valid for as long as you hold the property, with spouse and children under 24 included.

The trap: there is a **separate USD 500,000 non-citizen property route, and it expressly does not give you a residence permit**, occupation permit or permanent residence. The EDB guideline says so in terms: it is an authorisation to buy, not a residency route.

Also, since **13 December 2024, 85% of the price must be paid in Mauritian rupees**.

Permanent residence

The Passport and Immigration Office and the EDB currently publish **different** permanent residence criteria. XIPHIAS confirms the operative criteria with the EDB in writing for each file before you commit.

Proposed, not yet in force

The 2026 Bill contains a **Golden Visa** at an aggregate **USD 1 million** in priority sectors, and an AI City Scheme. Neither is confirmed in force, so XIPHIAS does not yet accept applications under either.

Your Indian passport is safe on a residency

Section 9(1) of India's Citizenship Act 1955 ends Indian citizenship only on the **voluntary acquisition of another country's citizenship**. Holding a residence permit, permanent residence or a long-term visa does none of that.

So every route on this page is safe to hold. What differs between countries is the **endpoint** — and we will tell you plainly where a route can never become a citizenship, where it can, and what taking that step would cost you.

Key benefits

- Residence permit for retirees aged 50 and over, valid for up to 10 years and renewable.
- Dependents included: spouse, children up to 24, and dependent parents.
- Tax-efficient environment for retirees and pensioners.
- Safe, multicultural society with a tropical climate.
- Access to quality healthcare, banking, and leisure facilities.

Requirements

- Age 50 or over for the main applicant.
- Transfer retirement or pension income from abroad to a bank in Mauritius as the permit requires; XIPHIAS confirms the current transfer requirement with the EDB for your file.
- Clean criminal records for all adult applicants.
- Provide proof of legal source of funds and pension documentation.

When this route may not fit

- Applicants under 50 years of age.
- Failure to maintain the required fund transfers.
- Criminal convictions or non-compliance with immigration rules.

Costs and government fees

Programme costs

Item	Amount	Notes
Retired Residence Permit application fee	USD 50	Upon submission. Non-refundable; applies to every Retired Residence Permit application from 1 December 2025.

How the process works

1. **Preliminary Eligibility Check**
   Verify age, income, and basic eligibility before transferring retirement/pension funds.
2. **Open Mauritius Bank Account**
   Set up a bank account with a recognized Mauritius bank to receive your pension/retirement funds.
3. **Transfer Retirement/Pension Funds**
   Transfer your retirement income from abroad as the permit requires, following banking regulations.
4. **Submit Residency Application**
   Provide all required documents, including proof of fund transfer, to the Mauritius authorities.
5. **Document Verification & Approval**
   Authorities review submitted documents and verify compliance with program rules.
6. **Residence Permit Issuance**
   Receive your residence permit, valid for up to 10 years and renewable.

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

- Valid passport (all applicants)
- Birth certificates & marriage certificate (if applicable)

Financial & Pension

- Bank statements and pension/annuity statements
- Source-of-funds/wealth evidence
- SWIFT confirmation of inbound transfer to a Mauritius-recognized bank

Compliance & Health

- Police/morality certificate (<=6 months old)
- Medical certificate & health insurance

Questions clients ask

What fund transfer is required?

The Retired Non-Citizen permit requires regular transfers of retirement income from abroad to a bank in Mauritius. XIPHIAS confirms the current amount with the EDB before you apply.

Who can I include in my application?

You can include your spouse, dependent children up to 24 years, and dependent parents.

How long does the process take?

Typically 2–3 months from submission to residence permit issuance.

How long is the permit valid?

Up to 10 years, renewable.

Are there age restrictions?

Yes, the main applicant must be at least 50 years old.

Can I combine this route with other Mauritius investment options?

Yes, subject to the rules of each route. Separately, the Citizenship Act allows the Minister to accept two years' continuous residence for naturalisation where at least USD 500,000 has been invested in Mauritius; naturalisation requires renouncing any other citizenship.

Important notes

- Occupation Permit criteria (current EDB publication): Investor USD 100,000 initial with MUR 5m turnover from year 3 and MUR 8m from year 5; Professional standardised at MUR 50,000 a month; Self-employed MUR 2m from year 3 and MUR 3m from year 5. These supersede the older USD 50,000 / MUR 30,000 / USD 35,000 figures.
- These are the Economic Development Board's current published criteria. The 2025 Act does not amend the Immigration Act and the 2026 amending instrument is still a Bill, so XIPHIAS confirms the criteria in force for each file rather than treating them as law from a particular date.
- Property above USD 375,000 under the IRS, RES, PDS or Smart City schemes gives a residence permit valid while you hold the property. The separate USD 500,000 non-citizen property route does not give a residence permit, occupation permit or permanent residence — the EDB guideline says so in terms.
- From 13 December 2024, 85% of a qualifying property price must be paid in Mauritian rupees. Local bank financing carries a USD 750,000 threshold.
- The Passport and Immigration Office and the EDB publish different permanent residence criteria. XIPHIAS confirms the operative criteria with the EDB in writing for each file.
- A new Golden Visa at an aggregate USD 1 million in priority sectors, and an AI City Scheme, appear in the 2026 Bill. Neither is confirmed in force.
- A USD 50 non-refundable application fee applies to Occupation Permit and Retired Residence Permit applications from 1 December 2025.

Compliance

- Occupation Permit durations: Investor and Self-employed up to 10 years, renewable; Professional up to 3 years or the length of the contract.
- Property routes (IRS, RES, PDS, Smart City): a residential property above USD 375,000, with spouse and children

under 24 included, valid as long as the property is held. Ground-plus-two apartments have a MUR 6m minimum but confer no residence.

- Premium Visa: more than six months up to one year, renewable. USD 1,500 a month per adult and USD 500 a month per dependent child, with insurance, accommodation and three months' statements. Holders must not enter the Mauritian labour market. Open to 114 pre-approved countries.
- Retired Non-Citizen permit: age 50 and over, maximum 10 years, renewable.
- Permanent residence permits run for 20 years, renewable; the qualifying criteria are confirmed with the EDB for each file.
- Citizenship: 12 months' continuous residence plus 5 of the preceding 7 years; the Minister may accept 2 years' continuous residence where at least USD 500,000 is invested in Mauritius. Section 9(4) makes renunciation of any other citizenship mandatory.

Official sources: Economic Development Board Mauritius; EDB Mauritius — Occupation Permit criteria newsletter, 31 July 2026; Passport and Immigration Office, Mauritius.



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Plan your Mauritius application with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will confirm whether **Mauritius Retired Non-Citizen Residence Permit – Retirement / Pension Transfer Route** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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