

XIPHIAS Immigration

PROGRAMME BROCHURE

RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT | MAURITIUS

Mauritius Residency – Government / Strategic Fund Route

Mauritius has proposed a Golden Visa for investment of at least USD 1 million in priority sectors. Until it is in force, investors use the Investor Occupation Permit or the property schemes.

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At a glance

COUNTRY **Mauritius**	ROUTE **Residency by Investment - Government / Strategic Fund Investment**
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

- The proposed Golden Visa in the 2026 Bill targets aggregate investment of USD 1 million in priority sectors such as FinTech, green energy, aquaculture and approved public offerings, leading to permanent residence.
- Until it commences, the Investor Occupation Permit (USD 100,000 initial investment under current EDB criteria) and the property schemes (above USD 375,000) are the investment routes to residence.
- Include spouse, dependent children (up to 24 years), and dependent parents.
- Access to healthcare, banking, and international travel benefits.
- Safe, multicultural environment with a tropical climate year-round.

Requirements

- The fund-investment Golden Visa is not yet confirmed in force; XIPHIAS confirms its status and criteria with the EDB before advising on it.
- Clean criminal records for all adult applicants.
- Proof of legal source of funds and investment documentation.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

When this route may not fit

- Applicants under 18 years of age.
- Criminal convictions or non-compliance with legal requirements.

How the process works

1. **Preliminary Eligibility Check**
   Review your investment plans, age, and source of funds.

2. **Confirm the Current Route**
   XIPHIAS confirms with the EDB whether the Golden Visa has commenced and, until it has, maps your plans to the Investor Occupation Permit or the property schemes.

3 **Complete the Investment**
Make the qualifying investment for the confirmed route via recognized banking channels.

4 **Submit Residency Application**
Submit all required documents, including proof of investment, to the Mauritius authorities.

5 **Document Verification & Approval**
Authorities review the application and confirm compliance with the route's requirements.

6 **Permit Issuance**
Receive the residence or occupation permit for the confirmed route.

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

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

Financial & Investment

- Bank statements and source-of-funds/wealth evidence
- Investment subscription/transfer documents
- SWIFT confirmation of inbound funds to Mauritius

Compliance & Health

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

Questions clients ask

Is there a strategic fund route to Mauritius residency?
Not yet. The 2026 Bill proposes a Golden Visa for aggregate investment of at least USD 1 million in priority sectors, including approved public offerings, leading to permanent residence. It is not confirmed in force, and its final criteria may change.

What can I do in the meantime?
The Investor Occupation Permit requires an initial investment of USD 100,000 under current EDB criteria, and residential property above USD 375,000 under the IRS, RES, PDS or Smart City schemes gives a residence permit while you hold it.

Who can I include in my application?
Your spouse, dependent children up to 24 years, and dependent parents can be included.

Does a USD 500,000 property purchase give residence?
No. The USD 500,000 non-citizen property route is an authorisation to buy and expressly gives no residence permit, occupation permit or permanent residence.

Can I naturalise faster?

The Citizenship Act allows the Minister to accept two years' continuous residence, instead of 12 months plus 5 of the preceding 7 years, where at least USD 500,000 has been invested in Mauritius. It is discretionary, and naturalisation requires renouncing any other citizenship — for an Indian citizen, that means giving up the Indian passport.

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 Residency – Government / Strategic Fund Route** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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