

## Stay in Covid-safe Mauritius under Premium Travel Visa FAQs

On 23 October 2020, the Government of Mauritius announced the introduction of a new travel visa, **The Premium Visa**.

### About the Visa

The Premium Visa aims at encouraging foreign nationals to come for a long stay in a COVID-safe Mauritius.

It allows a non-citizen to stay in Mauritius for a period of one year, renewable.

### Who are eligible?

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

### What is the validity period?

The Premium Visa is valid for a period of 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?

An application must be submitted online. The e-visa application may be submitted as from **16 November 2020**.

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

Applying for a Premium Visa is a simple online process.

### What do you need to complete the form?

You will need:

1. a valid passport
2. copy of air ticket (including return ticket)
3. a passport size photo
4. a valid email address

5. Pre-accommodation bookings (for Quarantine and post-Quarantine)
6. Travel and health insurance for the period of stay
7. Proof of funds (bank statement or bank attestation) to meet the cost of stay in Mauritius (minimum monthly transfer of USD 1500/EUR 1300 as per exchange rate applicable)

#### **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.

The Premium Visa application will be approved within 48 hours for applications made from Monday to Friday. Applications submitted during the weekend will be approved on the next working day, i.e. on Monday. Application can be made close to the intended departure date. However, it is recommended that travellers submit an application well in advance of their intended departure date.

#### **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.

All prospective passengers (including children and infants) travelling to Mauritius for the month of October and November 2020 must possess the following documents:

1. a certificate of a negative COVID – 19 PCR test administered not more than 7 days prior to the date of boarding at the last point of embarkation.
2. a valid air ticket to Mauritius; and
3. proof of purchase of a travel package including accommodation, on a full board basis, at a designated hotel for a mandatory 14-day in-room quarantine.

Visit <https://booking.mymauritius.travel/> to book quarantine accommodation.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that

- any arriving passenger will have to undergo PCR tests on day of arrival, day 7 and day 14 following arrival: and
- if a PCR test reveals that a person is COVID-19 positive, he/she shall be transferred to a public medical institution for treatment.

#### **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 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://www.edbmauritius.orgO/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**

Money spent in Mauritius through the use of foreign credit or debit cards would not be liable to tax.

A person becomes a tax resident and therefore is liable to tax in Mauritius if he spends 183 days or more in the country.

### **Any questions?**

For any questions/assistance, you may contact EDB office on 2033800 or at [hpd@edbmauritius.org](mailto:hpd@edbmauritius.org).

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

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