



## **Maltese Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) Eligibility Requirements for International Students**

### **Introduction:**

This document has been drafted to provide international students at AUM (American University of Malta) with key information in relation to how the TRP system works in Malta. The Maltese Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) is a valuable document which is underwritten by the American University of Malta (AUM) and issued to AUMs (American University of Malta) international students of good standing by Identita the Maltese government agency responsible for same [Home Page - Identità \(gov.mt\)](#).

This document also outlines the eligibility criteria that University students must meet to apply for and to renew and or hold a valid TRP and circumstances when a TRP may be revoked by the University and or the Maltese Government. Although every effort has been made to ensure this document is correct and relevant students are recommended to contact the Office of Student Affairs in all matters about their residency status in Malta.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

#### **1. Acceptance into a Recognized Educational Institution:**

- Applicants must supply proof of acceptance onto an MQF level 5 and above program of study.
- The institution must be accredited by the Maltese educational authority. In AUMs case the Universities license number is 2016-002.

### **Health Screening:**

- All third Country National Students must undergo health screening when applying for or renewing a Maltese Temporary Residence Permit (TRP). For further information kindly reach out to the Office of Student Affairs via email on [studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt](mailto:studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt).
- 2. Financial Sufficiency:**
  - Students must prove they have sufficient financial means to cover their tuition fees, accommodation expenses, and living costs equivalent to and no less than 9,600.00 Euro per year.
  - Financial self-sufficiency can be proven through bank statements, scholarship awards, or financial guarantees from sponsors.
- 3. Health Insurance:**
  - It is mandatory for international students to have valid health insurance coverage for the entire duration of their stay in Malta.

- The health insurance policy must be recognized in Malta and cover medical expenses, emergency treatment, and repatriation. For further information kindly contact the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) via email on [studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt](mailto:studentaffairs@aum.edu.mt)

#### **4. Clean Criminal Record:**

- Applicants must supply a police clearance certificate or equivalent document from their home country, showing they do not have a criminal record.
- Individuals with a criminal offense may be considered ineligible for a TRP.

#### **5. Full-Time Enrolment:**

- Students must be enrolled on a full-time course of study at MQF level 5 or above to apply for a TRP. Full-time students must attend at **least 15 hours of class per week** (15 credits per semester)
- More and or equal to 25% missed classes without a valid excuse and proof of absence may result in an international student breaching their residency status and having their TRP revoked due to non-attendance of classes.
- Part-time students or those enrolled on a MQF level 4 and below program of study may not be eligible to apply for a TRP.

#### **6. Proof of Residence:**

- Applicants must supply evidence of suitable accommodation arrangements for the duration of their stay in Malta. If a student lives in American University of Malta (AUM) accommodation, they must obtain an AUM Accommodation agreement valid for at least 6 months. This can include a rental agreement, confirmation from a university dormitory, or a letter of invitation from a sponsor providing accommodation.
- Should a student change their address in Malta then they must inform Identita at once. For further information kindly see here, [Identity Cards Unit Change In Details - Change of Residential Address - Identità \(gov.mt\)](#)

#### **7. Language Proficiency:**

- Applicant's may have to prove proficiency in English or Maltese.
- This can be shown through standardized language ability tests or certificates from language schools. More details with regards to English ability eligibility can be found under the course admission requirements on the AUM website.

#### **8. TRP Application Process:**

- AUM Students must complete a document Request form (DRF) prior to applying for a TRP.
- The OSA will aid students with their TRP application, but students must send their TRP application along with all required documents using their AUM email account through the Identita application Portal.
- The application should be sent well in advance of the intended date of travel to allow for processing time.

- Upon submission, applicants may have to attend an interview or supply added documentation as requested by the authorities.

**Conclusion:**

Whilst the Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) is underwritten by the American University of Malta for students of good standing kindly note, Students must always be cognizant of eligibility requirements which also include but are not limited to attendance, course credit load, leaves of absence, fee payments, and withdrawals etc so, students are highly advised to contact the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) for a one to one chat re their residency status in Malta.

Warm Regards,

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