



Maltese Temporary Residence Permit Eligibility Requirements for Non-EU National Students

Introduction:

The Maltese Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) is a very valuable document issued to Non-EU National students who are accepted to study an MQF level 6 and above course in the American University of Malta. TRP's are specifically for students completing a full-time course. This document outlines the eligibility criteria that University students must meet to apply for, renew and maintain a TRP while a student at AUM.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Acceptance into a Recognized Educational Institution:

- Applicants must supply proof of acceptance onto an MQF 5 and above program of study
- The institution must be accredited by the Maltese authorities or recognized by an international accrediting body.
- Are obliged to attend classes regularly in line with attendance regulations as issued by the Ministry responsible for Education in Malta. Students who do not meet the attendance criteria, and who do not have authorized exemption to do so, may, after consultation with the host entity, have their residence authorization withdrawn.
- Make sufficient progress in the course. Should a student not make sufficient progress in the relevant studies, may, after consultation with the host entity, have their temporary residence permit withdrawn.

2. Financial Sufficiency:

- Students must prove sufficient financial means to cover their tuition fees, accommodation expenses, and living costs equivalent to no less than 9,600 per year.
- This can be shown through bank statements, scholarship awards, or financial guarantees from sponsors.

3. Health Insurance:

- It is mandatory for 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.

4. Clean Criminal Record:

- Applicants must supply a police clearance certificate or equivalent document from their home country, showing they have no criminal record.
- Individuals with a history of criminal offenses may be considered ineligible for a TRP.

5. Full-Time Enrolment:

- Students must be enrolled on a full-time course of study during their stay in Malta. 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 may result in a student breaching their residency status and may result in the student being reported to the Maltese authorities.
- Part-time students or those enrolled in non-degree programs may not be eligible for a TRP.

6. Proof of Accommodation:

- 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 then they need to inform Identita at once. For further information kindly see here, [Identity Cards Unit Change In Details - Change of Residential Address - Identità \(gov.mt\)](https://identita.gov.mt/identity-cards-unit-change-in-details-change-of-residential-address-identita)

7. Language Proficiency:

- Applicant's may have to prove ability in English through an English proficiency test.
- 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. Application Process:

- Students must send their TRP application along with all required documents through the Identita Application Portal.
- The application should be sent well before the intended travel date to allow for processing time.
- Upon submission, applicants may have to attend an interview or supply added documentation as requested by the authorities.

Disclaimer:

Non-EU National students whose residency status is underwritten by the American University of Malta are subject to the laws and regulations of Malta as they currently stand. Please be advised that not adhering to eligibility criteria may affect your residency status in Malta. For further information please see here, <https://identita.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Rights-and-Obligations.pdf>

The American University of Malta will not be held liable for any losses and or impacts that may arise due to Non-EU National students not being in full compliance with Maltese residence laws or regulations. The onus remains on the student to comply with and to maintain their status of good standing at the University.

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