

Becoming a resident in Monaco: applying for residency



The application requirements for Monaco residency depend on the period of time the individual wishes to stay.

PERIODS UP TO THREE MONTHS

A foreign national wishing to come to Monaco and stay for up to three months requires only the appropriate documents for entering France, such as a passport. French nationals only require a national identity card issued by French authorities.

PERIODS OF MORE THAN THREE MONTHS

Anyone who is more than 16 years of age, and wishes to stay in Monaco for more than three months, or establish his or her residence there must apply for a residence permit issued by the Monégasque authorities and satisfy the following requirements:

1. Nationals of a European Economic Area (EEA) country or Switzerland

For nationals of an EU state, plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Vatican City and Gibraltar.

To obtain a Monégasque residence permit ('Carte de Résident'), an individual must apply to the Resident's Section of the Public Security in Monaco ('Direction de la Sûreté Publique - division de la police administrative') and submit the following documents:

- Copy of clean home country police record
- Either:
 - Work permit endorsed by the Monaco Employment Department
 - Request for authorisation to set up a business or a company
 - Bank reference proving sufficient means of subsistence in Monaco (minimum of €500k per person)
- Two recent photographs
- Passport & birth certificate copy
- Lease contract, ownership deed or confirmation of accommodation available
- Other specific documents as requested

EEA nationals who have resided in France for less than one year may submit a visa application to the French Consulate-General in their country of residence immediately preceding their residence in France.

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2. Non-nationals of a European Economic Area (EEA) country or Switzerland

An individual from outside the EEA or Switzerland who is not resident in France must first obtain a long-stay visa from the French Consulate in their home country.

The following documents will be submitted to the consular office:

- Copy of clean home country police record
- Statement that they have never been convicted
- Work permit endorsed by the Employment Department of the Principality, a request for authorisation to set up a business or a company, or a bank reference proving sufficient means of subsistence
- Lease contract, a certificate of accommodation, a deed of ownership, or a written undertaking by the applicant to produce one of these documents within three months following his or her arrival in the Principality
- Nine photographs
- Passport & birth certificate copy
- Nine copies of the application form for a long-stay visa

3. Procedure in Monaco

Once a French visa has been obtained, all foreign nationals aged over sixteen are required to apply for a Monégasque residence permit ('Carte de Résident') from the Resident's Section of Public Security within eight days of arriving in the Principality. In order to obtain the Carte de Résident, the same supporting documents as those required from nationals of the EEA (see above) are submitted.

The following are exempt from applying for the Carte de Résident:

- Career diplomats accredited to H.S.H. The Sovereign Prince and members of their families
- Civil servants seconded under Franco-Monégasque Conventions

PRACTICALITIES

As part of the process, an applicant will be required to attend an interview with the Resident's Section of the Public Security authority in Monaco. Once an application is made, it can take six weeks on average for an EEA/Swiss national's Resident Card to be issued and up to three months for a non EEA/Swiss national.

ADVICE

For further advice on becoming a resident in Monaco, speak to Equiom S.A.M. today:

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