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Information support

for foreigners

REGULARISATION OF RESIDENCE

for European Union (EU) citizens

and family members

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY AND LEGALISATION OF RESIDENCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA?

The following categories of European Union citizens and their family members may enter and reside legally in the Republic of Moldova, under the conditions provided by law:



EU Citizens



Schengen Area
states citizens



Their
family members



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR EU CITIZENS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA



You hold a valid travel document, issued within the last 10 years by the authorities of an EU Member State



You do not pose a risk to security, public order or public health



You are not subject to an entry ban into the territory of the Republic of Moldova



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN UNION CITIZENS



- Hold a travel document, issued within the last 10 years, valid for at least a further three months from the date of entry into the territory of the Republic of Moldova
- Does not pose a threat to national security
- Are not subject to an entry ban into the Republic of Moldova

Or, where applicable:

A valid visa or residence permit issued by a Member State of the European Union or by a signatory state to the Schengen Agreement (the visa is issued upon request, in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Moldova, without the collection of consular fees)

Residence card issued by the competent authorities of the Republic of Moldova

Or accompanying an European Union citizen at the time of entry

IMPORTANT!



Both European Union citizens and their family members entering via the Transnistrian section of the Moldovan-Ukrainian border must register within 72 hours at the offices of the General Inspectorate for Migration or the Public Services Agency. To be registered, foreign nationals must present valid travel documents permitting their entry into the Republic of Moldova.



RESIDENCE FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING 90 DAYS



European Union citizens obtain the residence card within 3 days



Their family members obtain the temporary residence permit within 30 days and the residence card within 3 days



LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A RESIDENCE CARD TO EU CITIZENS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING 90 DAYS

For EU citizens:



- Application form (to be submitted directly at the counter of the General Inspectorate for Migration)
- Valid travel document
- Declaration of no criminal record (to be submitted directly at the counter of the General Inspectorate for Migration)
- Civil status documents confirming the existence of the marriage (if applicable)
- Document certifying the right of ownership or use of a dwelling on the territory of the Republic of Moldova

For family members of EU citizens:



- Application form
- Valid travel document
- Visa or residence permit (where applicable) issued by a Member State of the European Union or a signatory state to the Schengen Agreement
- A copy of the residence card confirming the residence of the family member of an EU citizen on the territory of the Republic of Moldova
- Document certifying the right of ownership or use of a dwelling on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, in the manner established by the Government
- Civil status documents confirming the family relationship, or contracts and other evidence relating to dependency in the case of extended family members, translated into Romanian or English and legalised or apostilled (unless international treaties to which the Republic of Moldova is a party provide otherwise)
- A criminal record certificate, translated into Romanian or English, issued within the last six months by the authorities of the country of origin, legalised or apostilled (unless international treaties to which the Republic of Moldova is a party provide otherwise)

Where family members of European Union citizens have been legally resident for at least two years in a country other than the country of which they are nationals, they must also submit a criminal record issued by the authorities of the country of residence, as well as a document confirming their right of residence.

For permanent residence of EU citizens:



- Application form for the right of permanent residence (to be submitted online or at the General Inspectorate for Migration)
- Valid travel document
- Declaration on one's own responsibility regarding the absence of a criminal record
- Document certifying the right of ownership or use of a dwelling on the territory of the Republic of Moldova
- Proof of valid medical insurance within the territory of the Republic of Moldova

IMPORTANT!

The residence card is issued for a period of **up to five years**, in accordance with the European Union citizen's application.



MAIN RIGHTS

- **Equal treatment** and the same rights and freedoms as citizens of the Republic of Moldova, guaranteed by the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova and other laws, as well as the rights provided for in international treaties to which the Republic of Moldova is a party, subject to the established exceptions
- **The right to family life, to marriage and to divorce**, in accordance with the provisions of the Family Code
- The right to **work** (for up to 90 days during any 180-day period without a residence permit or residence card)



RESTRICTIONS



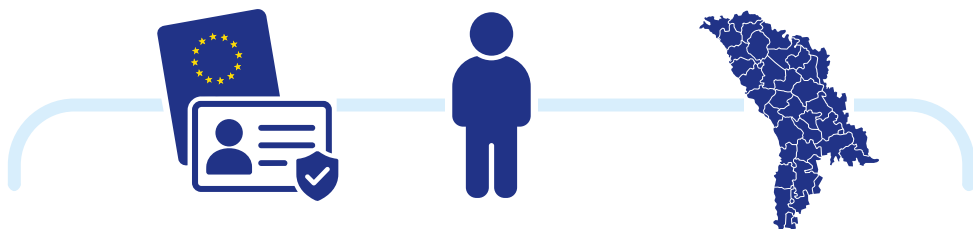
- They cannot **vote** or stand for election
- They cannot be members of **political parties** or socio-political organisations registered in the Republic of Moldova
- They cannot perform **military service** in the armed forces of the Republic of Moldova



OBLIGATIONS

During their stay in the Republic of Moldova, European Union citizens and their family members must:

- Comply with **the laws of the Republic of Moldova**
- **Apply for a residence card**, as a citizen of the European Union, if they intend to remain in the territory of the Republic of Moldova **for a period exceeding 90 days or**, in the case of their family members, **for the right of residence and a residence card**
- Notify the General Inspectorate for Migration within 15 days if:
 - **They change their domicile or temporary residence** – present the document certifying the right of ownership or use of the dwelling on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, in the manner established by the Government
 - **You change your travel documents** in the event **of** their loss, theft or damage, as well as in the event **of** any **change in your civil status or personal details**, particularly a change of surname, first name or nationality, or the conclusion/dissolution of a marriage – you must submit the relevant supporting documents





USEFUL TIPS



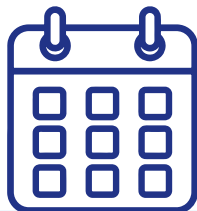
Prepare a complete application



Book an appointment in advance online on the General Inspectorate for Migration's website



Check the validity of the documents



Submit your application at least 30 days before your current residence permit expires



Check your email and phone regularly

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