

Requirements for a Permanent Residence (PR) card for EEA nationals in EU member states

Key information	No of pages	Fee
UK requirements	85	£65.00
EU average	4	€38.26
EU median	3	€7.60

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Country	No of pages	Online form	Paper form	Authority	Types of documents required	Fee in GBP	Fee in local currency	Other information	URL
1 Germany	2	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID-card *1 photo & form *Proof of residence: extract from the register or tax documents. *Proof of the right to free movement for the last 5 years: employment contract, or business registration for self-employed, or proof of health insurance and means of subsistence for non-employed	€6.82	EUR 8.00	*Decentralised process so fees and form type may vary across the country; information provided is for Berlin *A personal interview is required	https://www.bezirk-berlin.de/department/324284/en/
2 France	tbc	tbc	tbc	Local Prefecture or sous-prefecture	*Valid EEA passport or ID-card, and any proof of residence *3 photos *Proof of 5 years exercising Treaty rights, 1 document per each 6 months: proof of employment, or incapacity to work / unemployment, or business activities, or self-sufficient means, or proof of study *Proof of health insurance payments after the first year of residence	€0.00	EUR 0.00	*Application is free *Application in person to the prefecture *No health insurance required in the first year of residence *1 document required per each 6-month period	https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/22116
3 United Kingdom	85	no	yes	Home Office	*Valid EEA passport or ID-card must be submitted *2 photos *Use of form (EEA_PR) mandatory from Feb 1st 2017 *Submitted documents must be originals *Proof of exercising Treaty rights for the uninterrupted period of 5 years: Proof of income, proof of tenancy (active residency): - Letters or other documents from government departments or agencies, for example HM Revenue and Customs, Department for Work and Pensions, DVLA, TV Licensing - Letters or other documents from GPs, hospital or other local health service about medical treatments, appointments, home visits or other medical matters - Bank statements/letters - Building society savings books/letters - Council tax bills or statements - Electricity, gas bills or statements - Water rates bills or statements - Mortgage statements/Agreement - Tenancy agreement(s) - Telephone bills or statements - PFDs, pay slips, invoices - Previous residence documents - Previous EEA residence documents, such as registration certificates, residence cards, etc. - Previous biometric residence permits, if you have any - Previous passports, travel documents or national identity cards you've held since living in the UK ALSO: For students and people who are self-sufficient (dependent spouses of British nationals and their partners, students with a maximum annual income of £10,000, and those with a maximum income of £10,000) *Proof of 5 year residence and work, or payment of health insurance contributions *Permanent residence application *Confirmation of fee payment *Proof of exercising treaty rights for a continuous period of 5 years *Valid EEA passport or ID card original inspected but not kept *Documents confirming a 5-year uninterupted stay in Poland *Documents evidencing interruptions in the 5 year stay, if applicable	€65.00	n/a		
4 Italy	1	no	yes	Regional	*Registration certificate in original and copy *Proof of 5 years exercising Treaty rights	€30.19	EUR 35.53	*Decentralised process so fees and form type may vary across *Application in person to local authorities, issued within 30 day	http://www.multirezioni.org/IMG/pdf/ING.pdf
5 Spain	2	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *Confirmation of fee payment *Proof of exercising treaty rights for a continuous period of 5 years	tbc	tbc	*Application in person at regional Immigration Office	https://www.gub.es/gobierno/residencia-requirements-in-spain
6 Poland	8	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card original inspected but not kept *Documents confirming a 5-year uninterupted stay in Poland *Documents evidencing interruptions in the 5 year stay, if applicable	€3.34	PLN 17.00	*Application in person to the regional authorities *Evidence of permanent stay not earnings, no CSI requirement *Case handled immediately by regional authorities but process uniform across country; original passport/ID inspected, not kept	http://udc.gov.pl/en/czestosciom/powtalde-ue-oznaczeniawarstwi-czyniowce-uh-niedni/wymaganie http://policja.gov.pl/pl/wydzial-ogolny/powtalde-ue-oznaczeniawarstwi-czyniowce-uh-niedni
7 Romania	2	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card in original and copy. *Registration certificate in original and copy. *Proof of five years exercising Treaty rights.	€2.07	RON 11	*Application submitted to regional office of General Inspectorate for Immigration *No CSI requirement	
8 Netherlands	8	no	yes	Security and Justice Ministry	*Valid EEA passport or ID card, original inspected but not kept *Prior registration in the Municipal Personal Records Database (BRP) *Evidence of employment, retirement, self-sufficiency, study, incapacity to work/proof of health insurance required.	€43.29	EUR 51.00	*Copies of original documents only *Documents can be supplied in Dutch, English, French or German *Special provisions for cross-border workers	https://ind.nl/en/other/eu-citizens/Pages/Permanent-residence-for-EU-citizens.aspx http://ind.nl/en/other/eu-citizens/Pages/Permanent-residence-for-EU-citizens.aspx
9 Belgium	1	no	yes	Population Affairs Department of the Council	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *Proof of 5 years exercising Treaty rights	€15 to €21	10 €/FR EUR 18 to 25 depending on council	*People moving to Belgium must register with their local council They apply for and get an electronic photo ID (ID E+) at the cost of 16 to 19 euros which is delivered with 2 to 3 weeks. *Renewal of the PR ID E+ is free of charge.	http://dgc.fgov.be/sites/default/files/Document/Annexe_22.pdf http://www.oversize.be/nl/616/product_catalog/198/index.html
10 Greece	2	tbc	tbc	Local police	*Photocopy of passport or any other valid travelling document *Four passport photos *Proof of medical insurance: European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), IKA, OAEI or private health insurance *Certificate from employer if in paid employment, or proof of sufficient financial resources *For retirees, a certified translation of a letter from my pension provider stating the annual income *Proof of local residence (rental agreement, property ownership documents or statement of person whose name is on the property deed if owned by someone else) *Greek utility bills *Letter from employer or evidence of self-employment *EHIC or private health insurance. *Certificate of the relevant tax authority issued on the previous year before application regarding income which states that the yearly income of the applicant is equal to the minimum Greek national yearly income plus 10% per each family member *Certificate of residency (contracts of buying or renting a house)	0	0	Any EU person in Greece longer than 3 months must register with the authorities. A residence card is then issued. After 5 years you can register for the equivalent of "permanent residence" which has no expiry - unless away from Greece for more than 6 years consecutively.	https://www.gub.es/gobierno/registro-sistema/registro/registro-residencia http://www.gub.es/gobierno/registro-sistema/registro/registro-residencia http://www.gub.es/gobierno/registro-sistema/registro/registro-residencia
11 Czech Republic	5	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *2 photos and application form *A document confirming meeting the condition of 5 years continuous temporary residence *Proof of accommodation	€4.70	CZK 150 (up to)	*Application in person to the regional office of Interior Ministry *Decision within 60 days *Support from caseworker provided if application found incomplete	http://www.mvcr.cz/mvcr/en/article/eu-citizens-and-their-family-members-permanent-residence.aspx
12 Portugal	3	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *2 photos and application form *Proof of 5 years exercising Treaty rights	€12.73	EUR 15.00	*Application by appointment at regional Immigration office *No CSI requirement *Decision within 15 days of delivering the application	http://www.sef.pt/portal/V10/EN/assp/apoio/indicadores/detalhe/indicadores/791102/Registration_certificate_Permanent_Residence_Certificate_requirements_updated_161217.pdf
13 Hungary	4	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *Proof of exercising Treaty rights for 5 years *CSI required from persons not in employment	€4.10	HUF 1500.00	*Original Passport/ID inspected not kept *Applications processed in 70 days	http://www.bem.hu/indoklatok/option.com http://www.bem.hu/indoklatok/option.com
14 Sweden	3	no	yes	Swedish Migration Agency	*Copy of valid EEA passport or ID card *Income statements from the Swedish Tax Agency for five years, or certificates from employers in the past five years, or company tax account from the SAT covering the past five years, or student records, or proof of sufficient means, eg. pension or bank statements, or tax information on foreign earnings	€0.00	SEK 0.00	*No CSI requirement	http://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private_individuals/EU-citizens-and-long-term-residents/How_to_apply_for_a_permit_to_stay_in_Sweden/Permanent_cards_of_residence.html
15 Austria	3	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *1 photo and application form *Registration certificate *Proof of maintenance of family relation	€47.54	EUR 56.00	*No CSI requirement *Paper submission to local authorities	http://www.help.gv.at/Portal.Node/HPD/Content/13/Satz_e_126830.html
16 Bulgaria	4 (if for whole family)	no	yes	local Migration Office	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *1 photo and application form *Valid long-term residence permit or (if reapplying) previous permanent residence permit *Payment receipt Supporting documents are the same as the documents for a "long-term resident" which if you are a worker or self-employed proof of ongoing employment, if a student proof from your school, pensioner document proving you get a pension and otherwise an attestation that you have means of financial support. You must have maintained a Bulgarian bank account (a requirement when you live there anyway as a foreigner). The fee for normal service (guaranteed maximum of 2 months) is €7.84, and the fee for fast (3 day) service is 36 lev or €15.68.	8	18 lev	The fee for normal service (guaranteed maximum of 2 months) is lev or €7.84, and the fee for fast (3 day) service is 36 lev or €15.68.	http://migration.mvr.bg/NR/rdonlyres/3277266-c879-4907-8456-c2f3b4e6703e/0/leakts.pdf
17 Denmark	12	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card, original inspected but not kept *1 photo and form *Documentation relevant to grounds for residence: proof of employment or self-employment, or study, or sufficient funds	€0.00	DKK 0.00	*No CSI requirement *Paper submission to one of 6 regional State Administration offices	http://www.statsforvaltningen.dk/stats_resources/810.pdf
18 Finland	8	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *1 photo and form *Documents showing 4 or 5 years exercising Treaty rights	€158.48	EUR 187.00	*Submissions to regional offices of the Finnish Immigration Service *Additional documents of invitation to interview may follow	http://www.migri.fi/residence-permits
19 Slovakia	3	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *2 photos and form *Proof of employment, self-employment, study, unemployment or sufficient resources for past 5 years	€140.31	EUR 165.50	*Submissions to local authorities *Processing time up to 90 days	
20 Ireland	5	no	yes	Justice Department	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *2 photos and form *Proof of residency for each address in past 5 years *Proof of employment, self-employment, study, unemployment or sufficient resources *CSI requirement for students and self-sufficient applicants	€0.00	EUR 0.00	*CSI requirement for students and self-sufficient applicants	http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving_country/moving_to_ireland/irish_rights_of_residence_in_ireland/residence_rights_eu_national.html
21 Croatia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	NO PR Card or Permit as yet Nationals of EU member states and their family members can work and provide services in Croatia with no residence or work permit and no work registration certificate. Nationals of EEA member states or the Swiss Confederation and their family members, or family members of Croatian nationals intending to stay in Croatia longer than three months have to register temporary residence no later than eight days before the end of the three-month stay at the competent police administration or police station depending on the address. Certificate of registered temporary residence is issued in the form of a biometric residence permit valid for up to five years.	n/a	n/a	n/a	http://www.mvps.hr/hr/comrad-information/faq/citizenship/citizenship-in-croatia/
22 Lithuania	4	yes	no	Ministry of internal affairs/migration dept	*Valid EEA passport or ID card Employment contract	8	EUR 8.60		http://www.migracija.lt/index.php?71607967564
23 Slovenia	tbc	tbc	tbc	Local administrative unit	tbc	tbc	tbc	Applications for PR can be made after 5 years of continuous residence and are contingent to the granting of a temporary residence permit (applications must be made within 3 months of arrival) *Fees charged at sliding scale depending on processing time: Within 90 days - EUR99.60 Within 45 days - EUR24.89 Within 10 days - EUR34.18	http://dpsa.si/en/blog/obdobje-permanent-residence-permits
24 Latvia	4	no	yes	Interior Ministry	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *Proof of income for the past 12 months, at least minimum wage or pension, also tax checks carried out *Latvian language knowledge at A2 level. *1 photo and application form *Proof of address and fee payment	€84.48	EUR 99.60 (or higher)		http://www.pmlb.gov.lv/en/home/services/residence-permits/
25 Estonia	2	no	yes	Regional	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *1 photo and form *Document confirming payment of the application fee	€21.22	EUR 25.00	*ID-card issued to the applicant in person within 30 days	https://polit.ee/en/teenused/ehamisloaused/ni_kodniku_ahamisloaused/
26 Cyprus	6	no	yes	Civil Registry and Migration Department	*2 photos Note that the below mentioned documents are not all required in every case, nor individually, but as appropriate depending on the case. 1) Certificate of Registration or Residence Card. 2) Rental agreement or property sale contract, or title deed, for the last five years. 3) Utility bills or statements of accounts from the relevant Authority (water, or telephone or electricity) dating back five years. 4) Bank statement dating back five years. 5) Social Insurance Certificate for contributions over the last five years by month. 6) Any other document proving the completion of a continuous period of five years in the Republic of Cyprus.	tbc	EUR 20 Renewals also Eur 20	EU citizens may apply for a Permanent Residence Permit upon at least 5 years of legal stay in Cyprus and having held a Temporary Residence Permit for the entire preceding period. Non-EU family members may also apply for a Permanent Residence Card. Permanent residence permits valid for 10 years	http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/crmd/crmd.nsf/All/D1D761C064329325202000454624551e?OpenDocument&jsessionid=134
27 Luxembourg	2	no	yes	Foreign Ministry	*Valid EEA passport or ID card and application form *Certificates of residence for the past 5 years				http://www.vdl.lu/Attestation-de-residence-permanent-p
28 Malta	6	no	yes	Identity Malta	*Valid EEA passport or ID card *Proof of exercising Treaty rights	€18.67	EUR 22.00	*Application in person	https://idm.govt.mt/en/new/residence-permit-if-apply/