

EU / Bulgarian Permanent Residency and Citizenship Procedure

Starter Pack

The following documents need to be provided by the applicant:

Step 1 – Due diligence:

- Completed questionnaire;
- Passport copy;
- Proof of address:
(not older than 90 days).

Step 2 – Application for permanent residency:

- Four passport photos;
- Migration services agreement: *(signed)*;
- Power of attorney 1, given to our law firm:
(general version: signed, notarized and apostilled by a notary, and legalized by the Bulgarian embassy / consulate);
- Power of attorney 2, given to our law firm:
(second version: applicable only for Life Insurance products: signed, notarized and apostilled by a notary, and legalized by the Bulgarian embassy / consulate);
- Money origin declaration
1: *(signed)*;
- Money origin declaration
2: *(signed)*;
- Non-criminal record, issued either by the country of residence, or by one of the countries where the applicant holds a passport:
(original version, and second version translated in English: notarized and apostilled by a notary, and legalized by the Bulgarian embassy / consulate);
- Birth certificate:
(original version or certified true copy, and second version translated in English: notarized and apostilled by a notary and legalized by the Bulgarian embassy / consulate).
- Bank statement with account balance of minimum EUR 15,000:
(original version, and second version translated in Bulgarian / not older than 90 days before applying for permanent residency).

Based on the above, our law firm will open a bank account in Bulgaria under the applicant's name. The applicant will then have to transfer the investment amount and / or the all-in handling fee to this Bulgarian bank account for us to take the next steps.

Step 3 – Application for citizenship:

- Non-criminal record, issued by one of the countries where the applicant holds a passport: *(original version, and second version translated in English: notarized and apostilled by a notary, and legalized by the Bulgarian embassy / consulate);*
- Original household registry and family book: *(original version, and second version translated in English: notarized and apostilled by a notary and legalized by the Bulgarian embassy / consulate).*

Next Steps

1. Investment in Government Bond (handled by our law firm with power of attorney);
2. Health insurance (handled by us);
3. Investment certificate issued by the bank;
4. Investment certificate issued by the government;
5. Share or Government Bond purchase confirmation issued by the bank;
6. Lease agreement in Bulgaria (handled by us);
7. Visa D application, signed and dated (handled by our law firm and the applicant).

Travel and Applications

1. The applicant travels to the Bulgarian embassy in the country of residence.
2. The applicant applies for a Visa D at the Bulgarian embassy. The passport is returned on the same day with a stamp.
3. After 3 to 4 weeks, the applicant can pick up the Visa D at the embassy.
4. Using the Visa D, the applicant travels to Bulgaria to apply for permanent residency status, which is completed in 1 day.
5. After 4 to 6 weeks, the Bulgarian government issues an approval letter, granting permanent residency status.
6. The applicant has the option to return to Bulgaria to apply for the permanent residency card.
7. 12 months after the date of permanent residency status approval, our law firm files the citizenship application.
8. Up to 6 months later, the applicant receives the government approval letter of citizenship.
9. The applicant can pick up the passport by traveling to Bulgaria, or visiting the local Bulgarian embassy.

Note

Only the spouse has to apply for permanent residency status, before applying for citizenship. All children can become passport holders directly without having permanent residency status.