

3. Permanent Residence for Minor Children and Dependents

An applicant may apply for a Permit of Permanent Residence to be extended to:

- (a) A minor child accompanying the applicant, if proof is produced that the minor child has been ordinarily resident in Montserrat and is living with him at the date of his application;
- (b) The dependant of a person who has been granted a Permit of Economic Residence in accordance with the Immigration (Economic Residence Permit).

4. Permanent Residence in the National Interest

Notwithstanding the regulations above, the Governor on the advice of Cabinet may in the national interest grant a Permit of Permanent Residence to any person on such conditions as it may specify.

HOW TO APPLY

- (1) Application must be made on an application form 'S' which can be obtained from the Office of the Deputy Governor.
- (2) Along with the application form, applicants will be given a list of documents required in support of the application.
- (3) Applications will not be accepted unless all the required documentation is provided.

When an applicant is notified that his or her application has been approved, the applicant shall pay the prescribed fee to the Accountant General and on production of the receipt for payment, a Permit of Permanent Residence will be issued.

Further information may be obtained from the **Consular Division, Office of the Deputy Governor, #3 Farara Plaza, Brades.**

**APPLYING FOR
A PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE
UNDER THE
IMMIGRATION (PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT)
REGULATIONS 2005**

GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

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ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS FOR A PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE UNDER THE Immigration (Permanent Residence Permits) Regulations 2005

1. Residence which commenced before 1st January 2003

- (i) A person may apply to the Governor on the advice of Cabinet for a Permit of Permanent Residence if -
- (a) He was ordinarily resident in Montserrat before 1st January 2003;
- (b) He has been ordinarily resident in Montserrat for the period of **five (5) years** immediately preceding his application;
- (c) He provides proof that he has been gainfully employed during the six (6) months immediately preceding his application for permanent residence;
- (d) He provides proof that he:
- has maintained a savings account with an average monthly balance of at least \$5,000 during the six (6) months immediately preceding his application; or
 - owns real property to the value of at least \$50,000;
- (e) He produces a Medical Certificate from a Medical Practitioner registered in Montserrat certifying that he is free from all notifiable communicable diseases specified in Schedule I to the Immigration (Health Certificate) Regulations: (a certificate from a Medical Practitioner other than a Medical Practitioner registered in Montserrat may be accepted in exceptional cases at the discretion of the Governor on the advice of Cabinet);
- (f) He produces character certificate from the Police Department of the country or countries where he resided for the last twelve (12) years and
- (g) He satisfies the Governor on the advice of Cabinet that the number of days on which he was absent from Montserrat during the five (5) years immediately preceding his application does not exceed 150.

2. Residence which commenced on or after 1st January 2003

- (i) A person may apply to the Governor on the advice of Cabinet for a Permit of Permanent Residence if:
- (a) He was ordinarily resident in Montserrat on or after 1st January 2003;
- (b) He has been ordinarily resident in Montserrat for the period of **eight (8) years** immediately preceding his application;
- (c) He provides proof that he has been gainfully employed during the six (6) months immediately preceding his application for permanent residence;
- (d) He provides proof that he:
- has maintained a savings account with an average monthly balance of at least \$5,000 during the six (6) months immediately preceding his application; or
 - owns real property to the value of at least \$50,000;
- (e) He produces a Medical Certificate from a Medical Practitioner registered in Montserrat certifying that he is free from all notifiable communicable diseases specified in Schedule I to the Immigration (Health Certificate) Regulations: (a certificate from a Medical Practitioner other than a Medical Practitioner registered in Montserrat may be accepted in exceptional cases at the discretion of the Governor on the advice of Cabinet);
- (f) He produces character certificate from the Police Department of the country or countries where he resided for the last twelve (12) years and
- (g) He satisfies the Governor on the advice of Cabinet that during the eight (8) years immediately preceding his application he has not been absent from Montserrat in excess of days ninety (90) days during any one (1) year.