

RESIDENCE PERMIT IN GREECE - DIGITAL NOMADS

Digital nomads are foreign citizens who are self-employed, freelancers or employees and who work remotely using Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) with employers or customers outside Greece.

Their residence permit in Greece is issued in 2 ways and has an initial duration of up to 12 months with the possibility of renewal. Foreign citizens can either apply for an entry visa from the Greek consular authority in Russia, or if they already hold a tourist visa, they can apply for a residence permit at the competent Immigration Service in Greece.

1st WAY: VISA FROM THE CONSULATE

These citizens can apply for a national entry visa (type D visa) under certain conditions. More specifically, the person concerned must present, either in person or by e-mail or by registered mail, to the competent Greek consular authority the general documents specified in the ministerial decision of par. 16 of article 136 of Law 4251/2014, as well as the following:

A) A declaration stating that he/she intends to reside in the country under the national entry visa regime for the provision of distance work and that he/she commits not to provide in any way any work or services or work to an employer in Greece.

B) 1) An employment or project contract or a proof of employment relationship with an employer, which may be either a natural or legal person, but only established outside the Greek territory and this contract, if it is of a definite duration, must cover the period of the national visa granted,

2) Or employment or project contracts for an indefinite period of time or definite-term employment with a remaining period of time covering the period of validity of the national visa, if the third-country national is a freelancer with more than one employer but established outside the Greek territory,

3) Or in case the third-country citizen is self-employed in his/her own business, which is physically located outside the Greek territory, data on the applicant's status in the business as well as data concerning the business itself such as name, registered office, field of activity, corporate purpose.

C) Evidence that the applicant has sufficient financial resources through a stable income to provide him/her with the necessary means of living for the duration of his/her stay in the country, without any burden on the national social security system. Sufficient resources have been determined by the law itself and amount to three and a half thousand (3,500) euros per month. This amount must be supported either by the employment or project contract or proof of employment relationship, in the case of dependent work, services or projects (but net income after payment of the required taxes in the country where the services are provided) or by a bank account. It is also important to stress that this amount is increased for the spouse or partner by twenty percent (20%) and for each child by fifteen percent (15%).

D) A national visa fee of seventy-five (75) euros.

RENEWAL

If the person concerned wishes to do so and if the conditions explained above are still met, it is possible to grant him/her and his/her family a residence permit of **two years' duration**, upon application to the one-stop service of the Ministry of

Immigration and Asylum, before the expiry of the national entry visa. This permit may be renewed provided that the above conditions continue to be met. For both the granting and the renewal of the relevant residence permit, it is necessary to pay a deposit of one thousand (1,000) euros for the sponsor and one hundred and fifty (150) euros for the members of his/her family.

2nd WAY : APPLICATION TO THE COMPETENT AID AGENCY IN GREECE IF YOU ARE ALREADY HOLDERS OF A TOURIST VISA.

A third country citizen and his/her family members who have entered the country under another status, for example as tourists for the stipulated period of 90 days, have the possibility to submit an application for the granting of this residence permit to the one-stop service of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum. In this case, the applicant, in addition to what has been mentioned so far, will have to additionally present a **rental agreement or a contract for the purchase of property in the Greek territory.**

RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

Third-country nationals falling into the categories listed above may be accompanied by members of their family, who must apply for a separate individual visa which expires at the same time as the visa of the dependent. During their stay, they may not engage in any economic activity in the country. More specifically, family members are defined as: (a) the other of the spouses or cohabitants with whom the third country citizen has entered into a cohabitation agreement; (b) the unmarried common children of the spouses or cohabitants under the age of eighteen (18) years, including those who have been legally adopted by a foreign court decision that is automatically enforceable or has been declared enforceable or has been declared enforceable or has had its res judicata recognized in Greece; and (c) others, under the age of eighteen (18) years, unmarried children of the dependent or of one of the spouses or cohabitants, provided that custody has been lawfully entrusted to him/her for the children of the dependent and to the children of the other spouse or cohabitants.

NOTE: Periods of absence from the country do not prevent the renewal of the residence permit, **provided they do not exceed six (6) months per year.**

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. (*) A copy of a valid passport or travel document recognized by our country.
2. (*) Insurance contract of a private insurance company or insurance,
3. (*) A Declaration, stating his/her intention to reside in the country for the purpose of providing work at a distance and an undertaking that he/she will not in any way provide work or services or work to an employer established in Greece.
4. (*) Contract of employment or project or proof of employment relationship with an employer, natural or legal person, established outside the Greek Territory, for an indefinite period or, in the case of a fixed-term contract, with a residual duration covering the period of validity of the residence permit applied for, or Contracts of employment or project for an indefinite period or, in the case of a fixed-term contract, with a residual duration covering the period of validity of the residence permit applied for, in case the third-country national is a self-employed person.

(*) Proof that he/she has resources of at least EUR 3,500 per month, increased by 20% for the spouse or partner and 15% for each child. The following are acceptable: an employment or project contract or proof of employment, in the case of dependent work, services or projects (but net income after payment of the required taxes in the country where the services are provided) or a bank account.

6. Rental agreement or contract for the purchase of a dwelling

7. Fees (EUR 1000 per worker, EUR 150 per family member, EUR 16 for the card acquisition fee)

8. Photos and CDs

9. Fingerprinting