

Declaration of Taking Macao as a Place of Permanent Residence

In accordance with the stipulation of the Basic Law of the Macao SAR, resident of Macao is divided into permanent resident and non-permanent resident. Law no. 8/1999 of the Macao SAR stipulates the conditions that an individual must possess to be permanent resident and the formalities required:

1. Chinese national

Those who accord with the stipulation of 1), 2) and 3) of Term 1 of Article 1 of Law no. 8/1999 of the Macao SAR will obtain the status of permanent resident of the Macao SAR without declaring to take Macao as their place of permanent residence

2. People who are of Chinese and Portuguese descent

Those who accord with the stipulation of 4), 5) and 6) of Term 1 of Article 1 of Law no.8/1999 of the Macao SAR:

1. Those who hold Macao Resident Identity card issued before 20th December 1999 can obtain Macao permanent residence without Declaring to Take Macao as their Place of Permanent Residence.
2. Those who hold Macao Resident Identity card issued after 20th December 1999 should make a Declaration of Taking Macao as Their Place of Permanent Residence before they can become Macao permanent residents.

3. The Portuguese

The Portuguese who accord with the stipulation of 7) and 8) of Term 1 of Article 1 of Law no. 8/1999 of the Macao SAR:

1. Those who hold Macao Resident Identity card issued before 20th December 1999 should make a Declaration of Taking Macao as Their Place of Permanent Residence before they can become Macao permanent resident at the time they apply for Macao SAR Resident Identity card.
2. Those who hold Macao Resident Identity card issued after 20th December 1999 should make a Declaration of Taking Macao as Their Place of Permanent Residence and submit the documents listed in item 5.

4. Others

Those who accord with the stipulation of 9) of Term 1 of Article 1 of Law no. 8/1999 of the Macao SAR should make a Declaration of Taking Macao as Their Place of Permanent Residence and submit the documents listed in item 5.

5. Documents to be submitted for Declaring to Take Macao as Their Place of Permanent Residence.

Those who are of item 3.2 or 4 and Declaration of Taking Macao as Their Place of Permanent Residence should submit the following documents:

- Documents proving the purchase of private housing in Macao, such as statement of property tax; title deed and Information of Housing Registration or statement of mortgage loans from bank and statement of mortgage loan payment from bank; or

documents proving that you are renting the house of others such as the latest rental contract as well as the rental receipt for the past three months;

- Documents proving that the principal members of your family, including spouse and minor children, are living in Macao and if they are holding the Macao Resident Identity card, copies of their identity documents should be submitted, otherwise, please state in writing;
- Proof of occupation or stable income in Macao, for example, evidence of employment or other source of incomes;
- Statement of tax paying in Macao as required by Law, if applicable, such as: Salaries Tax (Imposto Profissional, M/16 or Certidao de Redimentos), Business Tax (Contribuicao Industrial, M/8), Supplementary Income Tax (Imposto Complementar, M/6), Property Tax (Contribuicao Predial, M/8), etc.

P.S.: In accordance with the stipulation of Term 2 of Article 2 of Law no. 8/1999 of the Macao SAR, if those, who are of item 4 and have become permanent residents, will forfeit the right of abode if they do not ordinarily reside in Macao over a continuous period of 36 months (i.e. they will not possess the permanent resident status).