



APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE Information Sheet

Who can apply for Permanent Residence?

Any person who considers that they are able to meet the established eligibility criteria is able to make application for a Permanent Resident Permit to Samoa.

Quota arrangements

There is a small annual quota of Permanent Resident Permits allocated by Government and once this quota is filled unsuccessful applications will be placed in a pool for consideration in the next quota. Applications will remain in the pool for a maximum of 3 years and if not successful in that period will lapse

How to apply

Complete the Form MPMC105, provide original or certified * copies of supporting documentation and submit the completed application together with the nonrefundable fee.

What are the criteria to be met?

Assessment of application will take into account factors including:

- Age of the principal applicant
- Employment history
- Professional qualifications/skills
- Samoan language skills
- Planned activity in Samoa
- Period of residence in Samoa
- Health
- Character
- Connections with Samoa
- Reference reports

Particular consideration will be given to the economic and social benefit the applicant can provide to Samoa.

Residency Conditions

- Permit holder is expected to make Samoa their principal place of residence. This will normally be evidenced by being resident for more than 50% of any year.
- Absence from Samoa for more than 12 months may lead to cancellation of the permit unless the absence is considered to be in the interest of Samoa. Examples of absences that are in the interest of Samoa includes official business of the Government of Samoa, and private business activities beneficial to Samoa.
- Continue to remain in good health, of a good character, and abide by the laws of Samoa.

Continuous benefit to Samoa (for PR granted for business or investment cases).

- Application will pursue the business/investment purpose of which the permit was granted or such other activity as may be assessed as in the interest of Samoa.
- Permanent residences is conditional on the activities of the holder continuing to be of benefit to Samoa.

Family Relationship

- Applicant to continue to maintain strong family relationships and continue to develop / contribute to the social and economic development of Samoa.

Medical reports

A medical report is required for all persons included in the application for Permanent Resident Permits to ensure that they do not represent a health threat to the Samoan Community or a cost to the health care system in Samoa.

Police reports

A police report is required for all persons over 18 years of age included in the application for Permanent Residents Permits. This will normally involve the provision of a report from the police in each country of residence of over 1 year in the last 10 years

Fees **

Where there is no blood connection to Samoa:

- \$WST2000 for principal applicant and spouse and dependents over 18 years of age
- \$WST500 for each dependent under 18 years of age

Where there is blood connection to Samoa:

- \$WST500 for the principal applicant, spouse and dependents over 18 years of age
- \$WST100 for each dependent under 18 years of age

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If you choose to submit certified copies of documents they should be certified as being a true and accurate copy of the original and the person certified must be a responsible and reputable members of the community: e.g., Senior law officers, a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Declarations or similar positions.

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Where the application is to be lodged outside Samoa, check with the intended office of lodgement to find out the current fee in local currency

Where to lodge the application?

Applications should be lodged to any of the following offices, where more information can be obtained regarding Permanent Residence.

SAMOA

Immigration Division
Ministry of Prime Minister & Cabinet
PO Box L 1861
Apia, SAMOA
Phone (685) 20291 or 20292
Fax (685) 22243
E-mail: immigration@samoa.ws

NEW ZEALAND

Samoa High Commission
1A Wesley Road (PO Box 1430)
WELLINGTON
Phone (04) 472 0953
Fax (04) 471 2479

Samoa Consulate General
283 Karangahape Road
(PO Box 68147)
AUCKLAND
Phone (09) 303 1012
Fax (09) 302 1168

AUSTRALIA

Samoa High Commission
13 Culgoa Circuit
O'Malley ACT 2606
(PO Box 3274 Manuka ACT 2603)
CANBERRA
Phone (02) 6286 5505
Fax (02) 6286 5678

UNITED STATES

Samoa Mission to UN
800 Second Avenue, Suite 400J
NEW YORK NY 10017
Phone (212) 599 6196
Fax (212) 599 0797

BELGIUM

Embassy of Samoa
20 Avenue de l'Oree
1000 Brussels
Belgium
Tel: + 322 660 8454
Fax: + 322 675 0336
Email: samoambassy@skynet.be



PERMANENT RESIDENT - APPLICATION FORM

Please read the attached information sheet BEFORE completing this form
Please attach a separate sheet if there is insufficient room for your response to any question

SECTION 1. PERSONAL DETAILS

For principal applicant

For spouse of applicant

1. Surname/family name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. First/given name(s)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. Gender	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. Date of birth	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. Town and country of birth	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6. Marital status	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
7. Occupation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8. Country of citizenship	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
9. Passport Number (to be used for travel to Samoa)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10. Present address		

**Attach 2
passport-sized
photos of each
person included
in the application.**

Street	<input type="text"/>
Town/City	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

11. Any relatives/friends in Samoa (state names and village/address)	<input type="text"/>
12. Business activity/employment for the past five year (provide details and attach tax returns and bank statements)	<input type="text"/>
13. Average income past 5 year (Provide details and attach evidence)	<input type="text"/>
14. Religion	<input type="text"/>
15. Social commitments and interests	<input type="text"/>
16. Recreation activities / hobbies	<input type="text"/>
17. Educational Level and Qualifications (provide details and attach evidence)	<input type="text"/>

SECTION 3. DEPENDENT CHILDREN

18. Please provide details of any dependent children under 18 years of age.

	Surname	Given Name	DOB	Gender
Child 1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child 2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child 3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child 4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child 5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

SECTION 2. HEALTH AND CHARACTER REQUIREMENTS

A If the applicant, spouse or children have been a resident in Samoa for the past two years, provide the following:

- 1 Letter from your medical practitioner certifying the current state of your health. Include your spouse and any dependents/ children under 18 years of age
- 2 Letter from the police certifying that you have no criminal record or listing any offences

B If the applicant, spouse or children have resided in Samoa less than one year and have not provided health assessment material to the immigration office, complete the relevant forms for medical (MPMC102) and Chest X-ray (MPMC103) and attach.

SECTION 4. BASIS OF APPLICATION

Set out reasons for seeking Permanent Residence in Samoa. Give particular emphasis to the benefits you will bring to Samoa economically and socially. Address the criteria (as listed in the information sheet) clearly and concisely and attach as a separate sheet.

SECTION 5. DECLARATION

I declare that the information I have provided in this form and on any attachments is complete and correct in every detail. I understand that the provision of false or misleading information is a basis for cancellation of any permanent residence permit granted. I acknowledge that I have read the notes at the front of this application and that I am required to abide by the conditions that apply to permanent residence. If my circumstances change, I will notify the Immigration Office. I undertake to leave Samoa if my permanent residence is revoked.

	Day	Month	Year
Principal applicant signature <input type="text"/>	date <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Spouse signature <input type="text"/>	date <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Adult dependant signature <input type="text"/>	date <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>