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Vietnam Permanent Residence Card

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Who this is for

Foreign nationals who qualify to live permanently in Viet Nam, such as family members of Vietnamese citizens, scientists and experts, and people honoured for their contribution to the country.

At a glance

A Vietnam permanent residence card lets eligible foreign nationals live in Vietnam without a time limit. A licensed local partner confirms the current rules with the authority before you pay.
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Stay: Permanent residence in Viet Nam, renewable
Validity: Permanent, with the card replaced every 10 years
Renewal: Renewable

Why people choose it

Permanent residence is discretionary and uncommon.

Eligibility

What you need to show: You need a lawful place to live and a stable income to support yourself in Viet Nam. Scientists and experts must be proposed by the minister or head of the government agency for their field.
Sponsor: If you apply as the family member of a Vietnamese citizen, your Vietnamese parent, spouse or child who lives permanently in Viet Nam must sponsor you with a sponsorship letter.
Police clearance: Required
Renewable: Yes
Renewal: Every 10 years, the permanent resident foreigner must visit the provincial-level police department where they reside to exchange the card. The dossier includes: an application form to exchange the permanent residence card, the permanent residence card, and a certified copy of the passport (except for stateless persons).

Income & Capital requirements

You must have a stable income that supports your life in Viet Nam.

Documents

Application form for permanent residence
Judicial record/police clearance issued by the competent authority of the country of citizenship
Diplomatic note from the diplomatic mission of the applicant's country of citizenship requesting permanent residence
Certified copy of passport
Documents proving eligibility for permanent residence consideration

Guarantee paper (for applicants sponsored by family members)
An application for permanent residence, a criminal record certificate from your country of nationality, a diplomatic note from your country's embassy asking Viet Nam to grant you permanent residence, a certified copy of your passport, proof that you meet the conditions, and a sponsorship letter if a Vietnamese family member sponsors you

Tier Duration

The Minister of Public Security decides within 4 months of a complete application, or up to 2 months longer if more checks are needed
Once told you are approved, you must collect the card within 3 months
People sponsored by a Vietnamese family member must have lived in Viet Nam on temporary residence for 3 years or more without a break

Your quote

Fees are confirmed in your personal quote.