



## **PERMANENT RESIDENCE (ACCORDING TO THE MIGRATION LAW No. 978/96)**

Granted to foreign citizens who wish to remain in the country as permanent residents and to act as an useful tool in the development of the country, in accordance with the provisions of the Migration Act No. 978/96.

### REQUIREMENTS:

*All documents from the country of origin must be presented in original, with one (1) copy notarized by a notary public.*

1. Original + one (1) copy of a non-expired identity document of the country of origin, notarized by a notary public.

- Identification Document accompanied by proof of entry or,
- Passport with an entry stamp to the country, plus Visa (in the case of countries that require it). Visa must have proper verification from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paraguay (Address: 14 de Mayo c / Palma - Asuncion, Paraguay).

2. Original + one (1) notarized copy of the applicant's current Criminal Record from the country of origin, for 14 years of age and older.

- From the Country of origin: Criminal Records legalized by the Paraguayan Consulate in the issuing country and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paraguay or,
- From the Country of residence: Criminal Records from the last 5 years, legalized by the Paraguayan Consulate in the issuing country and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paraguay.
- If the applicant has lived in Paraguay for over 5 years: Present a Summary of Witnesses' Testimony, issued by the Legal Justice Court, with the clarification that the applicant lives and has lived for more than 5 years in the country, plus a current Certificate of INTERPOL, issued by the National Police INTERPOL Department (Address: Cnel Gracia No. 468 c / Tte Rodi, Barrio Sajonia - Asuncion, Paraguay.).

3. Original + one (1) notarized copy of birth certificate; legalized in the Paraguayan Consulate in the country of origin and legalized in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay (14 de Mayo c / Palma - Asuncion, Paraguay).



4. Original + one (1) notarized copy of the Marriage Certificate or Divorce Decree or Death Certificate. If foreign, it must be legalized by the Paraguayan Consulate in the country of origin and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paraguay.
5. Original + one (1) notarized copy of the medical certificate; issued by a General Practitioner authorized by the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, stating that the applicant is in good physical, mental health and lacks contagious disease, endorsed by the Ministry of Health in Paraguay (Address Brasil c / Manuel Dominguez - Asuncion, Paraguay).
6. Original + one (1) notarized copy of a non-expired Certificate of Life and Residence; issued by the Local Police Station.
7. Original + one (1) notarized copy of a non-expired Criminal Records for Foreigners, issued by the National Police IT Department (Address: RI 2 Ytororó c / Boggiani - Asuncion, Paraguay), from 14 years of age.
- 8) Original + one (1) notarized copy of the sworn statement before a notary public of the compliance with the Article 23 of Law 978/96.; expressing respect and fulfill the mandates of the Constitution, laws, decrees and other legal provisions governing the territory of the Republic.(In the case of minors, parents should make the sworn statement of compliance with Art. 23 of Law 978/96 on behalf of their minor children, signed by both parents, guardians and / or legal representatives).
- 9) Solvency:
  - A Bank's or another financial institution's Deposit Note, with a minimum amount of 5,000 (five thousand) dollars or its equivalent in guaraníes, signed by the person or persons responsible; Labor contract with signatures certification, mentioning the amount to be received and attaching the Taxpayer Registration Number (known in Spanish as "RUC"), sworn statement (Under Secretary of Taxation, known in Spanish as "SET"), and Patent from the past three months and Identity Document of the employer, plus a sworn statement of compliance with the contract from the employer (original + one (1) notarized copy of each) or,
  - One (1) notarized copy of the University Diploma (if the diploma is foreign, must be endorsed by the Paraguayan Consulate and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay, or must be apostille), attaching a sworn statement before a notary public, with signature certification sheet, about working in your area, with an estimated average monthly income of 2,500,000 G, once obtained permanent residence or,



- Deferred Labor Contract with signature certification, attaching one (1) notarized copy of the Municipal Patent, Taxpayer Registration Number (known in Spanish as "RUC"), sworn statement (Under Secretary of Taxation, known in Spanish as "SET") from the last 3 months, plus one (1) notarized copy of the Employer's Identity document. In case of a company, submit one (1) notarized copy of the Articles of Incorporation, which must have the seals of the Public Records or,
- Lease Contract, with sheet certified by notary, property intended for the production, with a minimum of 10 hectares, more than one (1) notarized copy of Title Deed, including the seal of the Land Registry Institution and a photocopy of Certificate of Paraguayan identity document of the owner or,
- If you are a shareholder of a company; submit one (1) notarized copy of the Articles of Incorporation, registered in the public records for a minimum amount of \$ 5,000 or its equivalent in guaraníes and an notarized photocopy of the Taxpayer Registration Number (known in Spanish as "RUC") , Patent and a sworn statement (Under Secretary of Taxation, known in Spanish as "SET") of the Company or,
- If retired; provide proof of retirement, mentioning the amount you receive, which should not be less than 200 minimum day wages, endorsed by the Paraguayan Consulate in the country of origin and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paraguay.

*The requirements for proof of financial solvency are not final, and can prove solvency with licit livelihoods that allow the survival of the applicant and his household.*

10. Fee to be paid: Gs. 1.216.040.

#### **CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS:**

- All documents in foreign languages must be translated by certified translators registered at the Supreme Court in Paraguay, except for documents in Portuguese. (This exception only applies for Brazilian foreigners)
- Minors under 14 years of age are not required to present a Criminal Record.
- Minors under 18 years of age must present identification documents of parents, one (1) notarized copy, plus the corresponding authorization, in the absence of both or one of them, plus an enrollment letter from school.
- All documents from the country of origin must be duly notarized.  
*There are two ways to legalize documents from country of origin:*



1. By visa granted by the Paraguayan Consulate's competent local authority and subsequent legalization in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay.
2. By the method of legalization by apostille (for countries subscribed to the Hague Convention). The apostille must be requested at the authorized institution in the country of origin.

*Important:* For MERCOSUR citizens, only simple legalization of documents, with a seal from the competent consular authority in the country of origin or residence, is required.

- The Migration Board may require any additional documents deemed necessary. The acceptance of the application does not guarantee that residence will be granted.

Estimated card delivery time: Ninety (90) days.