

L.N. 56 of 2024

**IMMIGRATION ACT
(CAP. 217)**

**Malta Residence and Visa Programme (Amendment)
Regulations, 2024**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 7, 7A, 8 and 36 of the Immigration Act, the Minister responsible for immigration has made the following regulations:-

1. The title of these regulations is the Malta Residence and Visa Programme (Amendment) Regulations, 2024 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Malta Residence and Visa Programme Regulations hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations". Citation.
S.L. 217.18.
2. In sub-regulation (3C) of regulation 5 of the principal regulations, immediately after the words "National Development and Social Fund" there shall be added the words "after deducting the portion of the contribution payable to an approved agent and, or accredited person in accordance with regulation 12(7) and any value added tax payable thereon.". Amends
regulation 5 of
the principal
regulations.
3. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows: Amends
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regulations.
 - (a) sub-regulation (2) thereof shall be amended as follows:
 - (i) in paragraph (a) thereof, immediately after the word "national;" there shall be added the word "and"; and
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) thereof, the words "Highly Qualified Rules;" shall be substituted by the words "Highly Qualified Rules."; and
 - (iii) paragraph (c) thereof shall be deleted;
 - (b) immediately after sub-regulation (2) thereof, as amended, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(3) An approved dependant included on a certificate shall not be issued with a residence card unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Malta Residence and Visa Agency that he is in possession of sickness insurance in respect of

all risks normally covered for Maltese nationals across the whole of the Schengen Area and States associated with the Schengen activities of the European Union. An approved dependant issued with a residence card shall at all times maintain such sickness insurance to the satisfaction of the Malta Residence and Visa Agency for the entire duration of the residence card, and in default the Malta Residence and Visa Agency shall remove the approved dependant from the certificate issued in accordance with these regulations."

Amends
regulation 11 of
the principal
regulations.

4. Immediately after sub-regulation (2) of regulation 11 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new sub-regulations:

"(3) The Malta Residence and Visa Agency may, in its discretion, extend any time-limit established by these regulations upon a valid reason.

(4) Certificates issued by the Malta Residence and Visa Agency in respect of applications which were concluded after the lapse of the time-limits established in sub-regulations (3A) and (3B) of regulation 5, shall be valid for all purposes of the law."