



## New scheme for Non-EU Individuals seeking employment and residence in Malta

Identity Malta has introduced a new scheme entitled 'The Key Employee Initiative' (KEI). The aim of this scheme is to facilitate and fast track the application process to highly-specialised third-country nationals who seek employment in Malta.

### Eligibility

An individual may apply for a work/residence permit under the scheme if s/he intends to apply for a managerial or a highly-technical post which requires specific qualifications or adequate experience. This scheme is also open to innovators who are involved in start-up projects which are specifically approved by Malta Enterprise.

Individuals applying under the KEI must satisfy the following:

- receive an annual gross salary of at least € 30,000;
- provide certified copies of the relevant qualifications, warrants or the necessary work experience; and
- provide a declaration by the employer stating that they have the necessary credentials to perform the duties being assigned.

### Validity

Once the application is validated and approved, the applicant will be issued with a residence permit which is valid for one year. The permit may then be renewed for a maximum period of three years, subject to the submission of the documentation requested by Identity Malta.

### Timeframe

Permits are issued within five working days from the date of submission of the application.

### Advantages

The applicant does not need to be physically present to submit the application, therefore the applicant would not need to travel to Malta purposely to submit the application.

### Our Services

Nexia BT can assist with the application process under the Key Employee Initiative for third country nationals. Kindly contact us on [info@nexiabt.com](mailto:info@nexiabt.com) and one of our advisors will assist you further.

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