

# **Frequently asked questions about Uruguayan residency**

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# Resumen

Summary: Answers to questions related to the different types of residencies in Uruguay: how to apply, necessary documentation and much more.

## **Who can apply for permanent residency?**

The permanent residency in Uruguay is processed by the National Department of Migration (Dirección Nacional de Migración) and applies to any foreigner who has entered the country legally and intends to stay in the country.

## **What does a residency permit mean?**

A Uruguayan residency permit is the residency process by which a foreigner with the intention of residing in the country, temporarily or permanently, registers his or her legal situation.

## **What is required to become a Uruguayan resident?**

The requirements for residency application for each case are listed in the [online Residency process](#). The step-by-step process for applying for residency can be found in [Residency Application](#).

# **What types of residencies does Uruguay have?**

## **In Uruguay there are two types of residencies:**

### **Permanent**

This residency is for people who want to permanently settle in the country.

#### **There are 3 types of permanente residencies:**

- Permanent residency (for persons born or nationalized outside Mercosur countries).
- Mercosur permanent residency (for persons born or naturalized in Mercosur and associated countries).
- Permanent residency for Uruguayan family members (father/mother, spouse, cohabitant, sibling of Uruguayan, of any nationality).

### **Temporary**

This residency is for people who are participating in an activity in the country for more than 180 days but less than two years.

#### **There are 2 types of temporary residencies:**

- Temporary Residency (2 years).
- Mercosur Temporary Residency (2 years).

For more information on definitions and differences between residencies, go to [Types of Residencies in Uruguay](#).

## How do I request an appointment to obtain residency?

The appointment is obtained by completing the [online Residency procedure](#).

After filling out all the forms and submitting the documentation, the National Department of Migration (Dirección Nacional de Migración) will review the documentation to verify that it is correct. Once verified, [scheduling](#) of the appointment and payment of the procedure are enable.

The person must attend the appointment at the designated office with the original documentation that was attached to the online procedure.

## How to make an appointment for residency in Uruguay?

The appointment to apply for temporary or permanent residency is scheduled after starting the online procedure. Once the applicant receives the information for the appointment, he/she must indicate time, date, and place of convenience in the [calendar](#).

## **How long does the residency process take in Uruguay?**

There is no stipulated time frame for the permanent residency process. It depends on each specific case and on the documentation submitted.

To follow up the process correctly and to be aware of any updates, it is important for the applicant to check the Proceedings Inbox.

## **How does the appointment for applying for residency work?**

### **What should I do when receive the appointment confirmation e-mail?**

You must go to the designated office with the original documentation on the date and time indicated.

### **Is it possible to request an appointment for a family?**

No, you must obtain an appointment for each family member. There are no appointments for groups of people.

## **Do children and adolescents need to attend the residency hearing?**

It is not necessary for the child or adolescent to attend the residency application hearing; the legal representative(s) must attend.

If the child or adolescent attends, he/she must be accompanied by:

- both parents (with the respective birth certificate issued within the last year, legalized/apostilled and, if necessary, translated);
- only one parent with a document expressing the will of the other parent for the child or adolescent to reside in Uruguay.
- a legal representative (with a document reflecting the will of the parents to authorize the minor to reside in Uruguay).

In case of absence of one of the parents due to death or loss of parental authority, the corresponding supporting documents must be submitted, duly legalized/apostilled and, if necessary, translated and notarized (in the case of powers of attorney). The documents of the parents authorizing the child or adolescent must also be attached.

## **After starting the process, can I obtain the Uruguayan identity card?**

When applying for a permanent residency (of any category), a digital certificate will be issued to allow the applicant to obtain the Uruguayan identity card.

This certificate contains the file number of the application at the National Department of Migration (Dirección Nacional de Migración) and the person will appear as "Resident in Process".

The identity card obtained for the first time is valid for two years.

## Does the residency process have a cost?

Yes, the residency process costs 557.30 indexed units per person. To know the value of the indexed unit in pesos, you can access the website of the [Central Bank of Uruguay](#). Additionally, the procedure includes the cost of the payment gateway and the cost of the first Migratory Certificate for DNIC, 55.7 U.I., which is used to obtain the first Identity Card.

### Payment exemptions

There are two reasons for which people are exempted from paying the residency fee in Uruguay: because of their nationality or because of insufficient resources.

#### Because of nationality: Brazilians and Paraguayans

Persons of [Brazilian or Paraguayan](#) origin who wish to apply for residency in Uruguay are exempted from paying the procedure.

#### Due to insufficient resources:

People in a [situation of vulnerability may apply for an exceptional exemption of payment](#) through Mides.

## **My Uruguayan resident identity card has expired, what do I have to do to renew it?**

To renew the Uruguayan identity card, the person must prove that he/she still resides in the country. For this, a [Migratory Certificate for the renewal of an identity card](#) must be requested at the National Department of Migration.

If the person who wants to renew is a temporary resident, he/she should not request the migratory certificate, but should contact the National Department of Migration at [dnm-residenciastemporarias@gub.uy](mailto:dnm-residenciastemporarias@gub.uy).

## **How to extend temporary residency in Uruguay?**

Extensions of temporary residency must be processed within 90 years days prior to their expiration date. The request is made by e-mail to: [dnm-residenciastemporarias@miterior.gub.uy](mailto:dnm-residenciastemporarias@miterior.gub.uy).

## **Can I leave the country while my residency is pending?**

Yes, but when your residency is pending you must apply for a [re-entry permit](#).

This permit can be processed online or in person. It is a procedure for foreigners who have already applied for residency, but have not been granted it yet, and want travel outside the country with the intention of returning to it.

## **How can I follow up on my application?**

If there was any pending documentation at the time of filing the application, the application will remain in the person`s inbox until the missing documentation is attached. When the information is completed, it is sent to the National Department of Migration (Dirección Nacional de Migración).

When residency is granted, the Departament will notify the person via e-mail. Yhe applicant should not change the e-mail address associated with the application until the process is complete. This ensures that he or she will receive all pertinent notifications.

## **Do I have to apply for temporary residency before the permanent residency?**

No, if you meet the requirements, you can apply directly for permanent residency.