TEMPORARY RESIDENCY FOR RETIREES

Who can apply?

A person who is retired from his/her usual occupation and that receives a pension of min. US$ 1,000 per month.

Requirements for the application process for residency in Costa Rica:

1. Application form.
2. Application letter with the following personal information:

1. reason for the application
2. full name
3. nationality
4. marital status
5. age
6. occupation
7. current residence address
8. contact information for notifications
9. the letter will be signed in front of the consul on the day of the appointment

10. 3 recent passport-size photos.
11. Original and copy of document that demonstrates that the person receives a pension of at least US$ 1,000. The document must be duly apostilled .
12. Original and copy of the following documents with less than 6 months of issuance and duly apostilled :

1. International birth certificate
2. Criminal record from where the applicant has lived during the last 3 years
3. International marriage certificate, if the applicant is married

4. Copies of all the pages of the passport. The passport must have a minimum validity of 6 months.
5. In case of applying for residence for the spouse/ minor children or adults with disabilities,

the applicant must prove the link with reliable documents issued by the authorities of his/her country of origin that are duly apostilled .

6. Payment receipt of US$ 50.00, indicating the name of the foreign person. This money must be transferred in Colones to the account 242480-0 of the Bank of Costa Rica (Banco de Costa Rica).

7. Payment receipt for stamps, indicating the name of the foreign person, of the amount of ¢ 125 and ¢ 2.50; for each sheet submitted with the application, to the account 242480-0 of the Bank of Costa Rica (Banco de Costa Rica).

8. Report of finger prints taken by the Ministry of Public Security (Archivo Policial del Ministerio de Seguridad Pública).

9. Proof of registration at the Embassy of the applicant's home country in Costa Rica.

Legal Basis:

- - Ley 8764 General de Migración y Extranjería, Title VI, Chapter II. (Ley 8764 General de Migración y Extranjería, Título VI, Capítulo II.)

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