

# 3. IMMIGRATION



Any third-country national (a person who is not an EEA national – i.e. from an EU Member State, Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein – or a Swiss Confederation national) planning to stay in Luxembourg for a period exceeding three months (90 days) must apply for a [residence permit](#) before entering the territory.

## RESIDENCE PERMIT

An application for a residence permit must be sent to the Immigration Directorate of the **Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs**. The permit may be requested as an employee, a self-employed person, a student, an intern, a researcher, a family member or for personal reasons.

For stays that do not exceed three months, third-country nationals are not entitled to carry out an activity as an employee or a self-employed person, unless expressly authorised to do so by the Minister. Third-country nationals who wish to set up a business in Luxembourg on a self-employed basis must fulfil various conditions.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

**Before entering the country**, the person concerned must:

- submit the application to the Immigration Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs;
- be in possession of a valid passport.

The person will then receive a temporary authorisation to stay. Afterwards, the applicant needs to apply for a long-term visa (type D).

**After entering the country**, the person concerned must:

- make a declaration of arrival in the municipality where he/she will be residing;
- undergo a medical check;
- submit proof of payment of the administration fee of €80.

After finalising these steps, the person will receive a letter allowing him or her to pick up the final residence permit.

Luxembourg is:

**3<sup>rd</sup> most attractive city to move to for work worldwide**

*Source: AIRINC, March 2019*

**3<sup>rd</sup> best place for expats to build their careers**

*Source: Expat Insider Working Abroad Index 2019*

**Most international country in the EU**

*Source: Eurostat, 2019*