

Fiji My Second Home Programme

General Requirements

1. **Eligibility:** The programme is open to citizens of all countries recognized by Fiji.

2. **Financial Criteria:**

Participants 50 years and over:

- Open a fixed deposit account of F\$200,000 in a local bank or credit institution.

Interest income can be withdrawn at any time.

After a period of 2 years, the participants can withdraw up to \$150,000 for approved expenses relating to house purchase, education for children in Fiji and medical purposes.

Must maintain a minimum balance of F\$100,000 from 3rd year onwards and throughout the entire stay in Fiji under the programme.

Participants 50 years and below:

- Open a fixed deposit account of F\$300,000 in a local bank or credit institution.

Interest income can be withdrawn at any time.

After a period of 2 years, the participants can withdraw up to F\$250,000 for approved expenses relating to house purchase, education for children in Fiji and medical purposes.

Must maintain a minimum balance of F\$100,000 from third year onwards and throughout the entire stay in Fiji under the programme.

3. **Taxes:** Interest income on deposits under the programme is tax free, however, participants in the “Fiji My Second Home Programme” must apply to the Fiji Islands Revenue & Customs Authority (FIRCA) for a Certificate of Exemption from income tax.

Participants are required to renew this Certificate annually.

Applications are to be made on the relevant form, “Application for Certificate of Exemption from Resident Interest Withholding Tax” which is available on FIRCA’s website: www.frca.org.fj. The application form should be submitted with a copy of the participant’s most recent statement of his bank account in Fiji.

4. **Visa:** Once the application has been approved by the Fiji Immigration Department, the applicant will be granted a permit to enter and reside in Fiji and covers all the applicant’s dependents. The permit is renewable every 3 years.

5. **Medical Insurance:** Participants and dependents (spouse and children) must possess valid medical insurance policies from any insurance company in Fiji.
6. **Medical Reports:** Participants and dependents (spouse and children) are required to submit medical reports from any private hospital/registered clinic either in Fiji or overseas.
7. **Education:** Participants are allowed to bring their dependents, 18 years and below, and not married. Dependents of school age are allowed to enroll in any local school.

8. **Incentives**

Home Purchase: Participants are allowed to purchase residential houses.

9. **Restrictions**

Employment: Participants under the programme are not allowed to work while staying in Fiji.

Sensitive Activities: Participants are prohibited from taking part in any activities that can be considered sensitive to the local people and activities that could be a threat to the local security of the country.

10. **Lodgment of Applications**

Immigration Department: Applications should be made on the form “Application for Permit to Reside” and submitted to the Immigration Department, with the required documentation.

The form and checklist of requirements are available on the Immigration Department’s website: www.immigration.gov.fj

Fees: A payment of \$650 is charged for the issuance of permit to enter and reside under the “Fiji My Second Home Programme” and is payable every 3 years, upon renewal of the permit.

Commercial Banks/Credit Institutions: Account opening must meet the requirements of commercial banks and credit institutions.

The conditional approval of the Fiji Immigration Department must also be provided to commercial banks and credit institutions upon opening the account.

Further Information and Enquiries

Further information and enquiries regarding the programme can be made to the Fiji Islands Trade and Investment Bureau as follows:

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