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PARAGUAY

Citizenship



Key points to know about Paraguay citizenship

Paraguay does not offer any citizenship by investment programs, and foreigners cannot obtain a passport for contributing to the country's economy, for example, by purchasing real estate.

Paraguay citizenship can only be obtained by naturalisation. To qualify, foreigners must live in Paraguay for four years: two years with a residence permit and two years with permanent residence. However, children cannot obtain citizenship before turning 18. They are only eligible for a resident permit or permanent residency.

The residence permit is issued to all wishing to live in Paraguay: one visits the country and applies for a residence permit. When the application is approved, a temporary resident card is issued for two years. Foreigners must visit Paraguay at least once a year to maintain their residency status.

Applying for a permanent residence permit is possible immediately after the expiration of the residence permit. Permanent residence is also issued for two years. To maintain the status, a foreigner must spend a total of at least one year in Paraguay during said two years.

Applicants for Paraguay citizenship confirm that they have lived in the country for one year with permanent residence and successfully passed a Spanish language exam for A1 level.

€7,200

Minimum cost of obtaining Paraguay citizenship after residency

1 year

Term to spend in Paraguay with permanent residence to qualify for citizenship



8 facts about Paraguay

Asunción

The capital and the largest city of Paraguay, the cultural, economic and political centre with a population of more than 500,000 people

406,752 km²

The total area of Paraguay. The country is located in central South America and borders Brazil, Argentina, and Bolivia

Unitary presidential republic

The official name of the country is the Republic of Paraguay

6.86 mln people

The population of Paraguay. The majority of it is considered mixed, or mestizo in Spanish, as descendants of the Guarani Indians and the Spaniards

Spanish and Guarani

Official languages of Paraguay. Most of the population speaks both languages

Paraguayan guaraní

The country's currency. Prices are indicated with ₲ and Gs symbols

\$6,193

Paraguay's GDP per capita in 2022. The country has advanced agriculture, farming, and fishing industries and exports electricity

€800 per month

One person needs to live in Paraguay, rent included. A family of four spends about €2,000

Who can obtain Paraguay citizenship?

Main applicant

Over 18 years old

No criminal records

With a stable legal income

No serious illnesses

Spouse and parents of the main applicant

Submit separate applications

Children

Financially dependent on the main applicant. Children under 18 can obtain residency with the main applicant but eligible to submit separate citizenship applications after turning 18

Benefits of Paraguay citizenship

1 **Safe haven**

Passport holders can move to Paraguay anytime, even if the borders are closed.

2 **Visa-free entry to 143 countries**

Paraguayan nationals can travel without visas to the Schengen states, the UK, and Canada.

3 **Tax optimisation**

The income tax rate is only 10% in Paraguay, one of the lowest in South America. The country has no taxes on foreign income, property, and capital gains.

4 **Bank accounts abroad**

Foreigners without residence or citizenship may find it challenging to open a bank account in Paraguay. Passport holders can do it easily. Transferring money to a Paraguayan bank account is possible after applying for permanent residence.

Individual cost calculation

Paraguay citizenship

The calculation includes all related costs and the cost of support services

€7,200+

Get the calculation by email

The image shows two overlapping documents, likely cost calculation sheets for Paraguay citizenship. The top document is titled 'Paraguay' and features a table with columns for 'Item', 'Description', 'Unit', 'Quantity', 'Price', and 'Total'. The table lists various costs associated with the citizenship process, including application fees, document fees, and support services. The total cost is listed as €7,200+.

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Price	Total
1	Application fee	per person	1	€1,200	€1,200
2	Document fee	per document	1	€500	€500
3	Support services	per person	1	€5,500	€5,500
Total					€7,200

Documents for Paraguay citizenship after residency

To obtain a temporary residence permit in Paraguay, a foreigner provides the following documents:

- a valid foreign and internal passport or any other identity document;
- a visa to Paraguay, if applicable;
- confirmation of entry;
- a marriage certificate, if applicable;
- a certificate of no criminal record from the country of origin or country of residence for the last three years – for all applicants over 14;
- a certificate issued by Interpol – for all applicants over 14;
- a certificate issued by the National Police of Paraguay – for applicants over 14.

To apply for permanent residence, foreigners collect the following:

- a valid passport;
- a valid Paraguayan ID;
- a temporary residence certificate;
- a marriage certificate, if applicable;
- a certificate confirming that the applicant has at least €5,000 in their bank account;
- a certificate issued by Interpol – for all applicants over 14;
- a certificate issued by the National Police of Paraguay – for applicants over 14;
- a certificate of no criminal record from the country of origin or country of residence for the last three years – for all applicants over 14.

Documents for Paraguay citizenship after residency

To get Paraguayan nationality, foreigners collect the same package of documents as for the application for permanent residence and also add:

- a valid Paraguayan ID card;
- confirmation of current permanent residence;
- a Spanish proficiency exam passed for level A1 or higher;
- paid state fees of €260.

Obtaining Paraguay citizenship: a step-by-step procedure

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Due Diligence

1 day

Immigrant Invest conducts a preliminary Due Diligence check of the main applicant. The check helps to identify the risk of denial and possible issues.

The verification is completely confidential. The applicant only provides a passport.

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Preparation of documents

2–4 weeks

Immigrant Invest lawyers provide a full list of documents for the applicant to collect. These usually include copies of valid passports, birth and marriage certificates, police clearance certificates, and proof of having money to live in Paraguay.

Once the documents are collected, lawyers translate, legalise, and apostille them.

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Applying for a residence permit

3–4 months

The application for a residence permit is submitted personally to the Department of Migration in Paraguay.

After three to four months, the applicant receives a notification by email that the application has been approved.

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Obtaining a Cedula card and submitting biometrics

Up to 6 months

After approval, the foreigner has six months to obtain a Cedula, a Paraguayan identity card.

There is no need to collect documents again since the set of documents that was prepared for the residence permit is used. Additional fees for issuing a card and submitting fingerprints apply.

A residence permit card is issued within 45 days.

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Applying for permanent residence

After 2 years

To get permanent residence, a foreigner needs to collect documents again and submit them to the Migration Department.

Permanent residence is issued within three to four months.

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Applying for Paraguay citizenship

After 2 years

A foreigner applies for citizenship after two years as a permanent resident. During this time, they need to spend at least a year in Paraguay.

The applicant also demonstrates knowledge of Spanish at level A1 or higher.

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