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Executive Decree No. 249 of June 10, 2019

PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCY FOR FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE OBTAINED RENEWAL OF THEIR PROVISIONAL RESIDENCE PERMITS OF 10 YEARS AND 6 YEARS ARE ESTABLISHED..



As of June 13th 2019, the date on which this Executive Decree became effective, the procedure and requirements for applying to the Permanent Residency for foreigners who have obtained their 10 or 6-year Provisional Residence Permits are established.

Comments:

- Foreigners with a Provisional Residence Permit of 10 year or 6 year may apply for the **Permanent Residence in Panama**, after this period of time. Previously, there was no Permanent Residence for this category.
- To apply for Permanent Residency, foreigners must provide the common requirements established in Executive Decree No. 167 of June 3, 2016, and the **Income Tax** good standing certification.
- **The costs** will depend on the **nationality** of each applicant. Children under twelve (12) years of age, adults over eighty-five (85) years, those suffering from terminal diseases (verifiable), persons with profound disabilities and for humanitarian reasons, are **exempted** from this payment. This was established by previous decrees.
- Foreigners interested in applying for this permanent residency can file it personally or through an attorney. This was established in the Executive Decree No. 169 of May 22, 2015.
- The amounts collected from the Immigration services of this permit will be allocated in an 80% to the Ministry of the Presidency for social assistance and 20% to the Special Fund for the Development of the Human Resource of the National Immigration Authorities. This was established by previous decrees.