

# WORK & RESIDENCY PERMITS

How do non-Lebanese workers apply for permission to work and reside in Lebanon? How long can they live and work in Lebanon? Who requires residency permit?

## WORK PERMITS

- » Any non-Lebanese person, who obtains a prior approval from the Ministry of Labor, is required to apply for a work permit at the Ministry within a maximum period of ten days as of the date of his/her entry to Lebanon.
- » The work permit may be granted and renewed for a maximum period of two years from the date of its issuance.
- » Renewal application shall be filed within at least one month prior to the expiry of its validity, failure of which the non-Lebanese worker shall be subject to measures and sanctions mentioned in the laws and regulations in force.

## RESIDENCY PERMITS

Investors and businessmen possessing temporary residence for six months and who have initiated investment projects in Lebanon may apply before the General Directorate of General Security for a yearly or permanent residence valid for a period of three years and renewable. in an establishment

### Required Documents

- » A passport valid for at least a period of one year (for the yearly residence) and valid for three years (for the permanent residence), or an Identity card with a return coupon if he is Syrian.
- » A statement from the relevant departments in his country proving his professional function.
- » A statement from the relevant Lebanese departments proving that he has initiated investment projects in Lebanon.
- » The residence application form personally filled and signed before the competent personnel in the regional department.
- » 3 new colored photos, size 4\*4 cm.

You will find all links to access permit application forms and lists of required documents at the official site of the General Directorate of General Security [www.general-security.gov.lb](http://www.general-security.gov.lb)