

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO RELOCATE, RETIRE, OR LIVE HERE FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS AT ONE TIME, IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU APPLY FOR YOUR RESIDENCY HERE. You never have to give up your country citizenship. Residency entitles foreigners to live, work, and open a business here. Residency takes about 6-8 months with a reputable attorney here and cost around \$1,200 per person. Temporary certificates are provided during the waiting period. New foreign Businesses also need to be registered and incorporated. This is an easy process that takes about 6 weeks, and cost around \$1,200.00 U.S.

Here's a list of legal docs to bring:

- 1) **Passports...** make several colored copies prior to your arrival. Once you live here your original passports stay in the safe unless you are opening an account somewhere.
- 2) **Letter of reference from a professional** (non-relative) who has known you for at least 5 years. They must have a degree. The letter must be on their letterhead with their contact information.
- 3) **To open a bank account,** you will need a letter from your personal banker stating how long you have had an account with their bank. **DO NOT CLOSE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT EVER!** You can still manage your country accounts online. You will need to add a Power of Attorney to your home country bank account. Usually this is a family member you trust, who you grant permission to sign checks, transfer money, pay bills in your home country, etc. on your behalf.
- 4) **Birth Certificates** (originals) 2 copies per person are recommended.
- 5) **If you are legally married; Marriage license** (original) 2 copies
- 6) **Police report** from your local city showing you do not have a criminal record. **NOTE:** all 3 of the documents (items 4, 5 & 6) must be originals that have the imprinted notary seal and an original signature of the local representative at the offices providing them. These documents will also need an Apostle Seal. This is an internationally recognized notary seal. It is a separate cover page along with a gold seal that must be attached to these documents. Apostle Seals in the U.S. are typically provided by specific Secretary of State offices in your hometown. *See my tips on my "Movers Guide" to save some headache on how to get these.*

Residency also requires a **blood test here.** To secure residency, you cannot have Aids, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis, or drugs in your blood. The cost is included in the Residency amount quoted above and is done at the immigration department in Santo Domingo (the capital). Your attorney will assist in this step.

7) **Health records** from your doctor (s)

Not mandatory, but helpful if you have a pre-existing medical condition your new doctor here will need to know history about.

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE "MOVERS GUIDE" (CLICK THE BLUE BUTTON) FOR THE STEP BY STEP DETAILS TO ASSIST YOUR RELOCATION HERE. http://www.reliablerealtydr.com/retire_relocate.html