Other innovative pathways:

Digital nomad visas and e-Residency



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Welcome to Estonia

- + Located in Northern Europe, Population 1.3 million
- + 'Digital Society' 99% public services online
- + E-Residency
- + Digital Nomad Visa





e-Estonia at a glance



98% of the population has an ID-card



99% of state services are online



95% of tax declarations filed online



98% of companies established online



99% of banking done online



2% of GDP saved with digital signatures



E-Residency

- Secure, government-issued, digital identity for personal, online authentication.
- + Remote entrepreneurs gain digital access to Estonia's e-services:
 - + Establish and run a company online
 - + Declare taxes & access banking/payments
 - + Low-cost, minimal bureaucracy alternative
- + No right of citizenship, residence or travel to Estonia or EU.
- + Apply online at e-resident.gov.ee. Process takes 6-8 weeks.
- + Receive your e-Residency kit at pickup points around world after verifying identity.

Digital Nomad Visa

- + Right for remote workers to temporarily stay in Estonia for up to 1 year.
- + For digital nomads who can work online & independent of location:
 - + For an employer registered abroad
 - + For their company registered abroad, or
 - + As a freelancer for clients mostly abroad
- + No right of citizenship or permanent residence in Estonia or EU.
- + Apply at your nearest Estonian Embassy. Process takes at least 15 days.
- Pick up visa at nearest Estonian Embassy.
 Standard visa rules & procedures apply.

What is the digital nomad visa?

A special category of temporary stay in Estonia, which gives a legal basis to foreigners to live and telework here remotely for up to one year

Why a digital nomad visa?

"Increasing international mobility of individuals driven by personal desires for a change in lifestyle, freedom of choice and self-fulfilment... a worldwide trend since the 1980s"

Hannonen Olga, In search of a digital nomad: defining the phenomenon, Springer, 2020)

"COVID-19 is creating enormous societal disruptions but also new opportunities to experiment, both for business and for governments"

(2020 Citi GPS Technology at Work Report 'A New World of Remote Work)

What is e-Residency?



E-Residency is....

- + Digital identity for non-residents
- + Access to Estonian e-services
- + Means of identification online
- + Secure digital signature
- + A global community of e-residents

- E-Residency is not....
- + Travel document
- + Citizenship
- + Visa
- + Residence permit
- + Tax residency

Why become an e-resident?

- + Register an EU based company online and manage it remotely
- + Securely access a wide range of Estonian public and private e-services
- + Digitally sign contracts and other documents, encrypt and send them securely
- + Take advantage of an entrepreneurial and startup-minded ecosystem





Digital nomad visas issued in 2021

by embassy

embassy



E-residents by citizenship





