

## Premium Residency Permit Law

### Article 1

In this Law, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned thereto:

- **Law:** Premium Residency Permit Law.
- **Regulations:** Implementing Regulations of this Law.
- **Non-Saudi:** A natural person who does not hold Saudi citizenship.
- **Premium Residency Permit Holder:** A non-Saudi who obtains a premium residency permit under this Law.
- **Family:** Dependents of a premium residency permit holder (spouses, children, and parents) as specified in the Regulations.
- **Center:** Premium Residency Center.
- **Board:** Board of Directors of the Center.

### Article 2

1. The holder of a premium residency permit shall enjoy the following rights and privileges and shall comply with the obligations associated therewith:
  - a) Residence in the Kingdom with his/her family.
  - b) Issuance of visit visas for relatives in accordance with the Regulations.
  - c) Recruitment of domestic workers according to his/her needs.
  - d) Ownership of real estate for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes in areas other than the cities of Mecca and Medina and border areas, in accordance with the Regulations.
  - e) Usufruct of real estate located in the cities of Mecca and Medina for a period not exceeding 99 years. The Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Investment shall set the procedures necessary for the usufructuary to obtain a usufruct deed from a notary public. Such right shall be transferable to others in accordance with controls to be set by the Board.
  - f) Ownership of private means of transportation and any other movables permitted by law in the Kingdom.
  - g) Employment of the permit holder and any of his/her family members in private sector establishments and the ability to change jobs within such sector, excluding the professions and jobs limited to Saudi nationals. This privilege shall not prejudice the fees applicable to non-Saudis.
  - h) Exit of the permit holder or one or all of his/her family members from the Kingdom and entry thereto without a visa.

- i) Use of the lanes designated for Saudi nationals at the Kingdom's exit and entry points.
- j) Engagement in commercial activities in accordance with the Foreign Investment Law.
2. The Regulations shall specify other rights, privileges, and obligations as well as the provisions relating to this Article, in a manner not inconsistent with the laws applicable in the Kingdom.

### **Article 3**

1. The premium residency permit shall be of two types:
  - a) Permanent.
  - b) Fixed-term.
2. The types of premium residency permits referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall have products, to be proposed by the Board, along with their fees. Such products shall be approved pursuant to a decision by the Council of Economic and Development Affairs.

The Regulations shall specify the procedures and controls relating to the provisions of this Article.

### **Article 4**

1. An applicant for a premium residency permit shall meet the following requirements:
  - a) Submit a valid passport.
  - b) Repealed.
  - c) Provide proof of financial solvency.
  - d) Provide proof of a clear criminal record.
  - e) Provide a medical report proving that he is free from communicable diseases. The date of such report shall not exceed six months from the date of the application.
  - f) Reside legally in the Kingdom if the application is filed from inside the Kingdom.
2. The Board may, when necessary, add special conditions as required.
3. The Regulations shall specify the procedures and controls relating to the provisions of this Article.

### **Article 5**

Upon satisfaction of the requirements referred to in Article 4 of this Law, the Center shall review the application and decide thereon, subject to public interest. The premium residency permit shall be issued pursuant to a decision by the CEO of the Center, in accordance with this Law and the Regulations.

### **Article 6**

1. The applicant, within 30 days from the date of being notified of the approval decision referred to in Article 5 of this Law, is required to:
  - a) pay the fees approved by the Council of Economic and Development Affairs; and

- b) provide a medical insurance policy in accordance with the Cooperative Health Insurance Law and its Implementing Regulations.
- 2. An application submitted in accordance with Article 4 of this Law shall be deemed canceled if the requirements referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article are not satisfied within the specified period.
- 3. The Regulations shall specify the date on which the validity period of a premium residency permit commences and the procedures necessary for its issuance.

## **Article 7**

The holder of a premium residency permit shall comply with this Law and the Regulations as well as other laws and instructions applicable in the Kingdom, without prejudice to the provisions of this Law.

## **Article 8**

Repealed.

## **Article 9**

- 1. The premium residency permit shall be canceled in the following cases:
  - a) The permit holder is convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term not less than 60 days or a fine not less than one hundred thousand riyals or its equivalent.
  - b) The issuance of a decision or a judicial judgment ordering the deportation of the permit holder from the Kingdom.
  - c) The application for the permit is proven to have included false information.
  - d) Non-compliance of the permit holder with the obligations provided for in Article 7 of this Law.
  - e) Relinquishment of the permit by its holder.
  - f) Death or loss of competence of the permit holder.
- 2. The provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article shall not prejudice the right of the Board to terminate the premium residency permit if public interest so warrants.

## **Article 10**

- 1. Repealed.
- 2. The Regulations shall specify other rights and privileges to be enjoyed by the family of the premium residency permit holder, within the limits of Article 2 of this Law.
- 3. Except for the rights and privileges granted to the premium residency permit holder and his/her family under this Law and the Regulations, the permit holder and his/her family shall be subject to the laws, regulations, and instructions applicable to non-Saudi residents.

## **Article 11**

1. The cancellation or termination of a premium residency permit shall not entail transfer of the rights and privileges enjoyed by the holder, pursuant to Article 2 of this Law, to his/her family members. However, if a family member satisfies the conditions provided for in this Law and the Regulations, he may apply for a premium residency permit.
2. Repealed.
3. If the premium residency permit is canceled pursuant to Article 9(1)(f) of this Law, the family members of the permit holder shall continue to enjoy the rights and privileges of the permit as provided for in Article 10(2) of this Law until the end of its validity period.

## **Article 12**

If the premium residency permit of the holder or any of his/her family members is canceled or terminated, the Center shall, in coordination with the relevant agencies, consider and address any resulting effects, in accordance with the provisions of this Law and the Regulations.

## **Article 13**

1. The Center shall, in coordination with the relevant agencies, draft the Regulations, which shall be issued pursuant to a decision by the Board.
2. The Center shall issue the decisions and instructions necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

## **Article 14**

This Law shall enter into force on the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.