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## RETIREMENT ISSUE PROGRAMIN

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Any foreign citizen who receives a permanent retirement or life pension from a government, international organization, or private company can apply to the Retirement Visa program provided such monthly income or pension is not less than **ONE THOUSAND AMERICAN DOLLARS** (US\$1,000). However, if real estate for a minimum value of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND US DOLLARS (US\$100,000) is purchased, the acceptable income or pension would be SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (US\$750) permonth.

This permanent resident visa program, unlike other types of visas, grants the following benefits:

**50%** 

on entertainment activities such as cinemas, theaters, sports, and shows including artist presentations, museum tickets, plays, and the like

25to 30%off

on bus, boat, ship, or airplane fares

**50%** 

on hotel, motel, and hostel rates from Monday through Thursday **30%** 

on hotel, motel, and hostel rates on weekends **25**%

at restaurants for an individual meal

**15%** 

in fast food restaurants

**15**%

on hospital services and private clinics

**20%** 

on medicines at pharmacies

**20%** 

on outpatient medical and surgical services

**15%** 

on dental and optometric services



**DISCOUNT** 

on health and hospitalization insurance premiums

on technical and professional services

on all prostheses, as well as on all devices and auxiliary accessories

on the closing fees or commissions on personal and commercial loans

**EXEMPT** 

15

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from payment of the Special Fund for Compensation of Interests (FECI) fee on personal and commercial bank loan

**15%** 

discount on personal and commercial loans on the maximum interest rate that the law allows financial institutions to charge, such as banks, cooperatives, and credit unions

**1%** 

reduction on the interest rate on a personal home mortgage loan

**FREEZING** 

of the property tax **EXEMPTION** 

from the payment of the property appraisal fee

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**25%** 

electric bill up to 600 kWh

on the airport tax or fee

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25% OFF

on the telephone bill

25% OFF

on the water bill

on the registration fees at the Public Registry of the boards of directors, certifications, and incorporation of new legal entities, of non-profit organizations of retirees, pensioners, and senior citizens

100% 20% PF

on the purchase of coffins and urns

**IMPORT** TAX EXEMPTION

on a new car every two (2) years

**ONE TIME EXEMPTION** 

on import taxes for household articles up to TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (US\$10,000)