

Comparative chart with the most common questions about the residency status

	Permanent	Pensionado	Rentista	Inversionista
Specific Requirement	Be married with a Costa Rican or have a Costa Rican Child	Receive a monthly pension for life time over \$600 per month	Prove an income over \$1000 per month for 5 years or deposit \$60.000 in a Costa Rican bank (1).	The company must invest at least \$200.000, and hire a minimum of 3 Costa Rican employees
Can I work?	Yes	No	No	Yes (only in your company)
Can I claim my family under my residency status as dependants (2)	No	Yes	Yes	It is possible, but it's very difficult.
Can I have a company?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Do I have to Renew it?	Yes (every year)	Yes (every year)	Yes (every year)	Yes (every year)
Do I have to exchange dollars into colones?	No	Yes (\$600 per month)	Yes (a minimum of \$1000 per month, depends in the number of dependants that you have)	No
Government Fees (3)	\$358	\$358	\$358	\$358
How long do I have to leave here per year?	3 days	122 days	122 days	6 months
Do I have to authenticate my documents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Do I have to leave the country while I'm in process	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
How long do I have to wait to change to permanent residency	-	3 years	3 years	3 years
How long do I have to wait to get citizenship (4)	2 years if your are married with a costar Rican. If you aren't it will be 7 years	7 years	7 years	7 years

- (1) Further income is required for family, \$1000 extra for the spouse, and \$500 per child. For example a family of 3, must prove an income of \$2500. The income verification, must come from a bank listed in the Polk's book
- (2) Children from 18-25 years old must be in the university
- (3) \$300 for a deposit of guarantee for deportation if necessary. \$58 for the residency card
- (4) You must complete 2555 days inside of the country. It can take you from 7 years up two x years, depending the amount of days that you spend in CR per year.