



Important information for young foreigners

Permanent Danish residence permit.

DANISH IMMIGRATION SERVICE



Permanent residence permits

If you are under 18 and planning to apply for a permanent Danish residence permit – or if you have recently turned 18 – the decisions you make after completing primary school will influence the requirements you need to meet in order to obtain permanent residence.

Requirements

In order to qualify for a permanent residence permit, you must normally obtain at least **100 points**, awarded by meeting certain requirements.

You will receive **70 points** if you:

- have been a legal resident for at least four years
- have not committed any serious crimes
- do not have any overdue public debts
- have not received public assistance in the past three years
- have signed the declaration of integration and active citizenship
- have passed Prøve i Dansk 2 or its equivalent
- **have worked in Denmark for at least 30 of the past 36 months**

You will receive **15 points** if you have passed the Active Citizenship Exam, or have shown yourself to be an **active citizen** in Denmark for at least 12 months. This can be done by role model work or involvement in other organized leisure activities for children and young.

You will receive the final **15 points** if you:

- **have worked in Denmark for at least 48 of the past 52 months, or**
- **have completed one of the following types of educational programmes at a Danish school: a higher educational programme, professional bachelor's degree, business academy or vocational upper secondary, or**
- **have passed Prøve i Dansk 3 or its equivalent**

Special rules for young people

If you apply for a permanent residence permit after you turn 18, but before you turn 19, and if you have been enrolled in school or education or have worked continuously since completing primary school, you are exempt from the requirement that you must have worked for at least 30 months. You are also exempt from the supplementary requirements for earning the final 15 points **(marked in red)**. In other words, you do **not** need to meet these requirements.

Please note that taking time off from your studies or having extended periods of unemployment between jobs after completing primary school will make it more difficult for you to obtain a permanent residence permit. In these cases, you must meet **all** the requirements.

More information and forms

You can find more information about the rules for obtaining a permanent residence online at newtodenmark.dk. You can also download application forms (TU1 + the extension form relevant to your situation) from the website and find information such as application processing times.

If you have questions, feel free to contact the Immigration Service's Passport and Extension Division on +45 35 30 86 10, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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