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Abstract

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In accordance with Art. 1 of this decision, and entry visa and residence permit may be issued to a retired foreigner based on personal sponsorship if s/he has worked in the private or governmental sector of the Kingdom or any other GCC country for 15 or more years. The conditions that must be met by the retired foreigner are set out in the same article.

Art. 2 allows for the issuance of an entry visa and residence permit to the following categories of foreigners based on personal sponsorship:

1. A foreigner who owns a residence in the Kingdom that is registered in his name and is worth no less than 50,000 BHD.

2. A foreigner who is an investing partner in one of the financial, commercial, industrial, tourism, medical, educational or vocational companies which operate in the country. The foreigner's share must be no less than 100,000 BHD and this must be clearly stated in the company's contract and its commercial record.

Foreigners from these two categories must also meet a number of conditions that are listed in this article.

The residence permit granted under this decision shall be valid for two years and may be renewed for a similar period of time. The cost of the residence permit is 200 BHD.

Request for renewal must be submitted four weeks prior to the expiry of the residence permit (Art. 4).

A residence permit may be granted to the wife and minor children of a foreigner whose been granted residence in accordance with this decision (Art. 5).

Art. 8 lists the cases in which the residence permit of a self-sponsoring foreigner may be revoked.