



FOREIGN INVESTMENT APPLICATION FORM

New Application

1. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT

a) Type of Request

- ☐ Re-registration (100% foreign shareholding entity)
- ☐ Incorporation
- ☐ Joint venture with local party(s)

b) Proposed legal form of the entity

- ☐ Company
- ☐ Partnership

2. PROPOSED SHARE STRUCTURE

Shareholder (individual or entity)	Shareholding percentage

Does any of the proposed (individual) foreign shareholder(s) hold an active work permit

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please elaborate on the following details

Employer:

Designation:

Work Permit Issued Date:

Note: If the proposed foreign shareholder has an existing work permit, please be advised that the Ministry requires commitment to transfer the work permit to the new entity once it is registered. To facilitate this, please submit the following documents along with this form:

1. **A letter from the current employer confirming their commitment and no objection to transferring the work permit to the proposed new entity.**
2. **A letter from the shareholders of the proposed new entity confirming their commitment to completing the work permit transfer.**

3. INVESTMENT DETAILS

a) Proposed Business Activity

Please provide a brief overview of the proposed business activity:

Note: this includes scope of the business with services involved or products if applicable, target customers and revenue model

Sector of the Business:

Suitable class code under the FDI Policy:

Proposed location for the Business: (Please specify atoll and island)

b) Proposed Investment

Investment Value (USD) for the first 5-year period:

Please provide a breakdown of key components of the investment

Note: These are project values of the proposed entity over the course of the first 5 years, such as net assets (i.e. land, building, equipment, working capital). If the table below is not sufficient, please submit a breakdown in Annexure to this form.

Details	Value (in USD)

c) Source of Funds

Please indicate funding amounts under each category, as applicable.

Loan:

Equity:

Other:

*Please submit supporting documents to reflect the financial capability of proposed shareholders or the ability to raise such finances

d) Estimated operational date of the investment

Date:

This refers to the expected date that the investor will commence operations of the proposed business activity. The investor will be required to commence work for the proposed business activity within 6 months of signing the Foreign Investment Agreement and the Foreign Investment License.

4. CONTACT PERSON

All communications by the Ministry with respect to this application shall be received and/or directed to the contact person identified below. The Ministry will have all its communications relating to the application with the noted party. If there are any changes to the contact person, the applicant is required to inform the Ministry in writing or via email.

A power of attorney from the proposed shareholders shall be submitted with respect to the contact person if the proposed contact person is not a shareholder of the proposed entity.

Full Name:

Designation

Company Name:

Email:

Contact No.:

Residential Address:

5. DECLARATION - SHAREHOLDING ENTITY

Statement of no prior or pending convictions of the shareholding entity

(Please fill in a separate declaration for each shareholding entity)

On behalf of the entity and its legal representatives or directors, I hereby declare that:

- I. the establishment is not in a state of bankruptcy or mandatory liquidation and that no proceeding is underway against them in any country, including home country.
- II. no final judgment has been issued, or any criminal conviction that has become irrevocable, or any decision imposing a sentence upon request made under Criminal Procedure of the home country, for crimes involving professional ethics and conduct.
- III. have not been involved in conduct constituting an offence of trafficking in persons under Law no. 12/2013 (Anti Trafficking Act).
- IV. have not been a member of a group or organization who has been or is involved in corruption, criminal conduct, money laundering under Law no. 10/2014 (Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism Act) or any activities referred to above.
- V. have not been restricted to enter the Maldives under the immigration law or any other relevant law
- VI. confirm that the terms and conditions as noted in Section 9 are understood.
- VII. confirm that the information provided is correct. It is acknowledged that providing incomplete or incorrect information may impair the required personal credibility and thereby affect the decision of the submission made to the Ministry. By signing this statement, a solemn declaration is made, conscientiously believing the statements contained herein to be true in every particular as of the date of application.

Full Name:

ID Card No. or Passport No.:

Entity Name:

Designation:

Signature

Entity Seal:

Date:

6. DECLARATION - SHAREHOLDING INDIVIDUAL

Statement of no prior or pending convictions of the shareholding individual

(Please fill in a separate declaration for each individual shareholder)

I, hereby, solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- I. I have never been convicted of a crime or any offence in any country.
- II. I have not been charged with any offence that is incomplete or awaiting legal action, nor am I aware of any investigation into my affairs that has the potential to lead to such charges.
- III. I have not been found by a court to not be fit to plead, in relation to an offence, where the court has nonetheless found on the evidence available that I committed the offence; nor have I been acquitted of an offence on the grounds of unsoundness of mind or insanity.
- IV. I have not been found guilty of, nor had a charge proven against me for a sexually based offence involving a child and have not been involved in conduct constituting an offence of trafficking in persons under Law no. 12/2013 (Anti Trafficking Act).
- V. I have not been involved in conduct constituting, nor have I been charged with, or indicted for, the crime of genocide, a crime against humanity, a war crime, a crime involving torture or slavery or a crime that is otherwise of serious international concern.
- VI. I am not, nor have I been, a member of a group or organisation who has been or is involved in corruption, criminal conduct, money laundering under Law no. 10/2014 (Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism Act) or any activities referred to above.
- VII. I do not have, nor have I had, an association with a group, organisation or person who has been or is involved in criminal conduct or any activities referred to above.
- VIII. have not been restricted to enter the Maldives under the immigration law or any other relevant law
- IX. I confirm that we have read and understood the terms and conditions as noted in Section 9
- X. I confirm that the information I have provided above is correct. I am aware that providing incomplete or incorrect information may impair the required personal credibility and therefore affect the decision of the submission made to the Ministry. By signing this statement, I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular at the date of application.

Full Name:

ID Card No. or Passport No.:

Date:

Signature:

7. CHECKLIST FOR DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that the following list of documents are submitted along with this form.

#	Documents Required	✓
1	Duly completed application form	
If the proposed shareholder is a foreign entity:		
2	Constitutional documents Certificate of incorporation, Articles of Association and Memorandum of association. All constitutional documents should be notarized by an official notary from the domicile country. The Constitutional documents may vary depending on the foreign jurisdiction. As such, in the absence of any of the aforementioned documents, note that the Ministry will take into consideration the respective jurisdiction's requirements.	
3	Proof of Financial Capacity As per Clause 15 of the Foreign Investment Act (Law No. 11/2024), supporting documents to reflect the financial capacity of the proposed shareholders or ability of the foreign shareholder to secure funding as required for the proposed investment. (Please refer to Annex I for the details of the documents acceptable)	
4	Board Resolution Recognizing reason for establishment (to undertake the awarded project), details of authorized signatory on behalf of the entity and service address in Maldives.	
5	Letter of acceptance of the authorized signatory	
6	ID cards copy or passport copy of the authorized signatory	
If the proposed shareholder is a foreign individual:		
1	Valid passport copy	
2	Proof of Financial Capacity As per Clause 15 of the Foreign Investment Act (Law No. 11/2024), supporting documents to reflect the financial capacity of the proposed shareholders or ability of the foreign shareholder to secure funding as required for the proposed investment. (Please refer to Annex I for the details of the documents acceptable)	
3	CV or individual profile	

If the proposed shareholder is a local entity:

1	Board Resolution Recognizing joint venture with proposed foreign partner to carry out the proposed undertaking reflected in the application.	
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If the proposed shareholder is a local individual:

1	ID card copy	
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The above documents are required for the purposes of review towards granting investment approval as stipulated under the Foreign Investment Act. Upon approval, the applicant will be required to submit necessary documents for entity incorporation.

8. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Privacy notice and disclosure to other agencies

The information provided will be used for:

- Assessing your application; and
- Other purposes relating to the administration of the Maldives Foreign Investment Act (Law no. 11/2024) and related regulations issued under the Act. If all the information requirements are not submitted, we will be unable to process your application.

Disclosure to other agencies

The Government may share your application with government departments and agencies for necessary review under the Maldives Foreign Investment Act towards granting an investment approval.

The Government respects any 'commercial-in-confidence' information it receives and ensures that appropriate security is provided.

The information you provide may also be disclosed to agencies or representatives of foreign governments if it is considered necessary for the assessment of your application.

Conditions

By submitting this application, you agree to the following conditions:

- As a result of receiving approval for this application you are required to enter to a Foreign Investment Agreement with the Government of Maldives.
- All complete applications shall be processed within 14 working days. The Ministry shall not take more than 30 days in reviewing and making a decision on fully complete applications that are submitted.
- The Ministry reserves all the rights to reject incomplete applications without further notice.
- The Ministry will only accept queries put forward by the contact person indicated in this application.
- Applicants who do not enter into a Foreign Investment Agreement within the specified period may be required to lodge a new application if a 30-day period has been elapsed from the issuance date of approval letter.

Notarization of Documents

All documents must be translated to English and notarized by an official notary from the domicile country if the original document is in any other language than English.

Foreign Investment Administrative Fee

All applicants are required to pay an administrative fee of USD 5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand) to Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) prior to signing the Foreign Investment Agreement or Addendum to the Foreign Investment Agreement.

Supporting Documents

You must ensure that information in all the documents is clear and legible. Failure to do so may cause delays in processing your application.

Cancellations

Cancellation of an application must be requested through official channels (via email by the contact person or in writing signed by the contact person).

Email: fiu@trade.gov.mv

Contact: +960 3333 181, +960 3333 182

Address: 11th Floor, Velaanaage, Male', Republic of Maldives

Business Portal: <https://business.egov.mv/>

Invest Maldives: <https://investmaldives.gov.mv/>

ANNEX I

Below are the list of documents that may be acceptable to demonstrate financial capacity as noted under Clause 15 of the Foreign Investment Act. Investors may submit alternative documents not listed here. To confirm if such document is acceptable for the application, please contact fiu@trade.gov.mv for clarification before submission.

#	Proving Demonstrated Financial Capacity	Proving Ability to Mobilize Capital for the Investment
1	Bank Statements (last 6–12 months) To establish availability of funds.	Letters of Intent (LOI) from Lenders or Investors Formal documents from banks, financial institutions, or financially capable partners indicating willingness to fund the investment.
2	Audited Financial Statements (last 3–5 years) To demonstrate financial health, profitability, and net worth.	Term Sheets / Indicative Offer Letters Documents from prospective banks/lenders with key funding terms and conditions.
3	Net Worth Statement A personal or corporate statement detailing assets, liabilities, and overall net worth.	Commitment Letters Formal, binding commitments from financial institutions and/or investment funds to provide funding.
4	Proof of Liquid Assets Evidence of readily accessible cash, such as deposits, treasury bills, or other short-term investments.	Loan Approval Letters / Pre-Approved Loan Facilities Evidence of access to ready credit facilities or pre-approved loans.
5	Tax Returns (last 3–5 years) To demonstrate stable income and financial stability.	Equity Subscription Agreements Agreements with equity investors, venture capital firms, or private equity funds.
6	Proof of Equity Contribution Demonstration of the investor's own capital already committed to the project.	Capital-Raising Track Record Evidence of successful fundraising for previous investments or ventures.
7	-	Proof of Relationships with Investment Banks, Lenders, or Institutional Investors Documentation of existing partnerships or relationships noting interest to fund the proposed investment
8	-	Crowdfunding or Public Offering Documentation If funds will be raised via public offerings or crowdfunding, proof of campaign preparation or past success.