

Residential statuses

A residential status determines where you can work and live. There are four categories.

Your residential status will be printed on your registration card.

1. Entitled
2. Licensed
3. Entitled for Work
4. Registered

Residential status	Definition	Housing	Work
Entitled	Someone who has lived in Jersey for 10 years (more details below)	Can buy, sell or lease any property	Can work anywhere and doesn't need permission to be employed
Licensed	Someone who is an 'essential employee'	Can buy, sell or lease any property, apart from first time buyer restricted or social rented housing, in their own name if they keep their 'licensed' status	Employer needs permission to employ a 'licensed' person
Entitled for work	Someone who has lived in Jersey for five consecutive years immediately before the date the card is issued, or is married to someone who is 'entitled', 'licensed', or 'entitled for work'	Can buy property jointly with an 'entitled' spouse / civil partner. Can lease 'registered' (previously 'unqualified') property as a main place of residence.	Can work anywhere and doesn't need permission to be employed
Registered	Someone who does not qualify under the other categories	Can lease 'registered' property as a main place of residence	Employer needs permission to employ a

'registered'
person

Qualifying for or losing your 'entitled' status

An 'entitled' status can be gained and lost in different ways.

I was born in Jersey

I wasn't born in Jersey

You'll gain permanent status if you've lived in Jersey continuously for 30 years up to the date that you make an application for a registration card

**I wasn't born in Jersey, but
moved here before I was 20
and have an 'entitled'
parent**

**I wasn't born in Jersey but
moved here before I was 16**

	Gaining 'entitled' status	Losing 'entitled' status
I was born in Jersey	You must live in Jersey for a combined period of 10 years	Once you gain your status, it's permanent
I wasn't born in Jersey	You must live in Jersey for a	You'll keep your status as long as the total amount of time

continuous period of 10 years you spend living away from Jersey doesn't exceed five years

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<p>I wasn't born in Jersey, but moved here before I was 20 and have an 'entitled' parent</p>	<p>You must live in Jersey for a combined period of 10 years before you're 40</p>	<p>Once you gain your status, it's permanent</p>
<p>I wasn't born in Jersey but moved here before I was 16</p>	<p>You must live in Jersey for a continuous period of 10 years</p>	<p>Once you gain your status, it's permanent</p>

Qualifying for 'entitled' status on social, economic or hardship grounds

Some people may qualify for 'entitled' status on social, economic or hardship grounds.

These are exceptional cases which are decided by the Chief Minister.

You can find out more about residential and employment status in the PDF below.

 [Download residential and employment status policy guidance \(size 424kb\)](#)

 [Download appeals process for registration cards \(size 101kb\)](#)

Housing categories

'Qualified' properties include those classed as 'A-H', 'A-J' and 'A-K' before July 2013. In general, all other property is 'registered', which was previously 'unqualified'.

Any planning restrictions that may have been placed on a property before July 2014, eg restrictions on ownership and occupation by 'entitled' first-time buyers, still apply.

<https://www.gov.je/Working/Contributions/RegistrationCards/Pages/ResidentialStatus.aspx>