

OBTAINING IMMIGRATION PERMIT IN CYPRUS

According to the Regulation 5 of the Aliens and Immigration Regulations, a person can apply to obtain an Immigration Permit on the basis of one of the following categories:

Category A: Persons who intend to work as self employed in agriculture, cattle breeding, bird breeding or fish culture in the Republic, provided that they have in their possession adequate land or a permit to acquire same, they have fully and freely at their disposal capital of approximately €430,000 and such an employment should not negatively affect the general economy of the Republic.

Category B: Persons who intend to work as self employed in mining enterprises in the Republic, provided that they have in their possession a relative permit, they have fully and freely at their disposal capital of approximately €350,000 and such an employment should not negatively affect the general economy of the Republic.

Category C: Persons who intend to work as self employed in a trade or profession in the Republic, provided that they have in their possession a relative permit, they have fully and freely at their disposal capital of approximately €260,000 and such an employment should not affect negatively the general economy of the Republic.

Category D: Persons who intend to work as self employed in a profession or science in the Republic, provided that they have academic or professional qualifications, for which there is demand in Cyprus. Possession of adequate funds is also necessary.

Category E: Persons who have been offered permanent employment in the Republic, which will not create undue local competition.

Category F: Persons who possess and have fully and freely at their disposal a secured annual income, high enough to give them a decent living in Cyprus, without having to engage in any business, trade or profession. The annual income required should be at least €9568,17 for a single applicant and moreover at least €4613,22 for every dependent person, but the Immigration Control Board may demand additional amounts as necessary. Most applicants come under this Category, the majority of them being pensioners or retired persons.

Procedure:

- ✓ Applications are submitted to the Civil Registry & Migration Department in Nicosia in the presence of the applicant;
- ✓ The application fees are EUR 500;

- ✓ Applications are reviewed by the Immigration Control Authorities of the Republic of Cyprus and examine the applications and submit a relevant suggestion to the Minister of the Interior for a decision to be taken;

Documents required to be submitted:

- ✓ Copy of valid passport;
- ✓ Copy of valid temporary residence permit (if the applicant resides in Cyprus);
- ✓ Contract of employment (for Category E);
- ✓ C.V (including academic qualifications);
- ✓ Income tax returns for all years (original or true copy), if applicable;
- ✓ Statement of Social Insurance Contributions for the previous year (original or true copy), if applicable;
- ✓ Bank Accounts Statements (original);
- ✓ Income declaration from sources other than employment (original documents and affidavit);
- ✓ Title of ownership or rental agreement (original or true copy). If the title of ownership has not been obtained yet, the applicant must submit the deed of sale and proof of payment;
- ✓ Health Insurance Policy;
- ✓ Clean Criminal Record Certificate (if the applicant resides abroad, official translation duly validated from his country);
- ✓ Marriage Certificate (official translation duly validated);
- ✓ Children's Birth Certificates (official translation duly validated).