

Obtaining Permanent Residence (Immigration Permit) in Cyprus

Permanent Residence

Non-EU nationals wishing to reside permanently in Cyprus with no need to work can do so by applying for an Immigration Permit on the basis of one of the below mentioned manners. This Permit is granted for an indefinite duration to non-EU nationals who comply with the requirements of applying under each case.

Why apply for it.

- Immigration Permits, gives a Non-EU national, the right to permanently reside in Cyprus.
- The family of an applicant can also obtain it (married spouse, children under 18 years old and financially dependent children up to 25 years old)
- A gate to Europe as Cyprus is a Full member in the EU.
- Cyprus permanent resident holders have a right to much lower tuition costs in European countries because they are considered Permanent Residents of a European country.
- Exempts you from immigration entry procedures (ie Visitor's Visa)
- Permanent residence Category F is not renewable every year but it is for ever.
- Applicant should visit Cyprus only once every two years if not residing in the country.
- Low cost **but** High quality of life including, Natural beauty, Warm climate, Sea views Modern medical facilities, Shopping, Sports, Cultural events and many private English schools and universities.
- Applicant can qualify for citizenship after 7 years of residency.
- An investment in the best touristic Mediterranean island.
- No inheritance tax
- Freehold Property
- Very low property taxes

- Category F Cyprus permanent residence permit without right to work

Category F is suitable for applicants 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. and avoid the time consuming procedures of having to renew a temporary residence permit on a yearly basis.

Category F immigration permit offers permanent staying in Cyprus without need to obtain any visas, residence permit renewals or re-entry permits.

Category F immigration permit can be granted to a person who can secure an annual income of an adequate amount from abroad (not earned in Cyprus).

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.

Documents required:

1. Copy of valid passport
2. Copy of valid temporary residence permit (if the applicant resides in Cyprus)
3. C.V (including academic qualifications)
4. Bank Accounts Statements in Cyprus and abroad (original)
5. Income declaration from sources other than employment (original documents and affidavit)
6. 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.
7. Health Insurance Policy (if the applicant resides in Cyprus)
8. Criminal Record Certificate (if the applicant resides abroad, official translation duly validated from his country)

Time scale: Usually it takes up to a year for a decision to be made, counting immediately after all documents are submitted.

- Category F6(2) Preferable Treatment (most popular)

This type can be granted to people who satisfy the criteria of Category F and additionally purchase a house at the price of €300.000 or more.

Category F 6 (2)– Preferable Treatment gives an option of expedited review of the application and facilitates the process.

Documents required

In addition to documentation required for obtaining Category F immigration permit, applicant shall submit:

1. The title of the house/residence (the price of which is equal to €300,000 or more) or,
2. The purchased contract together with evidence that it has been paid in full

Important information:

- Please be advised that the Ministry reserves the right to request additional documents at its discretion.
- People who are abroad and their immigration permit is approved, are obliged to come in Cyprus for permanent residence within a year from the date that their immigration permit is approved.
- People who stay outside Cyprus for at least two years are losing the right of their permanent residence in Cyprus.

Time scale: Usually it takes up to a 2-3 months for a decision to be made, counting immediately after all documents are submitted.

Our services

- Consult on the requirements of the application process.
- Advise on questions / issues that need to be clarified.
- Assist in drafting relevant required documents.
- Continuous review of the application documentation to ensure required quality standards.
- Submit the complete application to the authorities on client's behalf.
- Monitor the status of the review by the authorities and debrief the client.
- Act as a liaison with authorities during the examination of the application.

What to expect from us

- Continuous and close collaboration and support.
- Expertise –in-depth knowledge of the relevant legislation and procedures.
- Peace of mind – Our team will help you address all issues.
- We provide a tailored service ensuring all regulatory requirements are met.
- Close collaboration – we undertake to guide you and provide complete support throughout the process.