

Cyprus Relocation & Immigration

A practical framework for EU and third-country nationals relocating to Cyprus, covering residence routes, work rights and post-arrival tax registrations.

OVERVIEW

EU nationals can freely move and work in Cyprus

Third-country nationals must select a residence route aligned with their employment, investment, business or remote-working circumstances

Following immigration registration, the individual may need to complete Cyprus tax registration, non-domiciled status registration and a tax residency certificate application

Key facts

Jurisdiction	Republic of Cyprus
EU nationals	MEU1 registration where the stay exceeds three months
Third-country nationals	Available routes include Start-up Visa, EU Blue Card, Digital Nomad Permit, Investors Permit under Regulation 6.2, and Visitor Permit
Main authority	Civil Registry and Migration Department
Tax follow-up	Tax Identification Code, Cyprus Tax Portal registration, and where applicable non-domiciled status and tax residency certification
Permanent residence	EU citizens and qualifying family members may acquire permanent residence rights after five consecutive years of legal residence, subject to the applicable requirements

EU Registration Certificate (MEU1)

For EU nationals relocating to Cyprus and remaining for more than three months.

Key requirements	- Completed Form MEU1 - Valid passport, with the original presented at the appointment - Proof of accommodation - Recent bank statements - Where employed in Cyprus: employment contract, social insurance registrations and payslip(s)
Permit duration	The certificate is generally issued on the submission date, subject to a complete application.
Right to work	Employment is permitted under EU free movement rights.

Start-up Visa

For third-country nationals establishing or growing a high-potential start-up in Cyprus.

Key requirements	- Self-employment or employment by a Cyprus company - Clean criminal record with apostille - Medical examinations - Bank guarantee for a self-employed applicant, or employer declaration covering return costs - Proof of accommodation - Business plan demonstrating a new or improved product - Initial approval notification from the competent ministry
Permit duration	Up to three years, with the possibility of renewal for at least a further two years.
Right to work	Yes

EU Blue Card

A residence and work permit for highly skilled third-country nationals in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), pharmaceuticals and maritime industries.

Key requirements	• Employment contract with a Cyprus employer for at least two years • Minimum gross annual salary of €43,632 • Medical examinations • Clean criminal record with apostille • Recognised higher education qualification, or equivalent professional experience of at least two years where accepted
Permit duration	Usually one to three years, linked to the employment contract, and renewable.
Right to work	Yes
Indicative processing	Up to 90 days under the standard route subject to the workload of the relevant authorities; 30 days for long-term mobility.

Digital Nomad Permit

For non-EU/EEA nationals residing in Cyprus while working remotely for employers or clients outside Cyprus.

Key requirements	• Employment by a foreign company, or foreign clients if self-employed • Work performed remotely • Proof of accommodation in Cyprus • Minimum net monthly income of €3,500 • Applications are subject to the stated scheme cap
Permit duration	One year, renewable for up to a further two years.
Right to work	Employed or Self-Employed and providing services to clients located outside of Cyprus.

Investors Permit (Regulation 6.2)

Permanent residence route for qualifying non-EU investors.

Key requirements	• Qualifying investment of at least €300,000 net • Qualifying categories may include residential property, share capital in an operating Cyprus company with personnel, or units in a Cyprus collective investment fund • Evidence of secure personal annual income of at least €50,000 • Proof of accommodation in Cyprus
Permit duration	Permanent residence status is of unlimited duration; the residence card is renewed every ten years.
Right to work	Employment in Cyprus is not permitted.

Visitor Permit

For third-country nationals residing in Cyprus without undertaking economic activity.

Key requirements	• Bank guarantee from a Cyprus bank • Rental agreement or other proof of accommodation • Proof of sufficient funds from abroad, including 12 months of bank statements and at least €24,000 for a single applicant • Clean criminal record with apostille • Medical examinations
Permit duration	One year, renewable annually.
Right to work	Employment and self-employment in Cyprus are not permitted.

Tax and post-arrival registrations

Applies to all individuals relocating to Cyprus:

- 1. **Immigration registration:** Obtain the relevant residence registration or permit and Alien Registration Number.
- 2. **Tax registration:** Register on the Cyprus Tax Portal and submit the online tax registration form to obtain a Tax Identification Code.
- 3. **Non-domiciled status:** Apply where the statutory conditions are satisfied. Supporting evidence may include signed tax forms, birth certificate or population extract, passport copy, bank statements, accommodation evidence and a day-count schedule.
- 4. **Tax residency certificate:** Apply once the applicable day-count requirements are met. Supporting evidence may include signed tax forms, travel schedule, boarding passes or e-tickets, accommodation evidence, utility bills and employment/social insurance documents.

Our services

- Assessment of the most suitable immigration route and application strategy
- Preparation of forms and supporting-document checklists
- Appointment coordination and liaison with the relevant authorities
- Tax registration
- Non-domiciled status and tax residency certificate applications
- Coordination of employment, payroll and social insurance registrations
- Ongoing immigration, tax compliance and renewal support

Who it is for

Client	EU and third-country nationals, entrepreneurs, highly skilled employees, remote workers, investors and internationally mobile families.
Situation	Relocation to Cyprus for employment, business establishment, investment, remote work, lifestyle or family reasons.
Key need	A coordinated immigration and tax registration process, with the route selected according to the individual facts and intended activities in Cyprus.

Typical use cases

- EU national taking up employment or establishing residence in Cyprus
- Highly skilled professional employed by a Cyprus business
- Founder establishing and operating an innovative Cyprus start-up
- Remote worker serving foreign employers or clients
- Investor seeking permanent residence through a qualifying investment
- Financially independent individual residing in Cyprus without employment

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