

International Migration Solutions

Process: **Obtainment of Cyprus Citizenship by Exemption for the main applicant**

Original documents to be submitted (unless stated otherwise)	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter by the applicant or by the representative of the applicant, clearly explaining under which criterion/ category the application is made 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form M127 completed and signed before a Registrar of a Cypriot Court or the Cyprus Consulate Office of the applicant's country of origin 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> True copy of passport with the main information for each applicant, valid for at least 2 years 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of residence permit in Cyprus If the applicant does not hold a residence permit at the time of submission for the Citizenship, then s/he has to apply for a Permanent Residence Permit under regulation 6(2). In this case the application form MIP1 needs to be completed 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 colour passport size photos in high resolution for the applicant (the photo must be less than 6 months old, 3.5 x 4.5 cm or 4 x 5 cm, full-face view directly facing the camera with a neutral facial expression and both eyes open, taken in front of a plain white or off-white background) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apostil/ duly certified* clean criminal record from country of origin AND the country of usual residence (if different) - if applicant is already residing in Cyprus for more than 6 months, it can be obtained from the Cyprus Police. The document needs to be translated in English or Greek and to be no more than three months old from the day of submission 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apostil/ duly certified* birth certificate of the applicant, translated in English or Greek 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apostil/ duly certified* marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate (if applicable), translated in English or Greek 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apostil/ duly certified* divorce certificate (if applicable), translated in English or Greek 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the applicant, including copies of the academic qualifications (if applicable) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents concerning the permanent privately - owned residence of the applicant in Cyprus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase agreement of property/ contract of sale - The minimum market value of the property should be at least €0.5 million (plus VAT) • Wire transfer from an International Bank to a local Cypriot Bank on the name of the seller or the seller's company • Proof for paying the predetermined purchase price (i.e. receipts) • Title deeds/ receipt for lodging the contract with the Lands and Surveys Department issued on the name of the applicant 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of advertisements confirming the intention of the dependent to obtain the Cypriot citizenship, in a daily newspaper two consecutive posts 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization letter to Deloitte to represent you at the Authorities 	

***Note:**

Apostil is a simplified certification of public documents. All countries members of Hague Agreement convention have agreed to accept official documents such as criminal records, marriage and birth certificates only if they are Apostil. Documents destined for use in participating countries should be certified by the relevant authority in the jurisdiction in which the document has been executed. With this certification by the Hague Convention, an Apostil document is entitled to recognition in the country of intended use. These documents must include the official's title and signature in order to be eligible. Normally, the procedure to get the Apostil certification consists of verification from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country of origin. In case a country is not a member of the Hague Agreement then the required documents need to be signed and stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country of origin. This stamp must be verified by the Embassy of Cyprus or Consulate Office in the country where the document has been issued.

General Comments:

- In the event that the applicant already holds a residence permit in Cyprus, it takes approximately 3 months for the Citizenship to be issued.
- In the event that the applicant will apply simultaneously for the obtainment of the Permanent Residence Permit and the Cypriot Citizenship by Exception, then it takes approximately 6 months for the Citizenship to be issued. This is because the applicant needs to hold a residence permit for a period of at least 6 months prior to the issue of the Citizenship by Exception.
- As soon as the Ministry of Interior will issue the Citizenship certificate, the applicant will need to give the Oath of Faith to the Republic of Cyprus before a Registrar of a Cypriot Court or the Cyprus Consulate Office.