

SCHEME FOR NATURALISATION OF INVESTORS IN CYPRUS BY EXCEPTION
on the basis of subsection (2) of section 111A
of the Civil Registry Laws of 2002-2015

Guidelines for the Submission of Applications by the Family Members of the Investor

According to the Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 13.9.2016 as well as the relevant legislation the Cypriot citizenship can be granted to the spouse or partner of the investor and to his/her parents, financially dependent adult children and minor children (under the age of eighteen). For further information please see the document "SCHEME FOR INVESTORS NATIURALIZATION 13.9.2016_INVESTOR FAMILY MEMBERS" posted on the website of the Ministry of Interior.

Information concerning the submission of the applications, the required documents and the procedure for the grant of the citizenship to the abovementioned family members of the investor can be located below.

SPOUSE/PARTNER OF THE INVESTOR

The application for the Naturalization by Exception needs to be submitted at the Ministry of Interior and the amount of €2.000 as fees will need to be paid. At the Ministry of Interior, the original documents should be submitted, along with a photocopy of all the documents. For the submission of the application an appointment will need to be arranged beforehand via the email ckaoulla@papd.mof.gov.cy.

The application of the spouse or partner of the investor can be submitted along with the application of the investor, so that both spouses/ partners will be able to acquire the Cypriot citizenship simultaneously.

The documents that need to be submitted are the following:

- Completed "Check List of Investors Family Members Application Documents" (is located on the Ministry of Interior' website)
- Application Form M127 fully completed and signed before a Registrar of a Cypriot court or a consular officer
- Birth Certificate
- True Copy of passport
- Certificate of Clean Criminal Record from the country of origin and the country of residence (if different)
- Marriage Certificate or Civil Partnership Certificate

- Copies of advertisements in a daily newspaper two consecutive posts
- Two passport size photographs
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of Residence Permit in the Republic of Cyprus. If the applicant does not already hold a residence permit, he/she may apply for an immigration permit on the basis of Regulation 6 (2) of the Aliens and Immigration Law, simultaneously with the application for naturalization. For further information please see the document “SCHEME FOR INVESTORS NATURALIZATION 13.9.2016_IMMIGRATION PERMIT” on the website of the Minister of Interior.
- If the application is not submitted on the same time as the investor’s application the following documents should, also, be submitted:
 - Copy of the Investor’s Naturalization Certificate
 - Copy of the Investor’s Cypriot Passport

ADULT CHILDREN OF THE INVESTOR

The application for the Naturalization by Exception needs to be submitted at the Ministry of Interior after the acquisition of the Cypriot citizenship by the investor and the amount of €2.000 as fees will need to be paid. At the Ministry of Interior, the original documents should be submitted, along with a photocopy of all the documents. For the submission of the application an appointment will need to be arranged beforehand via the email ckaoulla@papd.mof.gov.cy.

The documents that need to be submitted are the following:

- Completed “Check List of Investors Family Members Application Documents” (is located on the Ministry of Interior’ website)
- Application Form M127 fully completed and signed before a Registrar of a Cypriot court or a consular officer
- Copy of the investor’s Naturalization certificate
- Copy of the Investor’s Cypriot passport
- Birth Certificate
- True Copy of passport
- Certificate of Clean Criminal Record from the country of origin and the country of residence (if different)
- Marriage Certificate or Civil Partnership Certificate (if applicable)
- Copies of advertisements in a daily newspaper two consecutive posts
- Two passport size photographs
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of Residence Permit in the Republic of Cyprus. If the applicant does not already hold a residence permit, he/she may apply for an immigration permit on the basis of

Regulation 6 (2) of the Aliens and Immigration Law, simultaneously with the application for naturalization. For further information please see the document "SCHEME FOR INVESTORS NATURALIZATION 13.9.2016_IMMIGRATION PERMIT" on the website of the Minister of Interior.

- Copy of undergraduate degree (if the applicant is studying for a postgraduate degree)
- Certificate of attendance by an academic institution (original)

Or

- Medical Certificate attesting the disability (Original)

PARENTS OF THE INVESTOR

The application for the Naturalization by Exception needs to be submitted at the Ministry of Interior after the acquisition of the Cypriot citizenship by the investor and the amount of €2.000 as fees will need to be paid. At the Ministry of Interior, the original documents should be submitted, along with a photocopy of all the documents. For the submission of the application an appointment will need to be arranged beforehand via the email ckaoulla@papd.mof.gov.cy.

The documents that need to be submitted for each applicant are the following:

- Completed "Check List of Investors Family Members Application Documents" (is located on the Ministry of Interior' website)
- Application Form M127 fully completed and signed before a Registrar of a Cypriot court or a consular officer
- Copy of the investor's Naturalization certificate
- Copy of the Investor's Cypriot passport
- Birth Certificate
- True Copy of passport
- Certificate of Clean Criminal Record from the country of origin and the country of residence (if different)
- Marriage Certificate or Civil Partnership Certificate
- Copies of advertisements in a daily newspaper two consecutive posts
- Two passport size photographs
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of Residence Permit in the Republic of Cyprus. If the applicant does not already hold a residence permit, he/she may apply for an immigration permit on the basis of Regulation 6 (2) of the Aliens and Immigration Law, simultaneously with the application for naturalization. For further information please see the document "SCHEME FOR

INVESTORS NATURALIZATION 13.9.2016_IMMIGRATION PERMIT” on the website of the Minister of Interior.

- Documents concerning the acquisition of the permanent residential property:
 - Contract of Sale
 - Title Deeds or Proof of Registration of the contract with the Lands and Surveys Department
 - Proof of payment of the agreed purchase price
 - Copy of the wire transfer to a Cypriot commercial banking institution in the name of the seller or the seller’s company

Concerning the abovementioned applications (i.e. of the investor’s spouses/partners or adult children or parents) the following must be taken into consideration:

Note 1: The original application (M127) and all the required documents in their original form need to be submitted at the Ministry of Interior. Along with the original application and documents, an additional photocopy of the application and all the documents should also be submitted.

Note 2: All the documents issued by a foreign authority should be translated to either Greek or English and be duly authenticated (They should bear the stamp «APOSTILE», if they are issued by countries that have signed the Hague Convention, otherwise they should be sealed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and the diplomatic mission of the Republic of Cyprus in the issuing country).

Examination procedure of an application by an adult member of the investor’s family

Once an application is submitted the Ministry of Interior investigates whether the applicant meets the conditions of the Decision of the Council of Ministers dated 13.9.2016. If the applicant meets the Conditions of the Decision, the Minister of Interior presents the case to the Council of Ministers for final decision.

Provided that the application is dully submitted and accompanied by all the necessary supporting documents and the investor meets the criteria and conditions of the Decision of the Council of Ministers, the time frame for the completion of the process is approximately 3 (three) months. It should be noted that the application submission date is the date on which the submission fees were paid that is noted on the receipt issued by the Cashier’s Office of the Ministry.

Once the application is approved, the applicant will be able to take all actions for the acquisition of the Citizenship and the issue of a Cypriot passport. The procedure for the acquisition of the Cypriot citizenship will be completed, provided that the applicant holds a residence permit for a period of at least 6 (six) months. If the applicant does not hold a

residence permit for the aforementioned time period, he/she will need to wait until the six-month period is completed. Afterwards, the Civil Registry and Migration Department issues the Certificate of Naturalization, following payment of the amount of €5.000 that constitutes the Naturalization Certificate issuing fee. Subsequently, the applicant will need to give the Oath of Faith to the Cypriot Republic before a Registrar of a Cypriot court or a consular officer of the Republic of Cyprus. Once this procedure is completed the applicant will be able to acquire a Cypriot passport and Identity Card.

MINOR CHILDREN OF THE INVESTOR

The application for the grant of the Cypriot citizenship to the minor children of the investor needs to be submitted at the Civil Registry and Migration Department.

The documents that need to be submitted are the following:

- Application Form M126 fully completed and signed before a Registrar of a Cypriot court or a consular officer
- Copy of the investor's Naturalization certificate
- Copy of the Investor's Cypriot passport
- Birth Certificate of the child
- Marriage Certificate or Civil Partnership Certificate of the child's parents
- Copy of the child's and parents passports
- Consent of the non Cypriot/ other parent
- Fees €80

Note: All the documents issued by a foreign authority should be translated to either Greek or English and be duly authenticated (They should bear the stamp «APOSTILE», if they are issued by countries that have signed the Hague Convention, otherwise they should be sealed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and the diplomatic mission of the Republic of Cyprus in the issuing country).

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