



## RESIDENCY FOR EU CITIZENS AND THEIR FAMILIES – YELLOW SLIP

## Cyprus

This permit, also known as the Cyprus 'Yellow Slip', is granted to EU and EEA citizens who wish to live as long-term visitors or work in the Republic of Cyprus. It is valid only for Cyprus and must be applied for within four months of arrival.

Note that the Yellow Slip application is different for EU/EEA citizens and any family members who are not EU/EEA citizens:

- ◆ EU citizens must submit an application form MEU1.
- ◆ Non-EU family members of EU citizens must submit an application form MEU2.

### BENEFITS OF YELLOW SLIP

- ◆ The Registration Certificate (Yellow Slip) for EU citizens is valid indefinitely.
- ◆ The Registration Certificate (Yellow Slip) for non-EU family members of EU citizens is renewable every five years.
- ◆ During the processing time, applicants may stay and re-enter Cyprus freely using their application receipt for re-entry purposes.
- ◆ Work, business, and employment rights are equal to those of Cyprus citizens.
- ◆ Eligibility to apply for GESY benefits – the comprehensive health care system that serves all Cyprus citizens.

### OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- ◆ All applications must be filled and submitted directly to the Migration Department by the service providers.
- ◆ The application must be submitted, bearing in mind that you must be present yourself, with or without your lawyer.
- ◆ Each application, whether for the initial submission or for renewals, incurs a government fee of €20 per applicant and each family member included in the application.
- ◆ In the case of Yellow Slip renewals, which are only required for non-EU/EEA family members, all the supporting documents that were required for the initial application must be attached again with the renewal.

### SPECIAL TERMS FOR UK CITIZENS

- ◆ If you and your family members had a Yellow Slip based on EU citizenship prior to Brexit, your status as a permanent resident will remain unchanged.
- ◆ If you have been residing in Cyprus for at least five years, you are entitled to permanent residence in Cyprus.

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents must accompany every application:

- ◆ Application forms MEU1 duly completed, and MEU2 where applicable (for non-EU/EEA family members accompanying the applicant).
- ◆ Copy of a valid passport.
- ◆ Marriage certificate, duly certified and translated, if the applicant is accompanied by a spouse.
- ◆ Birth certificates, duly certified and translated, for any children accompanying the applicant.
- ◆ Rental agreement for at least one year or sale agreement of residential property, with a certified copy stamped at the tax department.
- ◆ Bank statement from a bank in Cyprus showing income received and payments made in Cyprus over the last six months, or, if not applicable, then from an overseas bank.
- ◆ Employment details:
  - For applicants employed abroad: Confirmation of employment or employment contract, as well as a respective payslip.
  - For applicants employed in Cyprus: Confirmation of employment or employment contract, social insurance registration, and certificate of annual income. In addition, the application form must be signed by the Cyprus employer.
- ◆ Health insurance coverage for applicants not working in Cyprus, provided by an international insurance provider or concluded locally.

(There is no need to provide passport photos. Photos will be taken at the time of application at the relevant office.)

### NOTE:

All documents must be translated into English by a certified translator. They must either bear the "APOSTILLE" Stamp or be certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and subsequently by the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in that country.





## FAQ

### 1. What is the Cyprus 'Yellow Slip' permit, and who can apply for it?

EU and EEA citizens who wish to reside and work in Cyprus must apply for the so-called Yellow Slip—the official registration certificate—within four months of arriving in Cyprus.

### 2. How do I apply for the Cyprus 'Yellow Slip'?

If you are an EU or EEA citizen, you must complete the MEU1 form to apply for the Yellow Slip. To be eligible, you must demonstrate that you have an income or sufficient funds to support yourself in Cyprus. If you have family members who wish to accompany you but are not EU or EEA citizens themselves, they must complete a different application form, the MEU2.

### 3. Do I have to pay anything to apply for the Yellow Slip?

Yes, the government fee for the application is €20, whether you are submitting the MEU1 or the MEU2 application form.

### 4. Is the Yellow Slip valid indefinitely?

The Yellow Slip for EU and EEA citizens is valid indefinitely. The Yellow Slip granted to family members who are not EU or EEA citizens is valid for five years and must then be renewed.

### 5. What is the Cyprus 'Pink Slip'?

Unlike the Yellow Slip, which is for the EU and EEA citizens and their family members, the Pink Slip is for non-EU/EEA citizens. It is a temporary visa granted to third-country citizens, that can be either a work permit or a visitor permit, following certain procedures for each of the two permits.

### 6. I am an EU citizen. How long can I stay in Cyprus?

As an EU citizen, you can stay in Cyprus for up to three months without registering or applying for any specific residence permit. However, if you wish to stay longer, you must apply for the so-called Yellow Slip, which allows you to stay indefinitely, provided you are either employed with an adequate salary or have sufficient funds to support yourself and will not burden the social benefits system of Cyprus.

### 7. What is the difference between the MEU1, MEU2, and MEU3 application forms?

The MEU1 form is for the registration of EU or EEA citizens and their family members. It is a one-off registration process for permanent residence and is valid indefinitely.

The MEU2 is for the registration of family members of a citizen of the EU or EEA who are not citizens of the EU or the EEA. This permit is valid for five years and must be renewed. Renewal is made using the MEU3 form, which is an application for permanent residence for 10 years and is then renewable. It is used by spouses, financially dependent children under the age of 21, as well as in the case of financially dependent parents and parents-in-law.

