

**CIRCULAR 2009/10
TO ALL MEMBERS**

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SUBJECT	IMMIGRATION PERMITS

Dear Members,

We give you hereunder the contents of an updated information paper issued recently by the Migration Department on the subject of the different Immigration Permits:

Aliens may make an application to obtain an Immigration Permit on the basis of one of the Categories referred to in Regulation 5 of the Aliens and Immigration Regulations. An Immigration Permit will not be granted to anybody unless the Immigration Control Board recommends to the Minister of Interior that such person belongs to one of the following categories:

Category A

Persons who intend to work as self employed in agriculture, cattle breeding, bird breeding or fish culture in the Republic, provided that they have in their possession adequate land or a permit to acquire same, they have fully and freely at their disposal capital of approximately € 430.000 (CY£ 250.000) and such an employment should not negatively affect the general economy of the Republic.

Category B

Persons who intend to work as self employed in mining enterprises in the Republic, provided that they have in their possession a relative permit, they have fully and freely at their disposal capital of approximately € 350.000 (CY£ 200.000) and such an employment should not negatively affect the general economy of the Republic.

Category C

Persons who intend to work as self employed in a trade or profession in the Republic, provided that they have in their possession a relative permit, they have fully and freely at their disposal capital of approximately € 260.000 (CY£ 150.000) and such an employment should not affect negatively the general economy of the Republic.

Category D

Persons who intend to work as self employed in a profession or science in the Republic, provided that they have academic or professional qualifications for which there is demand in Cyprus. Possession of adequate funds is also necessary.



Category E

Persons who have been offered permanent employment in the Republic, which will not create undue local competition.

Category F

Persons 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. The annual income required should be at least € 9.568 (CY£ 5.600) for a single applicant and moreover at least € 4.613,22 (CY£ 2.700) for every dependent person, but the Immigration Control Board may demand additional amounts as necessary. Most applicants come under this category, the majority of them being pensioners or retired persons.

For the granting of an Immigration Permit application is submitted on the attached form M.67 to the Civil Registry and Migration Department directly or through the District Aliens and Immigration Branches of the Police. The application should be accompanied by the appropriate documents depending on the Category for which it is submitted. Applications for Category F which are the most usual should be accompanied by the original of documents regarding the income of the applicants.

Applicants who are abroad may submit an application directly to Cyprus, as stated above, or through the local Consular Authorities of the Republic of Cyprus.

The applications are examined by the Immigration Control Board which submits a relevant suggestion to the Minister of the Interior for a decision to be taken.

Fees:

The fees for the granting of an Immigration Permit amount to € 119,60 (CY£ 70) and are paid against a receipt following the approval of the application and before the issue of the Immigration Permit.

For more information those interested may communicate with the Civil Registry and Migration Department, CY 1457 Nicosia, Cyprus.

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