

## CYPRUS RESIDENCE BY INVESTMENT

Cyprus has been drawing the interest of foreign investors due to its attractive residency by investment programme, which is one of the most accessible in Europe. The Cyprus Residence by Investment program also known as the Permanent Residence Permit (PRP) is based on Regulation 6(2) of the Aliens and Immigration Regulations (as amended).

In order to boost foreign direct investment, the Cypriot government grants duly vetted and eligible investors with a residency permit if they invest EUR 300,000 (exc.VAT) in an approved investment target which can include real estate, units in Cyprus funds or shares in Cyprus companies.

The applicant and any of his/her dependents must also demonstrate that they can generate a minimum of EUR 50,000 from sources such as rents, salaries, pensions or dividends if the opt for the residential real estate option, for all other routes, income sourced from investments in Cyprus would qualify. The Cyprus residency programme allows foreign investors the right to relocate to a safe, socio-politically stable country at the crossroads of Europe and the MENA region.

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### RESIDENCE BY INVESTMENT AT A GLANCE

<b>Governing Body</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil Registry and Migration Department and the Ministry of Interior</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Investors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean criminal record</li> <li>Non EU citizens</li> <li>Investors must have at least EUR 50,000 annual income from sources outside of Cyprus if they invest in residential real estate, alternatively it can be sourced from within Cyprus.</li> <li>Additional income of EUR 10,000 per annum is required per dependent child/adult up to 25 years old in tertiary education.</li> <li>Additional income of EUR 15,000 per annum is required per dependent spouse.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible dependents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spouse</li> <li>Under 18 children of applicant/spouse</li> <li>Dependent married and unmarried children under 25 in tertiary education</li> </ul>
<b>Investment options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential real estate investment of EUR 300,000 (exc. VAT) in 1 residence or 2 units from different RE developers.</li> <li>Real estate investment of EUR 300,000 (exc. VAT) in offices, shops, hotels (new or resale).</li> <li>A total of EUR 300,000 of the purchase cost must be settled and paid for at the time that the application is submitted and can be done so via a bank account, opened in the name of applicant or his/her spouse, if included as a dependent in the application.</li> <li>A EUR 300,000 investment in the shares of a Cyprus company that has local presence and operations and 5+ employees.</li> <li>A EUR 300,000 investment in the units of a Cyprus fund.</li> </ul>
<b>Employment Limitations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The investor must submit a confirmation that he/she will not undertake any employment in Cyprus during his/her residence. Income must be generated in the form of pensions, rents, interest, dividends etc</li> </ul>

### ADVANTAGES OF RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT

<b>Route to Citizenship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the permit holder and his/her dependents choose to relocate to Cyprus they may be eligible for Cypriot citizenship through naturalization. As of 2022 foreign nationals can naturalize in 5 years of continuous residence or 4 years if they can prove Greek language proficiency.</li> </ul>
<b>Fast processing time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 months approximately</li> </ul>
<b>EU Mobility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right to travel to any EU Member State for a total of 90 days.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Presence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although the permit holder may opt to relocate, this is not mandatory. The minimum requirement is that the permit holder visit Cyprus once every two years.</li> </ul>
<b>Quality of life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High quality of life - Mediterranean lifestyle</li> <li>Advanced healthcare system</li> <li>Cosmopolitan cities with low crime rate</li> <li>Developed infrastructure and services</li> </ul>
<b>Tax Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-Domiciled Tax Regime for High Net Worth Individuals who reside in Cyprus for at least 60 days/year</li> <li>No Inheritance tax</li> </ul>
<b>Business Friendly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robust legal framework based on English law</li> <li>Favourable start-up and corporate tax regime with one of Europe's lowest corporate tax rates 12.5%</li> <li>Tax efficient investment structuring jurisdiction with a global network of double tax treaties</li> <li>Tertiary educated and qualified multilingual workforce</li> </ul>

### WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

We at ATG have built our expertise over the past two decades assisting our clients to protect their wealth through bespoke advice. We keep a close view on the international tax planning world as it evolves and evaluate options available for our clients.

Our team assist HNWI's with securing a second citizenship or residency in Europe. We assist with their options on investment. We serve affluent families and entrepreneurs who are seeking global mobility and the freedom to travel, reside and do business on the global stage. We have a thorough understanding of all the requirements involved in securing a second passport in Europe and guide each of our clients through these steps with ease.

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#### OVERVIEW AND SET-UP

- Structuring investors investment into Cyprus
- Capital controls and banking considerations
- Liaising with wealth advisers and legal counsel
- Sourcing qualifying Cyprus funds for residency permit by investment

#### LIFESTYLE MANAGEMENT

- Real estate inspection trips
- Due diligence considerations
- Liaising with the Ministry of Interior and relevant authorities
- Submitting Permanent Residence Permit and follow ups
- Immigration and Permits for HNWI and dependents

#### ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

- Property management including all rental services support
- Liaising with real estate agents
- Liaising with local banks to assist in the mandatory bank account opening and deposit

#### TAX AND LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- Global tax considerations (e.g. FATCA Reporting)
- Personal income tax planning
- Real estate investment advisory
- Legal support on review of title deeds, property purchase agreement ect.

#### EXIT AND GROWTH

- Transfer of legal domicile to/from Cyprus
- Redomiciliation of HNWI's group companies to/from Cyprus
- Estate Planning
- Family relocation support
- Concierge services.