

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Cyprus

Ministry of Interior provides additional clarification regarding naturalization applications

Executive summary

Cyprus' Ministry of Interior recently issued additional clarifications regarding the amended provisions for acquiring citizenship by naturalization in the Civil Registry Law.

Key developments

On 22 March 2024, the Ministry clarified the following:

- ▶ Applicants will be required to demonstrate basic knowledge of Cyprus' history and political/social status by submitting a Certificate of Success with a grade of at least 60%. They may obtain this certificate by clearing an examination organized by the Examinations Service of the Ministry of Education.
- ▶ The following individuals will qualify as highly qualified employees and be eligible for fast-track application processing:
 - ▶ Employees of International Business Companies (IBCs) who hold a Work Permit as a director, key personnel or specialist
 - ▶ Employees of IBCs who hold any other type of permit, earn a salary of at least EUR 2,500 per month and have a university degree or equivalent (or alternatively, proof of two years of employment in a relevant position)
- ▶ Applications for naturalization will only be accepted if they satisfy all relevant requirements.

Impact on employers

Employers may remain informed regarding amendments to the process for acquiring citizenship in Cyprus by naturalization and communicate the same to impacted employees.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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