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ASYLUM SERVICE

**INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR
BENEFICIARIES OF
INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION**



This information leaflet is designed to help you with some of your immediate concerns and indicate what services and assistance may be available to you.

BENEFICIARY OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

A beneficiary of International protection is a person granted refugee status or subsidiary protection status.

You will have access to a wide range of rights, which are defined by the Cyprus Refugee Law:

- ✓ the right to transfer assets into the Republic of Cyprus
- ✓ the right to fair treatment regardless of gender, race, and religion, membership in a particular social group, political opinion or country of nationality/origin
- ✓ the right to express and practice freely your religious beliefs
- ✓ the right to participate in social integration programs

You will enjoy the same rights as Cypriot nationals enjoy, such as:

- ✓ access to the general education system and further training or retraining programs
- ✓ the right to the recognition of foreign educational certificates, diplomas and degrees
- ✓ the right to have free access to the Courts of the Republic as well as to the exemption from the requirement to provide guarantee for the judicial expenses
- ✓ the right to food supply in cases of emergency
- ✓ the right to the protection of intellectual property rights
- ✓ the right to participate in adult educational programs that relate to issues of employment, professional training including training courses for upgrading skills, practical workplace experience and counselling services afforded by employment offices
- ✓ special support (social and medical) for vulnerable persons

RESIDENCE PERMIT

What should I do after receiving international protection?

You should apply for a residence permit.

If you are residing in Nicosia, you should contact the **Civil Registry and Migration Department** or if you are residing in another district you should contact **Aliens and Immigration Unit of the Police** of your district of residence.

Civil Registry and Migration Department

Chilonos 1457 Nicosia

Tel.: 22804400, 22403941

Limasol Aliens and Immigration Unit

223, Fragklinou Rousvelt, D. Nikolaou Building, 2nd Floor, 3046 Limasol

Tel.: 25805222 Fax: 25805651

Email: aidlimassol@police.gov.cy

Larnaca Aliens and Immigration Unit

34, Tasou Mitsopoulou, 6027 Larnaca

Tel.: 24804222 Fax: 24304216

Email: aidlarnaca@police.gov.cy

Paphos Aliens and Immigration Unit

22, Eleftheriou Venizelou Avenue and Kaniggos street, 2nd Floor, 8021 Paphos

Tel.: 26806201 Fax: 26911219

Email: aidpafos@police.gov.cy

Famagusta Aliens and Immigration Unit

83, Eleftherias Avenue, TAPOLOS BLD, 1st Floor, 5380, Famagusta

Tel.: 23803280 Fax: 23811308

Email: aidfamagusta@police.gov.cy

For refugees a three-year residence permit is granted which is renewable.

For a beneficiary of subsidiary protection status, a residence permit for one year is granted, which is renewable for as long as this status is maintained.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I entitled to health care services? You are entitled to health care services under the same conditions that apply to Cypriots nationals. You must contact your District General Hospital or nearest health center for any further information.

Can my children go to school? All minors have full access to all levels of education under the same conditions as Cypriot nationals.

Can I travel? Am I allowed to obtain travel document? Beneficiaries of international protection are allowed to travel. In case you wish to travel, make sure whether visa is required to enter another country.

The legal ports of entry into and exit from the Republic of Cyprus are the airports of Larnaca and Pafos and the ports of Larnaca, Limassol, Latsi and Pafos, which are situated in the area under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Entry into or exit from the territory of the Republic of Cyprus via any other port or airport in which the Government of the Republic does not exercise effective control is illegal.

A travel document (*laissez passer*) is granted to beneficiaries of subsidiary protection status who are unable to obtain a national passport, which enables them to travel outside the Republic of Cyprus. Refugees can obtain refugee travel documents (based on the Geneva Convention). This travel document is valid for all countries and is expiring with the end of the residence permit.

The responsible department for the issuing of passports and travel documents is the Civil Registry and Migration Department.

Can I travel to my country of origin? Traveling to your country of origin may trigger proceedings resulting in revoking your protection.

Can I bring my family to Cyprus? Recognised refugees enjoy the right to family reunification. Family members (refugee's wife/husband, unmarried minor children and in case of unaccompanied minor his/her first degree relatives) of a refugee who were not able to accompany him/her at the time of his/her entry to the Republic, can be reunited with him/her in the Republic as long as s/he requests it and the relationship between them is confirmed. The responsible department to examine family reunification requests is the Civil Registry and Migration Department.

Can I work? Where can I apply for work? You have the right to engage in employed or self-employed professional activities. You don't need any work permit. You must contact the Labour office if you would like to find a job.

Am I entitled to guaranteed minimum income benefit (EEE)? Any person whose income and other financial resources are insufficient to satisfy his or

her basic and specific needs, as defined by law, may seek the provision of a guaranteed minimum income, which is provided in the form of financial support and/or services. **How can I claim?** You should contact with the Welfare Benefits Administrative Service

Welfare Benefits Administrative Service

46, Themistokli Dervi, MEDCON Tower, 1066 Nicosia

Tel.: 22 803030 Fax: 22 22803048

Email: eee@mlsi.gov.cy

What if I am disable or elderly? Am I allowed to assistance? Yes, you are allowed to financial assistance or other support. You should contact with the service for Public Assistance, the Elderly and the Disabled.

Public Assistance, the Elderly and the Disabled.

67, Arch. Makariou III, 2253 Latsia, Nicosia

Tel: 22815015 Fax: 22482310

NATURALIZATION

Can I apply for Cypriot citizenship? Anyone who wants to apply for citizenship must have at least 7 years legal residing in the Republic or be married with a Cypriot citizen for a minimum period of 3 years.

The responsible department to examine naturalization requests is the Civil Registry and Migration Department.

USEFUL WEBSITES OF RELEVANT PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Ministry of Interior <http://www.moi.gov.cy>
2. Ministry of Education
<http://www.moec.gov.cy>
3. Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance <http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/>
4. Ministry of Health <http://www.moh.gov.cy>
5. Department of Labour, Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance:
<http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/dl/dl.nsf/>
6. Public Assistance, the Elderly and the Disabled
http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/dmlassistance_en/dmlassistance_en?OpenDocument
7. Civil Registry and Migration Department:

<http://www.moi.gov.cy/crmd>

8. Concerning guaranteed minimum income benefit, you can find more detailed information on the website of the responsible Authority of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance at
<http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/517E1B1FE19B0418C2257CD7001E73BB> and
<http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/01D602B67BF349BEC2257E8F0044ABF7>

Nicosia General Hospital

<http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/ngh/ngh.nsf/>

Larnaca General Hospital

<http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/lgh/lgh.nsf/>

Limassol General Hospital

<http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/llgh/llgh.nsf/>

Famagusta General Hospital

<http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/fgh/fgh.nsf/>

Paphos General Hospital

<http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/pgh/pgh.nsf/>

Polis Chrysochous General Hospital and Rural Health Centre of K.Pyrgos

<http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/pph/pph.nsf/>

For other useful governmental services you may visit the governmental portal at

<http://www.cyprus.gov.cy/>

List of International Organisations and NGOs Providing Services to Applicants

UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees)
2 Demetrakopoulou Str., 3rd Floor, 1090 Nicosia
(Antonis Zenios Tower)

Tel: 22359043/57 Fax: 22359037 cypni@unhcr.ch

IOM (International Organisation for Migration)

Nehru Avenue, P.C. 1102 Nicosia

Tel: 22772270 Fax: 22772265 iomnicosia@iom.int

Cyprus Red Cross Society

3 Kypriakou Erythrou Stavrou Street

2063 Strovolos, Nicosia, Cyprus

Tel: 22 504400 Fax: 22 666956

admin@redcross.org.cy

Cyprus Refugee Council

Stasandrou 9, Flat 401, 1060 Nicosia, Cyprus

Tel. +357 22205959 | Fax. +357 22205960 | Website:

<http://cyrefugeecouncil.org>

KISA

Arsinois 48, Nicosia

Tel: 22878181 Fax: 22773039 email: info@kisa.org.cy

Caritas Cyprus Migrant Center

T.Θ. 56312, 3302 Limassol

Tel: 99672602 caritascyprus.migrants@gmail.com

Mi-Hub**Nicosia**

20 Aischylou & Platonos Str., PC.1503

Larnaca

8 Apollonos Str., Christodoulides Court, 6016

Limassol

230 Agiou Andrea and Katsounotou Str., 3036

Paphos

39 Eleftheriou Venizelou Ave., Cronos Center, sh. 1,
8021

**Do you still have a question after reading
this information leaflet?**

You can contact the Asylum Service

Asylum Service- Ministry of Interior

70, Arch. Makariou III Ave., Afemia House, 1077

Nicosia

Tel.: 22445265, 22445272, 22445245

For more information www.moi.gov.cy/asylum