



CITIZEN LANE
CITIZENSHIP & RESIDENCE BY INVESTMENT

Cyprus

Citizenship-by-Investment Program

The Republic of Cyprus is an island with a European flavor located in the Middle Eastern part of the Mediterranean. To this day, the country has served as one of the most important bridges between east and west.

Cyprus was a British Crown colony until 1960, and after achieving independence in 1961 it became a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Since the Turkish occupation of Northern Cyprus in 1974, the island has been effectively divided into two parts. Having now lasted over 40 years, the separation between the South and the North is not legally accepted by the UN but is tolerated for the purposes of avoiding conflict. As a consequence, Southern Cyprus is protected by the UN without facing any real threat, and forms an integrated part of the European Union.

The country whose almost one million inhabitants are primarily employed in the tertiary sector has been a member of the European Union since 2004. Cyprus is also familiar to many Europeans as a tourist destina-

tion thanks to its beautiful beaches and rich culture. The ruins of Paphos, the painted churches in the Troodos region and the Khirokitia archaeological site are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Due to its attractive tax rates and numerous double taxation agreements, Cyprus is an important trading partner for Russia in particular. Course corrections enacted during the last economic crisis make it possible for investors to invest at fair, potentially lucrative terms today.

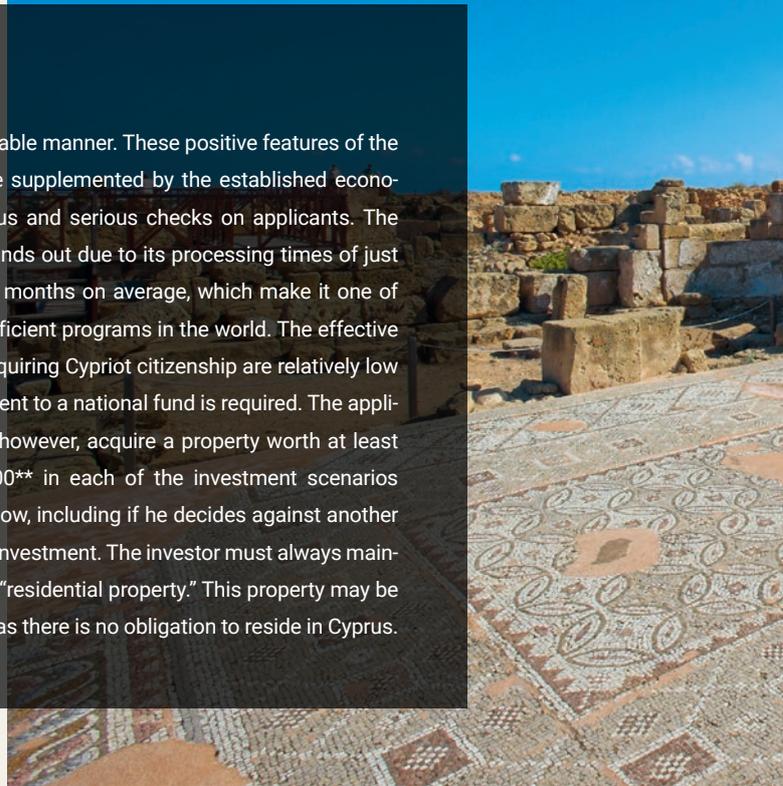
It is not only investors and pensioners that appreciate the tax advantages offered by Cyprus (no taxes on capital gains, dividends, wealth, gifts or inheritances)*. The island also provides all the benefits of a pleasant domicile for families with its agreeable climate enjoying average temperatures for the region and a certain size.



Citizenship-by-Investment

The citizenship law in Cyprus makes it easy for investors to attain citizenship. This legal basis forms the foundation for the unofficial Citizenship-by-Investment program. The applicant must, however, satisfy a number of conditions in order to qualify for citizenship. (These include being of good character, and the applicant may not represent a reputational risk for the country and must possess adequate financial resources.) The Cypriot program enjoys an excellent reputation internationally. This is due to the fact that the government does not actively advertise the program in contrast to other states and is pursuing a restrictive acceptance policy. The watchful eye of the European Union also ensures that the citizenship program is run

in a sustainable manner. These positive features of the scheme are supplemented by the established economy in Cyprus and serious checks on applicants. The scheme stands out due to its processing times of just two to four months on average, which make it one of the most efficient programs in the world. The effective costs of acquiring Cypriot citizenship are relatively low as no payment to a national fund is required. The applicant must, however, acquire a property worth at least EUR 500,000** in each of the investment scenarios outlined below, including if he decides against another real estate investment. The investor must always maintain such a "residential property." This property may be rented out, as there is no obligation to reside in Cyprus.



There are several ways to invest in Cyprus, of which the most important are outlined here:

1- Purchasing real estate

Owning an apartment or villa in one of the most beautiful spots on the planet, and attaining citizenship at the same time, is without doubt one of the most attractive scenarios imaginable. In principle, it is possible to invest in any type of real estate and several individual properties can be bought as a package in order to reach the minimum permitted investment of EUR 2,500,000**. In the case of commercial properties, the (cumulative) minimum amount is EUR 3,000,000**. This includes a residential property worth at least EUR 500,000**. Loans from foreign banks are in principle also possible.

Citizen Lane would be happy to recommend suitable properties for you. An investment in real estate also makes it possible to generate earnings with yields of around 2 to 4% by renting the property. As a rule the rental is handled by a specialized local company and the owner of the real estate does not have to take any closer interest in the property. There is a restriction that the earliest the real estate is allowed to be sold again is three years after receipt of citizenship, other-

wise there is the threat of citizenship being revoked. The real estate market in Cyprus has grown slowly but surely and is not artificially inflated by the Citizenship-by-Investment market. Compared with the size of the country, only very few properties are sold on account of the program.

2- Investment in Cypriot government bonds

A contribution of at least EUR 2,500,000 in Cypriot government bonds is also valid as an investment which qualifies an applicant with family to attain citizenship in Cyprus. In addition, a property worth at least EUR 500,000** must be purchased.

3- Investment in Cypriot financial instruments

A contribution of at least EUR 2,500,000 in Cypriot bonds or other securities is also valid as an investment which qualifies an applicant with family to attain citizenship in Cyprus. In addition, a property worth at least EUR 500,000** must be purchased.



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4 – Investment in a Cypriot company

Citizenship can also be attained by establishing or acquiring an active business enterprise and investing at least EUR 5,000,000 in that enterprise. It is a condition that the company established or acquired must employ at least five Cypriot nationals. In addition, a property worth at least EUR 500,000** must be purchased. It is important to note that the investment selected must be completed before the application process is started.

In the case of properties recommended by Citizen Lane, withdrawal from the purchase agreement is permitted free of charge should the authorities reject the application for citizenship.



Costs and fees

In addition to the investment made, fees are to be rendered to the state authorities and to Citizen Lane with the option selected not influencing the amount of the fees. The fees vary depending on the size and family constellation. For an individual applicant the total fees amount to EUR 7,000.

Included in the Citizen Lane fees are costs for consulting, coordination with the authorities, authentications, translations, passport fees and administrative work. You simply send the required original documents to Citizen Lane and we take care of the rest for you.

Please contact Citizen Lane if you are interested in a financing option.

Application and timelines

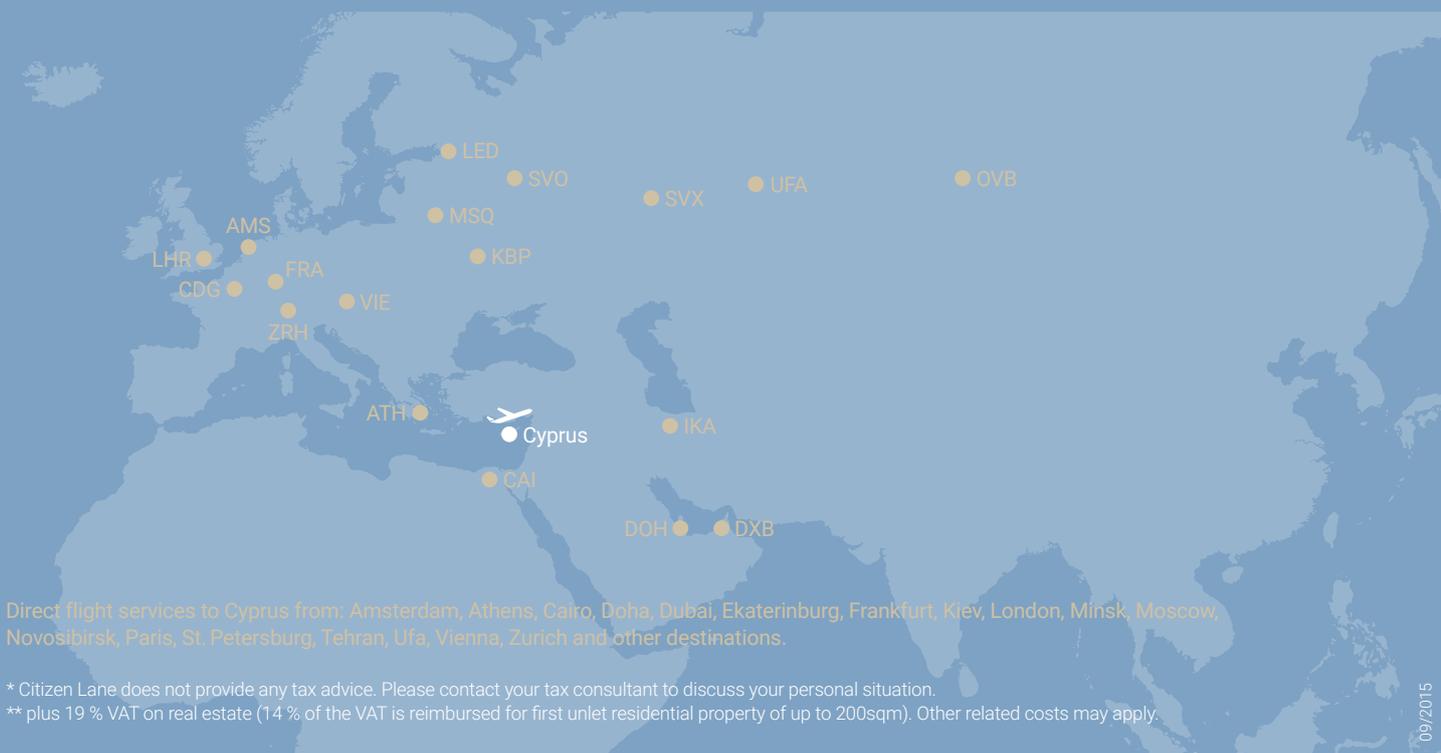
Approximately one month should be calculated for the preparation of the application. The investment must be made before the application is submitted. After the application has been received by the authorities, another two to four months will be needed for its review until approval is granted. As soon as this has happened, Cyprus must be visited within three months, with the applicant taking the oath to the country and picking up the passport in person. The citizenship process for the applicant's children starts subsequently.

Summary of minimum investment amounts and costs for an individual applicant **

1a Real estate investment (residential property)	EUR 2,500,000
1b Real estate investment (commercial property)	EUR 2,500,000
plus residential property	EUR 500,000
2 Investment in government bonds	EUR 2,500,000
plus residential property	EUR 500,000
3 Investment in financial instruments	EUR 2,500,000
plus residential property	EUR 500,000
4 Investment in a company	EUR 5,000,000
plus residential property	EUR 500,000
plus government fees	EUR 7,000

About us

Citizen Lane is your personal and competent full-service partner for Citizenship & Residence by Investment. Contact us to discreetly discuss your individual situation and needs – we will provide you with comprehensive advice and find the appropriate solution for you or your family.



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