



Moving to Cyprus

A practical starter guide

A clear first step for planning a discovery visit, choosing an area and preparing the important questions before you move.

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Start with your real priorities

1 Choose the life before the address

Write down your ideal daily routine, likely work, essential services, travel needs and budget. A beautiful holiday location may feel different in February or on a normal working day.

2 Compare areas in person

Visit at least two settings, such as central Paphos and a village or hillside community. Check travel times, shops, noise, parking, internet and access to healthcare at realistic hours.

3 Build a complete monthly budget

Allow for rent, utilities, vehicle costs, insurance, healthcare, flights, pet costs and an emergency reserve. Ask for a written breakdown before committing to a property or service.

4 Plan a discovery visit

Book viewings and professional conversations in advance, but leave time to revisit an area by day and at night. Take notes and photographs with permission.

Questions to take with you

What would daily travel look like? Which costs vary by season? What proof of address will I need? How will my healthcare and medication continue during the transition?

The essential work before moving

1 Check your residence route

EU citizens and non-EU family members may follow different processes. The Cyprus Migration Department publishes the current forms and evidence requirements. EU citizens applying for MEU1 are told to apply within four months of arrival.

2 Map your tax position

The year of a move can involve more than one tax system. Keep a travel-day record and get tailored advice on employment, self-employment, pensions, property and the UK/Cyprus treaty before making large financial decisions.

3 Arrange healthcare continuity

Confirm how you qualify for Cyprus healthcare and when enrolment can begin. Bring a current medication list, prescriptions and relevant clinical summaries; arrange cover for any gap.

4 Prepare practical documents

Check passports, family certificates, driving documents, insurance, banking, pet paperwork and records that may need translation or certification. Keep digital and paper copies.

Keep one move file

Track appointments, applications, quotes, deposits and renewal dates in one place. Check the current official instructions immediately before submitting forms.

First steps after arrival

1 Secure an address you can use

Confirm what the tenancy provides, how utilities are billed, deposit terms, pet permission and the evidence needed for official registrations.

2 Complete the relevant registrations

Use the current Migration Department instructions for your family situation. Check tax registration and business requirements separately if you intend to work or trade.

3 Set up everyday essentials

Arrange banking, mobile service, transport, utilities and a local healthcare plan. Test the practical routine before buying a property or committing to a long lease.

Official starting points

Cyprus Migration Department - residence cards

www.gov.cy • [Open official page](#)

Cyprus Tax Department - individuals

www.mof.gov.cy • [Open official page](#)

GESY - beneficiary eligibility

www.gesy.org.cy • [Open official page](#)

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