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- Temporary SA Passports are not accepted.

### 1. IMPORTANT NOTE

The High Commission of the Republic of Cyprus informs that visas will not be granted to applicants with itineraries including illegal entries from ports and airports situated to the part of the Republic of Cyprus which is occupied by the Turkish troops since 1974.

It is noted that the Government of the Republic of Cyprus is the only recognized Government on the island - member of the EU since 1.5.2004, as well as member of the UN and other International organizations. As a result of the Turkish military occupation, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus is not in a position to exercise effective control over the occupied areas of the Republic. The so-called "TRNC" has been condemned and declared illegal and invalid by the whole International Community through Security Council Resolutions 541/83 and 550/84. With the sole exception of Turkey, no state in the world or International Organization recognizes this secessionist entity.

Presently, it is possible for foreign tourists who visit the government-controlled area of the Republic of Cyprus, to cross to the occupied areas through the 7 crossing points, at their own risk as the area is not under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus. List of ownership status of hotels and other accommodation facilities in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, it can be found [here](#).

Staying in Greek Cypriot owned hotels in the occupied areas, which are being illegally exploited, would put you at great risk of possible legal action on the part of the owners.

Travelers entering the Republic of Cyprus via the illegal / closed airports and ports (i.e. all the airports and ports in the occupied areas), are in breach of the international law of the Republic of Cyprus. Therefore, you are urged to travel via the recognized ports of entry, so as to avoid any possible problems (provided that a visa has been granted to you). The legal ports of entry into the Republic of Cyprus are the airports of Larnaca and Paphos and the ports of Larnaca, LiEliteol, Latsi and Paphos, which are situated in the area under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Any entry into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus via any other port or airport in the area of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic does not exercise effective control (Turkish occupied area) is illegal".



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## 2. CATEGORIES OF VISAS

### •Single entry visas:

This visa entitles aliens who seek to enter the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, for reasons other than immigration, to enter once. The duration of each visit may not, however, exceed three months in any half year, starting from the date of first entry.

### •Multiple entry visas:

As a general rule, this visa is issued for one or several entries. In the case of aliens who need to travel frequently to Cyprus, e.g., business, this type of visas is issued for several visits, provided that the total length of these visits does not exceed three months in any half year. This multiple-entry visa may be valid for one year and, in exceptional cases, for more than a year, but for no more than five years for certain categories of persons.

## 3. VISA APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications should be submitted at least 15 working days before your travel, with all the required documentation listed below:

1. Current passport valid for at least three months from the date of departure from Cyprus. Also, the passport should have been issued within the last 10 years from the day of entry to the Republic of Cyprus.
2. Visa Application form duly completed and signed by the applicant (parents or legal guardian in case of minors). ([Download the application form](#))
3. Two color photo's.
4. Provisional booking/itinerary showing legal port of entry. Air tickets should not be purchased before the visa is issued.



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5. Hotel reservation on a letterhead from a hotel to the Republic of Cyprus with the name of the applicant and the confirmation dates of stay.
6. Copies of applicant's bank statements for the past three months.
7. A recent (less than 1 month old) letter from employer on a letterhead addressed to the Cyprus High Commission with proof of the applicant salary/wages. If self-employed a letter from the solicitor, the accountant or the bank manager of the applicant.
8. If the applicant is a student, a letter from the school or university addressed to the Cyprus High Commission stating that the applicant is registered at the institution and for the period of registration.
9. If the applicant is a minor an unabridged birth certificate should be submitted and in the case that one of the parents is not traveling with the minor, a certified letter of his/her consent at a police station should be presented with a copy of his/her passport or ID, If parent has sole custody court papers stating this should be presented.
10. If travelling on business or conference, an official letter of invitation on a letterhead with the contact details of the company.
11. Non South African citizens should have a South African residence permit (or relevant visa) valid at least for three months after departure from Cyprus.
12. An all risk valid medical insurance policy (of at least €30.000-coverage) covering the whole duration of the stay in Cyprus must be submitted. **No deductibles (no excess)**. If applicant's current health insurance policy covers medical emergencies abroad, proof thereof is required in writing – copy of insurance card is not sufficient. Otherwise a traveler's insurance policy will need to be purchased. A letter from the insurance company covering medical expenses, including emergency hospital treatment and repatriation (transportation) to the home country/country of residence, stating the name of the person, the policy number, the period of cover and the medical coverage.
13. For the issuing of multiple entry visas the applicant must provide with the visa application sufficient justification for the request.

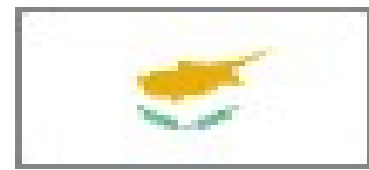


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If visiting friend or family (additional visa requirements):

14. Assumption of responsibility form fully completed, signed by the host and certified by the local municipal authorities or a certifying officer in the Republic of Cyprus. ([Assumption of responsibility form](#))
15. Certified copy of host's passport or ID.
16. Letter of invitation with full addresses and contact details of host.
17. If host is supporting applicant's trip financially, proof of income of host for past three months or bank certificate is necessary.
18. Bank guarantee letter, valid for one month. The bank guarantee letter should be stamped also by the Migration Department in Nicosia (if requested).



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#### Holders of Schengen visas:

Third country nationals that hold a valid Schengen visa Type C can travel to Cyprus without acquiring a Cyprus national visa. They can stay in the Republic of Cyprus for the duration of a period equal to the remainder of the period of legal stay as stated on their Schengen visa and at least until the expiration date of their visa.

\*Please note that applicants can be requested to personally attend an interview at the Cyprus High Commission.

\*The visa fees are only for the evaluation and the processing of a visa application. In case of a rejection of the application, the visa fees are not refundable. Payments can be made only in cash at the Consular Section of the High Commission (No EFT, no bank deposit and no cheques).

\*Additional supportive documents may be requested by the Consular officer to verify the validity of the application.

\*The granting of a visa does not automatically entitle the holder to enter the Republic of Cyprus.



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