



# 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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