

## Residence Permit Applications Step By Step

- Applications for a residence permit will be submitted to the Immigration Authority of the District Police Directorate responsible for the area where he/she resides within thirty days after the commencement of the period granted with the visa given while entering to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
- Applications for renewal of a residence permit must be made no earlier than 60 days and no later than 20 days before the expiry of the current residence permit.
- The applications are first evaluated by the Immigration Authority of the District Police Directorate and then submitted to the Immigration Department within 10 days, with a reasoned opinion whether it is appropriate to grant a residence permit or not.
- After the application is received by the Department, the applicant submits a clean medical report to the Department and if no further examination is required, a residence permit is issued at that time.
- If the clean medical report is not delivered to the Department by the applicant within thirty days starting from the date of the application, a short message is sent to the applicant stating that his/her application has been rejected and that he/she has to leave the country within five days. Those persons who do not leave the country within five days will be considered as having stayed in the country without permission from the competent authorities and will be fined in accordance with the Law.
- The information and documents required for each type of residence permit are determined by the Department and published on the official website [www.muhaeret.gov.ct.tr/kanunlar](http://www.muhaeret.gov.ct.tr/kanunlar)
- In cases where possible, applications will be made through the official website of the Department.

What are you required to do if you were eligible to obtain residence permit before the Residence Permits and Visas Regulation has entered into force, but you have not obtained a permit?

- Foreigners who are legally residing in the TRNC but did not obtain a residence permit in the past despite having met the criteria required and their spouses and children;
- Foreigners whose mother or father is a TRNC citizen;
- Foreigners whose spouse or children have student permit; will be entitled for residence permit if they apply within 1 year from the date of entry into force of the Residence and Visa Regulation and can prove that in the past they met the criteria required.

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## HOW TO OBTAIN RESIDENCE PERMIT IN THE TRNC



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DEVICE

# REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUIRING RESIDENCE PERMIT IN THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Foreigners who want to stay in the TRNC for more than 90 days or longer than the period granted by the visa are required to obtain residence permit if they are not otherwise legally permitted to stay in the country.

Work permits and business establishment permits issued in accordance with the Law on Work Permit for Foreigners and permanent residence permits granted in accordance with Permanent Residence Permit Law are considered, for the purpose of this regulation, as residence permit, and a separate residence permit is not required.

Residence permit is granted to the foreigners who want to stay in the TRNC for longer than 90 days in a period of 180 days, provided that they apply and meet the requirements for the relevant residence permit.

## VALIDITY OF PASSPORTS

- 1 Citizens of the countries that have a representative office in the TRNC and the citizens of the EU countries must have a passport valid for at least 2 months.
- 2 Citizens of other countries must have a passport valid for at least 6 months to be able to apply for a visa upon their arrival to the country.
- 3 Work permit visa is granted for a period of 90 days to foreigners who arrived to the country with a preliminary permit in accordance with the Law on Work Permits of Foreigners. Citizens of the countries who do not have an Embassy, Consulate-General or other Representative Office in the TRNC are required to have a passport valid for at least 2 years to be able to apply for a visa.

## EXEMPTION OF RESIDENCE PERMIT

Foreigners who will remain, or will be, exempt from the Residence Permit in accordance with the Regulation on Residence Permits and Visas, which came into force on 23 October 2019 pursuant to the regulation made under Chapter 105 and Article 20 of the Immigration and Aliens Law, are required to obtain an exemption certificate.

- 1 Foreigners married to a citizen of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the persons who the Director of the Immigration Department can determine to be stateless will be exempt from residence permit. They must apply to the Department within 40 days once the period they are legally permitted to stay in the country expires and obtain an exemption certificate to be exempt from residence permit.
- 2 Foreigners granted exemption from residence permit are required to obtain a residence permit exemption certificate within one year from the date of the publication of the Residence Permit and Visa Regulation in the official newspaper. Those who have not received an exemption certificate within this period will be considered as having stayed in the country without permission from the competent authorities and will be fined in accordance with the Law.

*“Residence permit that will be issued will expire 60 days before the expiry date on the passport or travel document. Therefore, make sure that you check the validity of your passport or travel document.”*

## IF YOU ARE OLDER THAN 60

Foreigners who have reached the age of sixty before the Residence Permits and Visas Regulation has entered into force and who have been living in the TRNC without a legal permission:

- 1 May remain to stay in the country if they obtain a residence permit within 1 year after the entry into force of the Residence Permits and Visas Regulation.
- 2 May leave the country within 1 year after the entry into force of the Residence Permits and Visas Regulation on 23 October 2019 and will not be fined for previously staying without a permit in the country.

*For other exemption conditions please see Article 12 of the Regulation on Residence Permits and Visas.*