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## Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa

Digital nomads as the term implies are remote workers who may travel domestically or overseas, and the internet keeps them connected to jobs, co-workers, and clients.

The Council of Ministers of Cyprus approved the introduction of the Digital Nomad Visa Scheme in Cyprus, with the ceiling to 500 residence permits with the aim to strengthen Cyprus as a centre for the provision of electronic services. In combination with the other advantages offered by Cyprus, the digital nomad visa scheme will contribute to the development of the business ecosystem and consequently to the economic development of the country.

### What is the "Cyprus digital nomad visa"?

The nomad visa is a new type of residence permit for individuals who wish to live in Cyprus and work for companies and/or clients operating abroad.

Nationals from non-EU and non-EEA countries, who can perform their work location-independently using telecommunications technology, can temporarily reside in Cyprus and work for an employer registered abroad or perform work through telecommunications technology for companies or clients located abroad.

The applicant may be either an employee or a self-employee.

### Who can apply?

Individuals from Non-EU or non-EEA countries who:

- Are able to work remotely through telecommunications technology;

- Are employees of a company registered abroad, for which they can work location-independently, or are self-employed offering services remotely for clients located abroad;
- Have stable and sufficient monthly **net income** of at least €3500

### What are the benefits of Digital Nomad Visa Scheme?

- Individuals that are granted with a Digital Nomad residence permit will benefit from:
- The right to stay in Cyprus for up to one year with a possibility of renewal for further two years.
- The right to their family members to stay in Cyprus for the same period as the Digital Nomad. However, the family members are not allowed to be employed or perform economic activity in Cyprus. Family members include the spouse/ partner in a civil union and underaged children.
- Family members can obtain a temporary residence permit through the same procedure as the Nomad.
- If they reside in the Republic for one of more periods that in total exceed 183 days within the same tax year, then they are considered tax residents of Cyprus, provided they are not tax residents in any other country.

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## What is the procedure to obtain Nomad Visa?

- Entry to Cyprus
- Within 3 months of arrival, the applicant should submit the relevant application along with the required documents to the Department of Civil Registry and Migration Department.
- In case the applicant legally resides in Cyprus under a different status, he/she has the right to submit the relevant application to be granted a temporary residence permit as a Digital Nomad, at the Civil Registry and Migration Department.
- Applications for renewal should be submitted to the Civil Registry and Migration Department along with the necessary accompanying documents, at least one month before the temporary residence permit's expiration date.
- In case the application is approved, the applicant will receive a letter notifying them on how to receive their temporary residence permit.
- In case the application is rejected, the applicant will receive a letter informing them for the rejection reasons.

## Fees

- Issuance or renewal of a temporary residence permit: €70
- Registration to the Aliens' Registry (only in cases of initial registration): €70

## Examination time

The time of examination is approximately 5 – 7 weeks from the date of its submission to the Civil Registry and Migration Department.

## Application form and accompanying documents

The application form (MVIS4) and the lists with the documents that must accompany the application of the digital nomad and his/ her family members.

## Our Services

Andreas M. Sofocleous & Co LLC has a specialised immigration team that can assist you with the entire procedure for the obtaining of the Digital Nomad Visa including preparation and filing of the application to the Department of Civil Registry and Migration Department. We can, also, assist the family members of the Nomads with regards to their residence permit applications.