

Cyprus EU Blue Card

The Cyprus Migration Department recently announced that as of 7 July 2025, applications for an EU Blue Card can now be submitted for examination.

The Cyprus EU Blue Card is a temporary residence and work permit for highly qualified non-EU citizens, available since July 2025, for specific sectors like ICT, research-based pharmaceuticals and maritime sector.

Applicants need a job offer for at least 6 months, a gross annual salary of €43,632, and either a relevant university degree or 3 years of professional experience. The Blue Card provides mobility within the EU and a path to long-term residency in Cyprus after 33 months, with benefits including family reunification and equal treatment in working conditions.

What it is:

- **EU Blue Card**: A unified work and residence permit for non-EU/EEA/Swiss nationals to live and work in participating EU member states, including Cyprus.
- **Purpose**: To attract and retain highly qualified professionals in specific sectors to address skill shortages.

Eligibility Requirements in Cyprus:

- **Job Offer**:

You must have a job offer or employment contract for a highly qualified position in a relevant sector.

- **Salary**:

A minimum gross annual salary of €43,632.

- **Qualifications**:

- A university degree (minimum 3 years of study).
- Or, at least 3 years of relevant professional experience in the last 7 years.

- **Applicable Sectors:**

The scheme is currently limited to highly skilled professionals in:

- **Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)** .
- **Pharmaceuticals**: (for research-based positions only).
- **Shipping**: (excluding captains and crew).

Key Benefits and Rights:

- **Residence & Work Rights:**

Allows you to live and work in Cyprus.

- **Family Reunification:**

Family members (spouses and children) can obtain residence permits to join the cardholder.

- **EU Mobility:**

- **Short-Term Mobility:** Holders can travel and reside in other EU member states (except Denmark and Ireland) for up to 90 days in a 180-day period for professional activities.
- **Long-Term Mobility:** After 12 months in Cyprus, you can apply for an EU Blue Card in another EU member state.

- **Path to Permanent Residency:**

A fast-track route to long-term permanent residency in Cyprus after 33 months of continuous legal residence, provided other criteria are met.

- **Equal Treatment:**

Holders are entitled to equal treatment with Cypriot citizens regarding working conditions, education, and social security.

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