

LICENSING TOURIST GUIDES IN CYPRUS

According to the provisions of the Tourism and Travel Offices and Tourist Guides Laws 1995 to 2013, in order to exercise the occupation of a tourist guide in the Republic of Cyprus, one needs to obtain a tourist guide licence issued by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism.

Eligibility Criteria

A person is eligible to obtain a tourist guide licence if the Deputy Ministry of Tourism is satisfied that he/she:

- is a citizen of an EU member state;
- has not been convicted of a crime which invokes lack of honesty or moral turpitude or not be convicted for systematic contravention of the tourist or hotel legislation or the legislation relating to the control or the protection of foreign exchange;
- has very good knowledge of the Greek language and at least one foreign language;
- is a holder of a **title of studies of the Cyprus Tourism Organization or the Deputy Ministry of Tourism Tourist Guide School** or any other recognized **Tourist Guide School** or diploma or certificate or has practiced the occupation in another member state in accordance with the requirements set out in the Recognition of Professional Qualifications Law and;
- Is adequately familiar with the history and art of Cyprus, the archaeological and historical sites, the natural environment and the modern life of the Republic. The applicant may be required to take a written examination to prove knowledge in the topics where specific knowledge is required.
- Additionally, an adaptation period or an aptitude test may be required in accordance with the requirements set out in the Recognition of Professional Qualifications' Law.

Application Procedure

The application form for the issue of a tourist guide licence can be submitted by post/hand to:

Deputy Ministry of Tourism

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The application should be accompanied with the following documents:

- copy of proof of nationality;
- copy of proof of very good knowledge of the Greek language (if the Greek language is not the mother tongue);
- copy of proof of very good knowledge of any language applied for;
- copies of Certificate of the Tourist Guide School in Cyprus or abroad and official transcript of studies;
- copies of certificates of academic qualifications (official translations in Greek or English language if applicable);
- copy of evidence of work experience;
- copy of a Licence to practice the occupation of a tourist guide, granted in accordance with the legislation of the member state of descent or of origin;
- Original recent criminal record certificate.

The applicant will be informed regarding the authorization decision within 3 months from the date that the application form and supporting documents were duly submitted. Upon approval, the applicant needs to pay the licence fee of €30,00 (payable by cash, cheque or bank transfer).

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