

Child out of wedlock

Question:

Which citizenship will have a child born in Cyprus of Cypriot (out of wedlock) by Russian woman legally residing in Cyprus for eight years, but not having Cypriot citizenship, in case the father would not be mentioned in the documents? (There is a son from first marriage with Cypriot, divorced).

Response:

Dear Reader, since the child was born out of wedlock and the father won't legally recognize the child as his own, then the child will have to acquire the Russian citizenship. However, since you legally reside in Cyprus for the last 8 years, you have the right to apply for citizenship to the Civil Registry and Migration Department in Nicosia. This way, provided that you fulfill the relevant requirements for the approval of Cyprus citizenship, you will also be able to register your child, without any other delay. In any way, you have to make sure that your child has his/her valid Russian passport, moreover you will have to register the child as your depended with the Civil Registry and Migration Department - if you have not already. As such, you will safeguard your child's rights for the time being. Afterwards, upon the approval of your citizenship you will be able to register your child as a Cypriot.