

Cypriot citizenship for the child

Question:

I have a child from the first marriage (from the Russian citizen). At the moment I am in a second marriage to a citizen of Cyprus. Is it possible to get Cypriot citizenship for the child, if it is - how to do it?

Response:

If your first husband acknowledged paternity and, accordingly, gave the child his name, then you will have to challenge his paternity by application to the District Court of your area. Only after the court order your second husband will be able to recognize the child by adopting. You, in turn, will need to provide written consent. All documents should be appointed to you by a lawyer who will inform you about "affidavit" (sworn declaration), which you will need to sign in front of the registrar in the District Court, and the statement (application), you will need to provide with an "affidavit" in the Family Court. If your first husband did not recognize the child, then you do not have to challenge paternity, your second husband will be able to recognize the child in the District Court, it needs only your written consent. After the release of the relevant court orders your child is entitled to be registered as a child of the Cypriot citizen.

The next step in addition to the procedure described above - you can apply for the acquisition of citizenship as the spouse of a citizen of Cyprus - Type M125 – to the Civil department of Registration and Immigration.

The necessary documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Certificate of criminal record
- Marriage certificate
- Birth certificate of child
- Copy of passport
- Copy of Cypriot spouse's passport
- Evidence of the receipt of the Cypriot spouse citizenship (if applicable)
- Application for a harmonious cohabitation, signed before the responsible office of the district administration and representative of diplomatic authorities
- A statement on cohabitation from the local authorities
- The application must be submitted in duplicate, and one of the two profiles must have two stamps worth 8.54 euro (* subject to change)

The application for citizenship can be submitted by spouses of Cypriots after they have lived for at least three years of marriage. These statements must be accompanied by an additional letter dated pray claiming the reasons for their desire to obtain Cypriot citizenship. If a couple has

lived for at least five years of marriage, and has at least one child, there is no need to apply the above letter.

Along with the filing of the above statement, you must apply to the Civil Registration and Migration Department for the registration of minors - Type M126. This document is provided for minor children whose father or mother has acquired Cypriot citizenship by naturalization or marriage with a citizen of Cyprus (as in your case).

Accompanying documents:

- Child's birth certificate
- Marriage certificate of parents
- Copies of passports of the child and parents
- Evidence of the receipt of the parent with Cypriot citizenship (if applicable)
- A statement from the foreign parent, signed before the responsible office of the district administration or diplomatic representative of the authorities, with the agreement for the provision of Cypriot citizenship to a minor child. The statement is not required if the Cypriot parent received court approval for the sole custody of the minor child. Copy sootetstvuyuschego court decision shall be attached.
- A copy of the receipt of payment for fees amounting to 80 Euros (* subject to change)
- Print - 8.54 euro (* subject to change)
- Two photos (passport size)

Applications for children of Cypriot citizens, who acquired citizenship through naturalization or marriage registration with Cypriot citizen, should be further accompanied by the following documents:

- Certificate of Naturalization or registration of the Cypriot parent
- A copy of the certificate proving the child studies at school
- A copy of a valid temporary residence permit for a child

Please note that all official documents issued abroad:

- 1) Must be officially translated into Greek or English through the Office of Press and Information (Press and Information office PIO)
- 2) Must be apostilled.