

INFORMATION AND ADVICE

Refugees and asylum-seekers have the right to contact UNHCR. If you wish to see a UNHCR officer for advice, please get an appointment by phone or e-mail:

Telephone: 22 359 043 or 22 359 057

E-mail: cypni@unhcr.org

For advice on the asylum procedure, access to the labour market, social and health services, family reunification, and other issues, please contact the **Future Worlds Center**, UNHCR's implementing partner:

5 Promitheos street, 1065, Nicosia

Tel: 22 873 820, Fax: 22 873 821

E-mail: info@futureworldscenter.org

Website: www.futureworldscenter.org

The following organizations also offer advice and assistance to refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and victims of trafficking:

KISA

KISA provides free information, support, advocacy and mediation services to migrants, refugees, victims of trafficking and racism. KISA also offers pro bono (free of charge) legal representation in very specific cases.

48 Arsinoes street, 1010 Nicosia

Tel.: 22 878 181, Fax: 22 773 039

E-mail: info@kisa.org.cy

Website: www.kisa.org.cy

Cyprus Red Cross Society

The Red Cross offers humanitarian assistance and support as well as medical, psychosocial and other services to vulnerable migrants.

3 Kypriakou Erythrou Stavrou street

2063 Strovolos, Nicosia

Tel.: 22 666 955, Fax: 22 666956

E-mail: admin@redcross.org.cy

Website: www.redcross.org.cy

Hope For Children (HFC)

HFC works for promoting and protecting the rights of children, including unaccompanied children who reside in Cyprus.

75 Limassol avenue, 2nd Floor, office 201,

2121 Nicosia, Tel. 22 103 234 Fax.22 104021,

E-mail: info@uncrcpc.org

Website: <http://www.uncrcpc.org/>

Cyprus Stop Trafficking

A humanitarian organization that provides aid and assistance to victims of trafficking.

P.O. Box 24228, 1702, Nicosia,

Hotline: 97 853 767

Information: 22 771 063 / 22 750 108

E-mail: cyprus.stop.trafficking@gmail.com

Website: www.cyprusstoptrafficking.webs.com

Caritas Cyprus Migrant Centre

Caritas provides legal and social advice, counseling and assistance to migrants.

10 Zenonos street, Limassol

P.O.Box 56312, Limassol 3306

Tel: 99 997272

E-mail: caritascyprus.migrants@gmail.com

Website: www.caritascyprus.com

UNHCR services are FREE OF CHARGE

There is no charge for any service provided by UNHCR, whether directly or through its implementing partners.

Any person, including a UNHCR employee, or organization claiming to be able to help an asylum-seeker or a refugee to receive a UNHCR service for money or favours must be reported to the UNHCR Representative immediately.

An asylum-seeker or a refugee must not attempt under any circumstances to bribe any person working for UNHCR or its implementing partners in any capacity.

Beware of bogus lawyers and law firms offering to help asylum-seekers to obtain refugee status for exorbitant fees. You should also beware of criminal organizations that promise immigration and employment opportunities in other European Union countries for a large sum of money.

DO NOT put your lives into the hands of these ruthless fraudsters.

DO NOT believe them.

DO NOT fall victim to their scams.



UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les Réfugiés

UNHCR Representation in Cyprus
2, Demetracopoulou street
P.O. Box 25577, 1310 Nicosia
CYPRUS

Phone: 22 359 043 or 22 359 057

Fax: 22 359 037, E-mail: cypni@unhcr.org
www.unhcr.org.cy



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**INFORMATION FOR REFUGEES
AND ASYLUM SEEKERS
IN CYPRUS**

UNHCR Representation in Cyprus
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UNHCR MISSION

UNHCR's primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. UNHCR strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another state. UNHCR's efforts in this regard are mandated by the Organization's Statute, and guided by the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol. UNHCR's Executive Committee and the UN General Assembly have also authorized the Organization's involvement with other groups, including people who are stateless or whose nationality is disputed.

UNHCR offers protection and assistance to refugees and others in an impartial manner, on the basis of their need and irrespective of their race, religion, political opinion or gender. In all of its activities, UNHCR pays particular attention to the needs of children and seeks to promote the equal rights of women and girls.

UNHCR is committed to the principle of participation by consulting the people it serves on decisions that affect their lives. In discharging its mandate, UNHCR works in partnership with governments, regional organizations, international and non-governmental organizations.



APPLYING FOR ASYLUM

If you have left your country owing to fear of persecution or other serious threats to your life or freedom, you may seek international protection by applying for asylum in Cyprus. The competent authority to receive asylum applications is the Asylum Service of the Ministry of Interior.

Address: 70 Arch. Makariou III, Afemia House, 1077 Nicosia, Tel: 22 445 245

E-mail: info@asylum.moi.gov.cy

You should visit the Immigration Police in your district to make an application:

Nicosia: 6 Agamemnonos str., Engomi, 2411, Tel: 22 802353

Larnaka: 75 Piale Pasa, 6027 Makenzie ave., Tel : 24 804242

Limassol: 223 Franklin Roosevelt, Zakaki, 2nd floor, Tel: 25 805200

Paphos: Corner Kaningos and Eleftheriou Venizelou, Nicolaou Court, 2nd floor, Tel: 26 806200

Famagusta: 83 Eleftherias str., Tatolos Bld, 1st floor, Dherynia, Tel. 23 803289

When you apply for asylum, you should inform the authorities in case you do not have accommodation so that you may be referred to a reception centre.



ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT

During the first six months after submitting your asylum application, you are not allowed to work. After that you have the right to work in certain sectors. You are therefore advised to register at the nearest Labour Office by presenting your Alien Registration Certificate (alien book) and the confirmation letter issued upon submission of your asylum application.

DISTRICT LABOUR OFFICES

Nicosia

3 Mousiou str,
Tel: 22 403000

Limassol

80 Franklin Roosevelt
ave., Tel: 25 827350

Polis Chrysokhou

1 Arsinoes and
Timohari, str,
Tel: 26 322409

Paphos

1, Ayiou Spyridonos str,
Tel: 26 821658

Larnaka

Philiios Tsigarides str,
Tel: 24 805312

Famagusta

49 Acropoleos str,
Tel: 23 812052
Dherynia

Labour offices are also available in: Aglangia, Lakatamia, Latsia, Ypsonas, Eastern Limassol, Agros, and Aradipou.

For additional information or advice on employment, you may wish to contact one of the organizations listed on the reverse side of this leaflet.



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EDUCATION, LANGUAGE TRAINING AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Primary and secondary education are mandatory in Cyprus. Attendance is free for all classes and compulsory until the age of 15 years.
- Learning the Greek language will help you to find employment and to better interact with the host community. To enroll in a Greek language programme free of charge, you can contact the Adult Education Centres of the Ministry of Education and Culture:
 - Kimonos and Thoukydidou Corner
 - Akropoli, Lefkosia, Tel: 22 800803
 - Website: www.moec.gov.cy
- Asylum seekers who do not have an income or any other means of subsistence can apply for social assistance. You should submit your application to the Welfare Office of your district:

Nicosia

66, Agiou Ilarionos,
Kaimakli
Tel: 22 804600

Larnaka

23-25, Piliou
Tel: 24 800101

Famagusta

134, 1 Apriliou
Paralimni
Tel: 23 811720

Limassol

80 Franklin Roosevelt,
Tel: 25 804535

Paphos

28, Aristoteli Valaoriti
& Kinira,
Tel: 26 306240

Evrychou

11, Griva Digeni,
Tel: 22 870582

- Refugees and subsidiary protection beneficiaries can apply for the Guaranteed Minimum Income support. Applications should be submitted at local post offices.

