

Cyprus: Launch of the European Union (EU) Blue Card Residence Scheme

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Following recent amendments to the **Aliens and Immigration Law**, the **Cyprus Migration Department** has announced that the **Blue Card** scheme will officially take effect on **Monday, 7 July 2025**. This initiative aims to attract highly skilled professionals from non-EU countries to support and strengthen the Cypriot economy.

Key Features of the Blue Card

▪ Who Can Apply

The scheme targets highly qualified non-EU nationals, whether already legally residing in Cyprus or planning to relocate.

▪ Eligible Sectors

Employment is available in key sectors such as **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**, **Pharmaceuticals**, and **Shipping**.

▪ Minimum Salary

Applicants must earn a minimum annual gross salary of **€43,632**.

▪ Card Duration

The Blue Card is valid for up to **three years**, with the possibility of renewal.

Main Advantages

▪ EU Mobility

Cardholders can move freely across **EU Member States** (excluding **Denmark and Ireland**) and **EEA countries**.

▪ Transition Support

Access to temporary **unemployment benefits** while retaining legal residence.

▪ Family Reunification

Immediate eligibility for family members to join the Blue Card holder, with extended rights.

▪ Path to Long-Term Residence

A simplified route to **long-term residence status**, even for those relocating between Member States.

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