



**HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

*Office of the High Commissioner*

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*Dear Matthew, Greetings,*

Thank you very much for your letter, dated 8 April 2019, which we conveyed to Nicosia.

The Republic of Cyprus was one of the first EU member states that provided tangible information about resident's rights for British nationals in Cyprus. In September 2018 the Ministry of Interior published guidelines about the registration procedure in the context of agreed Withdrawal Agreement. To that end we work very closely with the Department for Exiting the EU and our Ministry for the Interior with the British High Commission in Nicosia.

Our Foreign Minister has also written to the Foreign Secretary informing him that Cyprus will safeguard the rights of British Citizens living and working in Cyprus in case of a no deal Brexit based on reciprocity. Our Minister of Health has also written recently to the Secretary for Health and Social Care informing that in case of a no deal Brexit, UK citizens in Cyprus will continue enjoying equal healthcare rights and will be subject to the same eligibility criteria for claiming healthcare benefits as Cypriots.

Our authorities have opted for the most seamless procedure in which British citizens that have already applied to obtain their certificate of registration will not have to reapply after the UK's departure from the EU.

With regards the financial charge, allow me to explain the following:

The process and procedure is the same for all EU nationals living or working in Cyprus. It is not applicable only to British nationals. Any EU citizen living or working in Cyprus is able to apply for Certificate of Registration (MEU1), Residence Card (MEU2), Certificate of Permanent Residence (MEU3) and Card of Permanent Residence (MEU3).

Thus, all applicants, be it British or from any other EU member state, or any third country for that matter, will have to bear the applicable cost for the requested service.

Given that the process is applicable to all EU citizens living and working in the Republic of Cyprus we need to adhere to the principles of equal treatment and non-discrimination when it comes to the financial cost for obtaining the said documents. The relevant authorities have not yet decided about the actual cost of the registration procedure. As we will continue to follow the developments regarding this issue, I will be able to provide more information in due course.

Cyprus will continue to advocate and work for a close and strong partnership between the UK and the EU post Brexit, as we did throughout the last two years of the negotiations. Our bilateral ties are stronger than ever.

*With friendly regards, I remain,*



Euripides L. Evriviades  
High Commissioner