

BIOMETRIC IDENTITY CARDS

Applications for the issuing or renewal of an Identity Card (ID) can only be submitted at Diplomatic Missions in person. A number of Diplomatic Missions are equipped with a biometric station and are therefore able to receive applications. The acquisition and possession of an ID is compulsory for all Cypriot citizens over the age of 12 years. Minors under the age of 12 years may also apply for an ID on an optional basis.

If one has filed an application for acquiring Cypriot citizenship, he/she may not apply for an ID until after his/her citizenship application has been approved.

The following documents must be submitted at the time of application, both in their original form, as well as in copy:

- Duly completed application form
- Expired Republic of Cyprus ID (in case of renewal)
- Original birth certificate
- Original naturalization or registration certificate (original where applicable)

In the event where an applicant wishes to change the details on their ID (for example a surname due to marriage/divorce), the submission of a marriage or divorce certificate, of a passport or other documents is necessary.

In case the issue/renewal is a result of loss or theft, a relevant police report must be submitted to the Diplomatic Mission in addition to the above, as well as another form of valid photographic identification (for example passport and driving license).

The fee for the issuing/renewal of an ID is the equivalent of €30 (€20 if a minor).

Where **minors** are concerned, the application must be signed by both parents in the presence of the Consular Officer. If any one of the parents is unable to be present, the application must be signed by the parent in attendance, accompanied by a written and certified consent of the absent parent. If the parents are divorced, the application can be submitted by the guardian, accompanied by the Court Order confirming custody.

More information regarding issuance and renewal of IDs is available on the website of the Civil Registry and Migration Department of the Ministry of Interior:

<http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/CRMD/crmd.nsf/All/6263F7FAF548FDF0C2257D2C0030B3D7?OpenDocument>