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# TRNC Residence Permits Types and Descriptions

## 1. Family Permit (Spouse of the Sponsor)

**Eligibility:** Foreign spouse/partner of a TRNC citizen, residence permit holder, permanent residence permit holder, business establishment permit holder, work permit holder, student residence permit holder.

**Requirements:**

- To have a monthly income of minimum wage for a family consisting of no more than four members including the supporter, in cases where the family has more than four members, the supporter is required to have an additional monthly income of not less than 25% of the minimum wage per family member;
- Proof of appropriate accommodation.
- Valid health insurance covering all family members.

## 2. Immovable Property Ownership

- **Eligibility:** Owners of residential property in TRNC.
- **Requirements:**
  - Owning a property with a title deed.
    - In case a property has a title deed which is divided into several shares and in case one shareholder has already obtained a short-term residence permit according to this subparagraph, then, no other shareholder of the same residence shall be granted a short-term residence permit. However, if one of the shareholders on the same subject has obtained a short-term Residence permit but no family Residence permit has been obtained due to this permit, the second shareholder may also be granted a short-term Residence permit. In this way, in cases where more than one short-term residence permit is issued for the same subject, the family residence permit cannot be granted based on any of these permits
  - The foreigner needs to pay at least one third of the sales price of the immovable property in a case whereby the overseas visitor has purchased an immovable property through an agreement and he/she is also required to have applied for the permission of the Council of Ministers in order to take possession of the immovable property
  - If the foreigners who is applying for a residence permit already has a title deed of an immovable property registered in their name, s/he is required to have a monthly income of at least one minimum wages; in a case whereby the immovable property

is purchased through a sales agreement of which payments are ongoing, the overseas visitor is required to have a monthly income of at least one minimum wages in addition to the monthly instalments stated in the agreement

### 3. High Income

- **Eligibility:** Foreigners with high income.
- **Requirements:**
  - Monthly income of at least three times the minimum wage or a year's income in a bank account.
- **Permit Duration:** Maximum of six months initially, extendable up to one year in subsequent applications.

### 4. Health Tourism

- **Eligibility:** Foreigners seeking medical treatment in TRNC, without diseases threatening public health.
- **Permit Duration:** Corresponds with treatment period, not exceeding six months per application and two years in total.
- A document stating the acceptance of such visitors to a public or private hospital is required.
- No health insurance is required from those who certify that they have fully paid for their treatment expenses.
- The overseas visitor is required to have necessary funds to cover any expenses in relation to accommodation, daily costs and health during the treatment period.
- Any related information or document with regard to the treatment of the overseas visitor may be required from the relevant hospital or public institution.
- No residence permit will be issued if the length of the visa granted for such purposes while entering the country covers the period of treatment

### 5. In-Service Training / Internship

- **Eligibility:** Individuals attending in-service training or internship programs.
- **Permit Duration:** Based on the duration of the training or internship as provided by the institution or entity.
- No residence permit will be issued if the length of the visa granted for such purposes while entering into the country covers the period of the training or the programme.

### 6. Student Exchange Program

- **Eligibility:** Participants in international agreements or student exchange programs.
- **Permit Duration:** Does not exceed the period of educational training or internship.

- No residence permit will be issued if the length of the visa granted for educational purposes while entering the country covers the period of the training or the programme

## 7. Judicial - Administrative Assignment

- **Eligibility:** Issued upon judicial or administrative request/decision.
- **Requirements:** Valid health insurance and sufficient financial funds.

## 8. Shooting A Movie/Documentary

- **Eligibility:** Foreigners entering TRNC for filming.
- **Permit Duration:** Short-term permit, not exceeding one year per application, if shooting exceeds original visa length.

## 9. Graduates from TRNC

- **Eligibility:** Graduates of higher education institutions in TRNC.
- **Requirements:**
  - Application within sixty days from student permit expiry.
- **Permit Duration:** Maximum six months, available once.

## 10. Social Security Office Retirees

- **Eligibility:** Foreigners who are receiving a pension from the TRNC Social Security Office.
- **Permit Type:** Eligible for a short-term residence permit.

## 11. Short Term Residence Permit For Licensed Athletes

- **Eligibility:** Foreigners who are affiliated with and actively participating in a sports federation recognized in the TRNC.

## 12. Foreigners Growing with the Education and Culture of the Country

- **Eligibility Criteria:**
  - Individuals who were born in the TRNC, or arrived in the TRNC before the age of 7, or those who arrived before the age of 12 and have at least one parent who is a citizen of the TRNC.
  - Must have completed at least two levels of education in the TRNC.
  - Should have spent at least 70% of their life after the age of 18 in the TRNC.