

QUIZ THE RIGHT TO NATIONALITY IN THE TRNC

Introduction

This quiz is for the people living in the TRNC to test their knowledge and learn about the differences in laws and practices concerning nationality on the island of Cyprus. Each answer will be provided with an explanation below each question. If you would like to know more about the right to nationality and the rights which come with it, please [read the research report](#).

Question 1

Which of the following are the ways to get TRNC nationality, according to TRNC law? (multiple answers possible)

- a. Having at least one parent with TRNC nationality
- b. Marrying someone with TRNC nationality
- c. Being born in the TRNC
- d. Having Turkish nationality automatically gives TRNC nationality
- e. Having lived in the TRNC for 5 years
- f. Through a decision by the council of ministers

Question 2

Who said the following? *“Some people don’t even get [the nationality] even if they have the right. Someone [...] who has good relations with the government, they go first. [...] there is a queue of files. The manager decides who is on top of the pile.”*

- a. An employee of the TRNC Ministry of Interior talking about migrant workers who have been in the TRNC for a long time
- b. An employee of the Republic of Cyprus Ministry of Interior, talking about children of mixed marriages (one Turkish parent, one Republic of Cyprus parent) applying for Republic of Cyprus nationality

Question 3

Fill in the blank. *A child in the TRNC discusses the hospitals in the TRNC: "When my sister got sick, they accepted us. But the thing I don't like is that one of the nurses there said something like 'don't focus on her because she is [blank]'."*

- a. Filipino
- b. Turkish
- c. Greek Cypriot
- d. Black

Question 4

According to Republic of Cyprus law, how can someone get the Republic of Cyprus nationality? (multiple answers possible)

- a. Being born on the island of Cyprus
- b. Being born on the south side of the island (Republic of Cyprus)
- c. Having at least one Republic of Cyprus parent
- d. Having both parents be from the Republic of Cyprus
- e. Having TRNC nationality gives you the right to the Republic of Cyprus nationality



Question 5

Who said this? *"If you go to police, you will be the bad guy. Even if you make some complaints, they will not really help you. For example: they will even say, you know, the fault is with you."*

- a. A Nigerian talking about the TRNC police
- b. A Greek Cypriot talking about the TRNC police
- c. A Turkish person talking about the TRNC police
- d. A Turkish Cypriot talking about the Greek Cypriot police

Question 6

Fill in the blank. *A PhD researcher: "We face a lot of discrimination [...] This is the third semester and I'm still applying for the office, they keep telling me there is no space. They say there is nothing. Someone even told me to look for another university. It's really shocking. They will tell you there is no space and then you will see another new [_____] person in an office."*

- a. Turkish
- b. White
- c. Turkish Cypriot
- d. Greek Cypriot



Question 7

Fill in the blank. *Child discussing a school trip to Turkey: “the TRNC ministry of education was organising this and they didn’t take me with them. They didn’t take me because I was [_____], my GPA was enough to make the application.”*

- a. A naughty student
- b. Not a TRNC citizen
- c. A Turkish citizen
- d. A citizen of the Republic of Cyprus

Question 8

Who of the following can, in practice, get the Republic of Cyprus nationality? (multiple answers possible)

- a. A child born in the TRNC, of two Republic of Cyprus parents
- b. A child born in the TRNC, of a Republic of Cyprus mother and a Turkish father
- c. A child born in Turkey, of a Republic of Cyprus mother a Turkish father
- d. A child born in Turkey, of two Republic of Cyprus parents
- e. A child of a Republic of Cyprus mother a Turkish father who married in the TRNC
- f. A child of a Republic of Cyprus mother a Turkish father who married in Turkey

Question 9

Who said the following: *“You give your application, [the employees of the Ministry of Interior] don’t even give you any paper saying that they received it...later [they] are going to tell me there was no application.”*

- a. A Turkish Cypriot discussing his application for the Republic of Cyprus nationality
- b. A Turkish migrant worker discussing his application for TRNC nationality

Question 10

Who of the following can cross the border from North Cyprus to South Cyprus? (multiple answers possible)

- a. Anyone with TRNC nationality
- b. Anyone with a passport from a Schengen country or EU passport
- c. Anyone with at least one 'original Cypriot' parent (a citizen of Cyprus before 1974)
- d. Anyone with at least one 'original Cypriot' grandparent (a citizen of Cyprus before 1974)
- e. Anyone with a TRNC residency permit, work permit, and/or student visa
- f. Anyone married to a spouse with Republic of Cyprus nationality
- g. Anyone born in Cyprus



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