# SHORT GUIDE FOR REPATRIATION

MOVING TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

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### HIGH COMMISSIONER ZAREH SINANYAN



#### DEAR REPATRIATE,

Welcome home. We at the Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs welcome your decision to repatriate and stand ready to assist you in every way possible. Our Office will provide information and individualized consultation services to you and your family, and serve as a liaison between you and all the relevant state institutions to ensure your full integration into Armenian society.

This short guide for repatriation, which we have prepared in collaboration with our partners at Repat Armenia Foundation will serve as your guide for moving to, living, and working in Armenia. It will provide practical information and advice, including but not limited to the documentation you need to apply for RA citizenship and residency, move your belongings, register your address, obtain a social security number, enroll in a school, open a bank account, rent an apartment, and much more.

Promoting repatriation and supporting the integration of repatriates is one of our key priorities so please do not hesitate to contact us, we will be happy to assist you in every way possible.

Sincerely,

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### OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR DIASPORA AFFAIRS

#### About Us

The Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs was established on June 11, 2019, by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia. The Office is responsible for developing and implementing the strategies and policies for all Armenia-Diaspora relations, supporting and encouraging repatriation, ensuring an active integration process, mapping the Diaspora's potential, and implementing programs to integrate the Diaspora into every aspect of Armenian life.

Zareh Sinanyan the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs, and Sara Anjargolian his Chief of Staff, are both repatriates. The Office is made up of a diverse team of individuals some of whom represent Diaspora communities from around the world.

#### **Our Vision**

We are committed to the future and prosperity of Armenians living in Armenia and the Diaspora, the preservation of Armenian identity, and the maximal integration of these two inseparable parts of the Armenian nation. The strength and viability of Armenia and the Diaspora depend on one another, and our goals and policies are meant to further these mutually dependent interests.

The Office of the High Commissioner acts as the critical bridge - bringing our people together and fully engaging Diasporans with the homeland. Through the active participation and commitment of the Diaspora, we can create the homeland that we have all dreamt about and in doing so strengthen and empower the Diaspora.

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### ABOUT REPAT ARMENIA FOUNDATION

Repat Armenia is a non-governmental, non-profit institution established in August 2012 with the aim of promoting active repatriation, informing, initiating, and championing the return of high impact (professional, entrepreneurial) individuals and families. Full-time, dedicated staff based in our Yerevan office are ready to assist you in the following key areas:

- Pre/upon arrival consultations needs assessment and overall moving advice
- Soft landing through membership in Armenian repatriates community
- Guiding you through major public procedures and institutions
- Employment tips, job search resources, connection with HR recruiting agencies, and experienced repatriates
- Business navigation, connecting with professional financial/legal companies, business networking, and promotion
- Special package on banking and health insurance

At Repat Armenia, we pay special attention to raising awareness and importance of repatriation through organizing ImagineArmenia Forums in key diaspora communities, regular online talks, and panel discussions on different aspects of repatriation and integration. We also contribute to the development of a pro-repatriation environment and influencing government policies.

Once you become a part of our community, you can also be engaged in the process by sharing your personal and professional experience in Armenia via taking part in working groups and surveys organized by Repat Armenia.

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### PLANNING YOUR MOVE TO ARMENIA

#### **Pre-repatriation Priorities**

- Plan a pilot trip
- Prepare all the necessary documents
- Apply for citizenship, temporary or permanent residency
- Familiarize yourself with the rules and procedure for moving your personal belongings and financial assets
- Learn/improve your Armenian

Perhaps the most important aspect of any move, it is imperative that you gather all of your documents and their notarized and apostilled translations. Below is the list of essential documents you will need in order to obtain a legal status, register for school, and more.

- Birth certificate for all family members
- Passport
- Baptism certificate
- Marriage certificate
- Education certifications
- Vaccination documentation and medical records
- Driver's license
- Papers certifying ownership of vehicles and/or property

**NOTE:** These documents should be translated, notarized either in the country you are coming from or in Armenia. Some documents such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, and baptism papers, will need to be certified by an apostille in the country you are coming from. Many Armenian embassies and consul offices will provide notary and translation services.

[Apostille certifies the authenticity of the signature of the person who signed the document, as well as the authenticity of the seal or stamp placed on the document.]



Contact the Office of the High Commissioner and Repat Armenia for repatriation advice and to plan your repatriation process.

Join the **<u>Armenian Repatriates Network</u>** (+10,000 members) for soft landing and practical tips on different aspects of repatriation.



# ACQUIRING A LEGAL STATUS APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP

#### **Types of Legal Status in Armenia**

You can apply for citizenship, permanent or temporary residency, both in the country you are coming from or in Armenia. The status you choose will determine the type of privileges and responsibilities you have, such as being able to vote or serving in the army.

#### Acquiring Armenian Citizenship

There are four ways for acquiring Armenian citizenship: by ethnicity, by marriage, by residence, and by exception. We highly recommend applying for citizenship or permanent residency before moving to Armenia permanently as this process can last up to 6 months, and can take longer if the required documents are not present.

**NOTE**: Once approved, you must pick up your first passport in Armenia, not at an Armenian Embassy/Consular office (except for applicants filing in Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq).

#### **Step 1. Prepare the Documents**

- passport and a copy
- six (color) photographs of 35 x 45 mm size
- birth certificate and copy
- marriage certificate and copy
- spouse's passport and copy, or certificate of spouse's citizenship
- child's birth certificate and copy
- document confirming Armenian ethnicity

Please note that birth and marriage certificates may need to have a notarized translation and apostille certification. The document confirming Armenian ethnicity, such as baptism papers, parent's birth certificate, or other documents that are relevant to your case may need consular legalization from an Armenian Embassy or Consular office in the country where it was issued. Some documents may also need verification from the community.

#### Step 2. Apply for Citizenship

Applications for citizenship are normally filed at the Passport and Visa Department of RA Police (commonly known as OVIR). You can also file an application at an Armenian Embassy/Consular office abroad.

Davtashen, 4th District, 17/10 Building Yerevan, Armenia 0054 (+374) 10 370264 Mon. - Thur. 9AM to 6PM

### APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP

#### Step 3. Track Your Application Status

An application for citizenship will normally be processed in 3 to 6 months. It will be reviewed by the RA Police, the National Security Service, the Foreign Ministry, the Citizenship Committee, and the Prime Minister's Office before the President signs the citizenship decree. Once you've filed your application, you will be given a six-digit code with which you can track your application online at <u>www.police.am</u>



#### Step 4. Take the Oath and Pick Up Your Passport

After your citizenship is granted you will need to be in Armenia to get your passport (except for applicants filling in Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq). You will be given a day and time to appear at the Passport and Visa Department of the RA Police (OVIR) to sign the oath of allegiance and receive your passport.

**NOTE**: When applying for citizenship you can choose to receive either a regular or biometric passport and a national ID card (please note that many countries only recognize the biometric passport, thus we recommend applying for a biometric passport). It may take up to three weeks for a passport to be issued. At this stage, you can also register your address. If you want to register a local Armenian address you may have to show proof of residence in Armenia (e.g. ownership certificate, lease agreement, owner's consent, etc. see the section **Address Registration**.

#### Step 5. Register with the Military Commissariat

If you are a male below the age of 50 you will have to register with the local military commissariat. If you served in the military of another country for at least 12 months or have completed alternative service in another state for at least 18 months, you may bring a legalized (consular legalization or Apostille) document confirming this fact. The registration typically takes 1-3 days.



#### Addresses and Phone Numbers of Military Commissariats in Yerevan

Halabyan 19A	010 399 673
Azatutyan 2A	010 200 084
Nelson Stepanyan 3	010 635 560
Chekhovi 26	010 460 661

http://

Check out the <u>Citizenship and Residency</u> page on diaspora.gov.am for details on the type of documents needed for each avenue for acquiring citizenship, and military service requirements.

### TYPES OF RESIDENCY PERMITS ADDRESS REGISTRATION & SSN

#### **Types of Residency Permits**

If you're not applying for citizenship you may apply for a residency permit, there are 3 types.

- Temporary residency permit issued for a period of up to one year with a possibility of extension every year.
- Permanent residency permit issued for a period of 5 years with a possibility of extension every 5 years.
- Special residency permit issued in the form of a passport and valid for 10 years with the possibility of extension every 10 years.





Visit **diaspora.gov.am** section on <u>**Citizenship and Residency</u>** for more information on eligibility requirements for each type of residency permit, necessary documents and where to apply.</u>

#### **Address Registration**

The law requires citizens and residents to register their address with the local police station. When registering an address, you will need to show proof that you reside in Armenia. It can be a certificate of ownership or lease of a residential property or the owner's consent to the registration. If none of these documents are available, you may request the local police to make a factual check (normally takes up to two weeks) and confirm that you actually reside at the address in question.

If you did not register an address when applying for a passport at OVIR, you can register your address at your local police station.

#### **Social Security Number**

A Social Security Number guarantees the exercise of the social security rights of citizens and foreign nationals residing in Armenia. It has a unique serial number and is necessary for employment, as well as to receive poverty and unemployment benefits, old-age and disability pensions, as well as to open a bank account, pay taxes, and more.

You will need your passport or residency permit to be able to apply for a Social Security Number. You apply at OVIR.

**NOTE**: If you obtain an identification card (ID card) it will include your social security number, so there will be no need to obtain an additional social security number. Only citizens of the Republic of Armenia can receive an identification card (ID card).

### MOVING YOUR BELONGINGS

#### **Moving Your Belongings**

When moving to Armenia for permanent residence you can bring your belongings without paying customs duties and fees after you have received your RA citizenship, special or permanent residence permit, if you were absent from the Republic of Armenia for at least 915 days from a period of 1825 days (5 years) prior to applying to customs, and have not previously used these privileges.



In order to receive customs privileges when importing your personal belongings, your belongings must be without factory packaging and labeling.

- You can import the following belongings for personal use without paying customs duties:
  - Electronic equipment for personal use (maximum 3 of each kind)
  - One full set of each type of furniture for personal use
  - One vehicle for personal use, which was registered to your name at least 6 months prior to being imported with documents proving ownership at least 6 months prior
  - Other personal items not mentioned above such as clothing, books, bedding, etc.

**NOTE:** Items related to work/business activities cannot be imported without customs duties and fees.

Your personal belongings can be imported tax-free within 18 months following your arrival. You must file an application for tax-free import with the customs office specifying the name, weight and number of items imported, a document certifying your right of permanent residence in the Republic of Armenia, document certifying permanent residence in a foreign country prior to your move, original receipts for payment of property transportation.

The customs office will have up to 3 weeks to grant or reject your application.

http:// See **diaspora.gov.am** section on **Moving Your Belongings** for more details.



### ABOUT HEALTH CARE

#### **Public Health Care**

Medical care providers in the Republic of Armenia are obliged to provide emergency first aid to any person (including a foreign national), regardless of their ability to pay. Childbirth and the medical care of all citizens under the age of 18 are provided free of charge [with certain limitations on types of procedures]. There are also multiple programs in place to help those in financial need access necessary medical treatment.

Most people choose to either register at a local polyclinic or with private clinics for primary health concerns. Public polyclinics will offer much of their services for free.

To register:

- 1. Find your nearest polyclinic
- 2. Go to the clinic with your passport and SSN
- 3. Sign a contract with the polyclinic and become their patient

For more information on public health contact the Ministry of Health.

Ministry of Health Governmental Building N 3 Yerevan, Armenia 0010 (+374) 60 808003 info@moh.am www.moh.am





#### **Medical Insurance with Repat Armenia**

In Armenia, it is not that common to have medical insurance on an individual basis. Thus, it is more affordable and beneficial for you to be included in a corporate package.

Repat Armenia Foundation is working with Nairi Insurance to offer comprehensive coverage at a lower price. The plan is priced at 120,000 AMD (around 250 USD) annually (will cost less with a family of 3 or more) and covers up to 7 million AMD (approximately \$14,500 USD) in medical bills in Armenia and Artsakh.



Contact Repat Armenia for more information on the services included in the package and how to sign up for this offer at **<u>repatarmenia.org</u>** 

**NOTE:** The prices listed here are subject to change.

### ABOUT EDUCATION

Kindergartens and general secondary education in state educational institutions are free of charge for citizens, dual citizens, residents, and foreign nationals living in Armenia. Teaching is conducted in Eastern Armenian. English and Russian are taught in all public schools, while some offer German, French, and Chinese. State colleges and universities also offer discounted or free spots for students who score high marks on entrance exams.

There are also many private kindergartens, schools, and universities, which often have an area of specialization such as a language, or connection with an international or religious organization. Tuition fees for private institutions vary from one another.

#### **Registering at a Public School**

The process of enrolling a student in a public school is easy, you just need to visit a school in your area with the following documents:

- 1. Original and copy of the student's passport or birth certificate.
- 2. Proof of address where the student is registered (this will determine which public school the student can attend).
- 3. The student's personal file from the previous school if they will be enrolling in 2nd grade or higher.
- 4. An official transcript detailing the courses taken and grades received for each course if the student will be enrolling in 2nd grade or higher. Additionally, if the student is enrolling mid-academic year, please make sure to bring a document detailing courses they've left incomplete.
- 5. The original certificate for completing basic education for students enrolling in grades 10 to 12.
- 6. Two 3x4 cm colored photos.
- 7. Student's medical records, including immunization records (this is not required but may be asked for).

**NOTE**: Documents in foreign languages must be translated into Armenian and notarized.

For more information on education contact the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports.



### ABOUT BANKING& FINANCE

Personal bank accounts are used primarily for getting paid by your employer, receiving government-provided benefits, and paying for utilities. Mobile and internet banking is very common for making payments for utilities, especially phone and internet services.



When opening up a bank account you will need:

- Your passport
- Social security number
- Registered address

**NOTE:** Foreign nationals without these documents may open bank accounts with notarized translations of their passports.

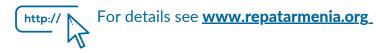
You can find comprehensive information about banks and the country's financial system at the Central Bank's website **<u>www.cba.am</u>** 

All banks have kiosks where you can grab a number based on your banking needs for the day. Once your number appears on the screen, approach the window indicated.

**NOTE**: Banks in the city center are always fuller than those in the periphery or on smaller streets. Expect the longest wait times around lunch and closing times.

**REPAT ARMENIA TIP**: We recommend using the <u>**Earlyone**</u> app to ensure your time slot before arriving at your bank.

Repat Armenia has a partnership established with AmeriaBank, offering a special promotion deal to incoming repatriates.



#### **Moving Your Financial Assets**

You can bring up to \$10,000 with you when coming to Armenia by air or land. You must declare cash of \$10,000 and more (or the equivalent in other currency) if you take it between Armenia and any non-EEU country. Cash includes travelers' checks.

**REPAT ARMENIA TIP:** An amount more than \$10,000 (or the equivalent in another currency) is recommended to be transferred through a bank via International SWIFT transfers to bank accounts or fast money transfers such as MoneyGram and Unistream.

### ABOUT EMPLOYMENT

Start searching for employment opportunities early. Make sure you've brought your diplomas and certificates with you, some employers may require translated copies. While most may not ask to see them. Some international institutions will require originals.

Update your CV/resume. Most Armenian companies use an American style as a template and prefer single-page attachments to your email. Make sure you research the company you are applying to and match their needs. Repat Armenia offers career counseling as well as resume writing assistance.

The minimum wage in Armenia is currently 68,000 AMD, which nets at about 150 USD. These days most salaries range from 100,000-300,000 AMD. As of summer 2020, the country average is more or less 188,000 AMD or around 400 USD.

Repat Armenia can guide you through resources for finding and securing employment opportunities.

**Repat Armenia Tip**: Actively network. The more people you meet, the easier your integration process will be. Update your LinkedIn, join relevant Facebook groups, attend repat and expat events.

#### Income Tax

- Personal income tax is flat for all levels at 22%
- Social security tax is 5% for salaries up to 500,000 AMD, 10% for over 500,000 AMD
- Military tax increases based on income, starting from 1,000 AMD per month



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<u>Staff.am</u> Careercenter.am Jobfinder.am



See Repat Armenia's web-page on <u>Job Sites in Armenia</u> for more information and full list of online resources.

### ABOUT WORK PERMITS

If you are interested in working in Armenia before applying for and receiving citizenship or residency, you may need to obtain a work permit. Your employer has to apply for a work permit on your behalf with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MLSA).

The following are exempt from work permit requirements, including highly skilled foreign specialists, business owners, executives, specialists in certain areas required for training or installation of machinery, highly qualified specialists in a government-mandated sector (e.i. agriculture, natural sciences, IT, finance, food technology, or management), university lecturers, accredited foreign media representatives, refugees, or students in an exchange program.

When applying for a work permit the Ministry will first need to ensure that there are no qualified local workers available to fill the position. If there are locals, MLSA will refer them to the employer for an interview. The employer doesn't have to advertise the position, nor offer a specific wage. If no candidates are referred or the employer has valid reasons for rejecting the candidate, the Ministry will issue your work permit.

Once the work permit is issued (typically within 14 days), you must apply for a **Temporary Residence Permit** at the Passport and Visa Department of the Yerevan Police (OVIR). The application must be accompanied by supporting documentation, including medical test results. The temporary residence card is issued within approximately 30-45 days of the application date.

The following documents must be filed by the employer with the MLSA:

- Application
- Passport
- Diplomas and other documents showing education or qualification, with consular legalization (or Apostille)
- Two photographs (3×4 cm)
- Proof of payment of government fee (25,000 AMD paid by you or your employer)

State Employment Agency 68 K. Ulnetsi St. Yerevan, Armenia 0069 (+374) 10 280625 info@employment.am <u>www.employment.am</u>



### ACCOMMODATIONS **RENTING**



#### **Renting an Apartment**

Rent prices in Armenia are determined by location, size, type of building, amenities provided, and season (tourist season drives up rental prices in the summer months). Apartment rentals often come fully furnished.

Costs are significantly higher in Yerevan and especially in the city center (Kentron) where studio apartments can start from around 300 USD. As a rule of thumb, the further out you go from the center the less you will spend. Check out Arabkir, Nor-Nork, Shengavit, and Davitashen for more affordable options.

#### Where to Start

You can start your search on Facebook by joining the <u>Armenian Repatriates Network</u>, <u>Find Flatmates/Roommates in Yerevan!</u> groups or you can check apartment listings by other members on various Facebook groups. Ask for what you are looking for noting price, size, and location, and someone will surely respond with options.

There are also multiple websites for real estate listings, where you can filter by location, price, and size. For a full list see RepatArmenia's web page on **<u>Real Estate</u>**.

www.list.amwww.myrealty.amwww.estate.amwww.real-estate.amwww.realtors.am

**NOTE:** On these websites, you will likely see the same listing multiple times, as brokers will re-post other's listings. Brokers are often paid a commission (usually 10% of the first month's rent) both by the landlord and the tenant. Expect to pay the first and last month's rent as well as the 10% commission when you first rent. If you want to avoid paying broker's fees, try to find places listed by landlords directly.

**REPAT ARMENIA TIP:** Don't be afraid to negotiate as landlords are often willing to give lower prices, especially for long-term rentals.

# UTILITIES **MOBILE & INTERNET**

#### **Paying Utilities**

Utility bills (gas, electricity, water) are available online starting from the 8th day of the month and must be paid by the 20th day. Payments are usually done online through various mobile apps, which you can connect to your bank account, or at various payment kiosks often located near supermarkets where you can use cash. They are usually paid through a customer number or the phone number used to activate the service.



Some mobile payments applications include:

- <u>idram</u>
- Mobidram
- <u>TellCellWallet</u>
- <u>EasyPay</u>
- <u>ArCa</u>

**NOTE:** The heating system is decentralized in most places, which will make a difference in electricity and gas costs. The type of building you live in will also affect the price of utilities (especially heating and cooling).

#### **Choosing a Mobile and Internet Provider**

There are three mobile service providers in Armenia: <u>UCom</u>, <u>Vivacell</u>, and <u>Beeline</u>. All three have generally good coverage in Yerevan and around Armenia.

You will have 2 options: a monthly plan or pay-as-you-go services, which start at 1,000 AMD, and plans can range from 1,500-9,500 AMD based on your desired services.

Home internet is available through <u>UCom</u>, <u>Beeline</u>, <u>Rostelecom</u>, and others. All offer a combination of internet/phone/television plans which usually start from 6,000 AMD. If you plan to rent, chances are the property already has internet and TV services installed and you will be responsible for paying the monthly costs.

When purchasing a service, you will need to take your passport (foreign passports are also applicable) or ID card with you. You will also need to provide an address. If you don't have a registered address, you will be asked for a deposit payment on internet modems.

**NOTE**: When traveling to Artsakh, make sure to activate the roaming option so that you make calls and send SMS within Artsakh and to Armenia.

### ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

#### **Public Transportation**

Public transportation services including buses, minibusses (marshrutkas), metro (only in Yerevan), trains, and trolleybuses are available throughout the country.

#### **Cost of Public Transportation**

- Metro [Runs 7:30 am-11 pm] : 100 AMD
- Trolleybus: 50 AMD
- Buses within the cities: 100 AMD (70 AMD in Artsakh)
- Buses between cities: 1,000-6,500 AMD, depending on the distance traveled
- Train tickets range from 1,000-2,500 AMD depending on the distance traveled/train

#### **Useful Mobile Apps for Transportation**

- <u>A2B Transport</u>
- Yerevan Metro
- Transit.am
- <u>2Park</u>

#### **Biking in Armenia**

Biking is slowly becoming a common practice in Armenia, bike routes have been added to the city center in Yerevan and there are plans to increase these.

Shared biking services are also available! We recommend downloading the <u>Yerevan Ride</u> and <u>MIMO Bike</u> applications for shared cycling services.



Taxis in Armenia start from 500-600 AMD for up to 4 km and normally charge 100 AMD/km after that. This may change, however, depending on the service provider. **GG**, **UTaxi**, and **Yandex** are often used for ordering a ride via mobile app.

**REPAT ARMENIA TIP:** Taxis parked on the street, particularly around Cascade, Opera, and Republic Square, will charge a higher fee.

### ABOUT DRIVING IN ARMENIA

#### **Driving in Armenia**

If you want to drive in Armenia and have an international license or come from a country that's part of the Vienna Convention (such as Russia, Georgia, and the United Kingdom), you can drive in Armenia. If not, you will need to apply for a local diver's license.

**NOTE**: Canada, the United States, and Lebanon are not part of the Vienna Convention. For a full list of all the countries participating in the Vienna Convention see the <u>Ministry of</u> <u>Foreign Affairs website</u>.

Applications for taking the written exam and driving test are now done entirely online.

## http:// k roadpolice.am/en

Use this platform to send a letter to the RA police requesting to take the test. You will receive a text message or call telling you the place and time for the test. You will receive the score of the written exam immediately after you take the test, after that you can apply for the driving test.

Efforts are currently underway to make written exams available in other languages as well.

You will need your passport or other ID stating place of residence in order to take the test. Written test: 3,000 AMD Driving test: 3,000 AMD Cost of license: 12,000 AMD

The minimum driving age is 18 years. Car insurance is obligatory when driving in Armenia.



For more information on driving in Armenia, sample tests, educational videos and more, check out **<u>www.varord.am</u>** 

### ABOUT COST OF LIVING

One of the first things people ask is what the cost of living in Armenia is compared to the salaries received. We've compiled a list of different budgets based on marital and family status to help newcomers understand what their own budget might look like.

Each individual's and family's cost of living differs based on their personal needs, and spending habits. These estimates are based on the spending habits of repats and expats.

MONTHLY BUDGET (USD)	🛉 SINGLE	n 🛉 🛉 COUPLE	FAMILY
RENT	\$200-300	\$250-450	\$300-500
UTILITIES (ELECTRICITY/GAS/WATER/INTERNET-TV/PHONE)	\$30-50	\$50-100	\$80-150
FOOD (GROCERY AND EATING OUT)	\$100-250	\$250-350	\$300-400
TRANSPORTATION (METRO, BUS, TAXI, CAR)	\$20-50	\$50-100	\$80-150
HEALTHCARE (VISIT TO THE DOCTOR, INSURANCE, PER PERSON)	\$10-40	\$10-40	\$10-40
LIFESTYLE	\$100-300	\$200-500	\$300-600

**NOTE:** The cost of living calculated here is based on prices in Yerevan. Rent and housing prices are much cheaper in other cities and towns, such as Gyumri, Vanadzor, and Kapan.



http://You can calculate your cost of living based on your ownspending habits at numbeo.com

### GOVERNMENT FEES & EXPENSES

Below you can find a breakdown of government fees and expenses as it relates to the repatriation process detailed in this short guide.

## SERVICE

# FEE

Citizenship application	1,000	AMD
Regular passport	1,000	AMD
Biometric passport	25,000	AMD
ID card	3,000	AMD
Address registration	1,000	AMD
Expedited passport or ID card issuance		
Next business day	20,000	AMD
3 business days	10,000	AMD
5 business days	5,000	AMD
Temporary residence permit, card, and registration	105,000	AMD
Permanent residence permit, card, and registration	140,000	AMD
Special residence permit, special passport, and registration	150,000	AMD
Extension of the status of temporary admission	105,000	AMD
Changes to permanent residence card	20,000	AMD
Replace permanent or temporary residence card	12,000	AMD
Replace lost special passport	75,000	AMD



Check out our website for more information at **<u>diaspora.gov.am</u>** 

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Spyur Yellow Pages	113
Traffic Police	177
Railroad Information	
Airport Information	
Ministry of Health Hotline	



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