



# PLANNING YOUR MOVE TO ARMENIA



## YOUR REPATRIATION PROCESS WITH US

At [Repat Armenia](#), we define the process of repatriation as an individual's or family's decision made with accurate planning. We stand by you on a more intimate level, as you explore the possibilities, weigh the options, and embark on the journey to come, live and enjoy an engaging future in the homeland.

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 work, near Republic Square is ready to assist you in the following key areas:

- ▶ Information support (you will find a lot of [practical information](#) and tips about the process of moving, living and working in Armenia, personal experience and practical advice of repatriates and expats on our website and social networks)
- ▶ [Online and offline consultations](#) (orientation on integration, employment, doing business, networking, education, healthcare and legal aspects)
- ▶ [In-Depth Concierge Support Program](#)
- ▶ [Employment support](#) (profiles scanning, resume editing and job-matching activities)
- ▶ [Free Armenian language courses](#).
- ▶ [Medical insurance](#) (special package at a corporate price with 30% discount for 3 and more family members)
- ▶ [Networking & integration events](#) (informal meetings with fellow repatriates, acquaintance with interesting organizations and initiatives, workshops and training sessions, outgoing tours)

At Repat Armenia, we pay special attention to raising awareness and importance of repatriation through organizing 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 through sharing your personal and professional experience in Armenia.

### STEP 1

**Contact Repat Armenia Foundation** for repatriation advice and to plan your repatriation process. Also, we suggest joining the [Armenian Repatriates Network](#) (+12,000 members) for soft landing and practical tips on different aspects of repatriation. The more you know in advance, the more likely you are to plan effectively and create a positive experience for yourself and your family

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### STEP 2

**Plan your pilot trip** which is highly recommended to discover opportunities in Armenia. Once you contact us, we will be happy to organize meetings with experienced repats, relevant public institutions, potential recruiters, business consulting and legal agencies, educational institutions upon your request. This will help you with the proper planning of your move and soft landing. You can also experience Armenia from inside with volunteering programs like [Birthright Armenia](#) or [Armenian Volunteer Corps](#).

### STEP 3

**Prepare a set of documents** and its copies and hold onto your originals. While you gather your documents before arriving, you will also be researching and making decisions about schools, employment options, and accommodations.

Make sure you take with you the following:

- ◇ Birth certificate (translated and notarized)
- ◇ Baptism certificate (translated and apostilled if necessary)
- ◇ Education certifications (translated and notarized)
- ◇ Marriage certificate (translated and apostilled if necessary)
- ◇ Driver's license (international unless part of the Vienna convention)
- ◇ Vaccination documentation

**NOTE:** These documents shall be translated, notarized either in the country you are coming from or here in Armenia.

**NOTE:** Please pay special attention to the apostilling process as it has to be done in the country you are coming from.

### STEP 4

**Choose your legal status in Armenia.** You can apply for residency in Armenia or citizenship either in the country you are coming from or in Armenia. To learn more about the process please refer to the [Legal status in Armenia section](#).



### STEP 5

**Check the procedure of moving personal belongings before you arrive in Armenia.**

A "repatriate" is a person who has permanently resided (i.e. spent at least 915 days per year) outside of Armenia for the last 5 years or has a status of a refugee. You are allowed to import tax-free used personal and household items with no original factory packaging and labelling that were purchased before his arrival to Armenia.

Things you can easily bring are:

- ◇ 3 maximum of each electronic piece used for personal and daily purposes, so long as it's not new and in original boxes. It must show some wear and tear, at least
- ◇ 1 complete set of each type of furniture only for personal use
- ◇ 1 car for personal use that you can prove you have owned for at least 6 months prior to moving
- ◇ Personal items outside of those mentioned can be brought in without limit (this includes, clothings, home accessories, bedding, books, and such items. Please DON'T bring pipes, toilets, etc.)

The goods can be imported tax-free within 18 months following the repatriate's "arrival for permanent residence" to Armenia. The date of "arrival for permanent residence" is the day when the repatriate registers his address with the police (or, if the address had already been registered, the day of filing a statement with the customs office). It must happen within 180 days after the repatriate's actual arrival to Armenia. The repatriate must file an application for tax-free import with the customs office specifying the name, weight and number of items imported. The customs office has up to 10 days to grant or reject the application.