



STEP 8

Apply for a job or plan on opening your business

When applying for a job, please follow these instructions:

1. Make sure you bring your diplomas and certificates with you. While most may not ask to see them, some international institutions, especially, will require originals.
2. Update your CV/resume. Most Armenian companies use an American style as template and prefer single page attachments to your email. However, please make sure you research the company you're applying to and match their needs.
3. Actively network. The more people you meet, the easier your integration process will be. Update your LinkedIn, join relevant Facebook groups ([HR.AM CLUB](#), [Jobs for repats and expats in Armenia](#), [Գործ կայ](#)) and try to attend repat and expat events in town.

4. Note that the minimum wage in Armenia is currently 75,000 AMD. Most salaries range from 150-300k AMD these days, however. The country average is 297,624 AMD, as of June 2025. You can check the level of salaries [here](#).

In the [Employment in Armenia](#) section, you will find more about the sector in Armenia, how to protect your rights, where to apply for a job, and how to go about setting up your career. Repat Armenia offers career counseling as well as resume writing assistance. Do not hesitate to contact our Case Manager at repatriation@repatarmenia.org.

PRO TIP: It is recommended to learn Armenian once you arrive, at least on a conversational level, to compliment your English proficiency. You may want to pick up some Russian, as well. This greatly increases your chances of being hired to just about any position that might require contact with Russian-speakers.

You may come up with an idea of setting up a business in Armenia. Here are the guiding steps:

1. Develop your business idea.
2. Create a business plan and catchy presentation.
3. Do market research.
4. Contact Repat Armenia to put you in touch with professional accountancy, legal and consultancy service and with experienced repatriates businessmen/women.
5. We also provide promotion support upon request.

Check out more in the [Entrepreneurship section](#) as well as in the [Taxes section](#).



STEP 9

Do active networking with repatriates and locals because it will help you to be smoothly integrated. [The Armenian Repatriates Network](#), which is a Facebook private group, was created as a space for collectively promoting repatriation, supporting successful integration and facilitating a more pro-repatriation environment in Armenia.



COST OF LIVING IN ARMENIA



One of the first things people ask is what the cost of living in Armenia is compared to the lower 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. However, each individual's and family's cost of living differs greatly based on their personal needs. One may have rent, one may have a mortgage, one may have everything paid off. One may have a car, one may use taxis, one may prefer public transport or walking to his/her destination.

MONTHLY BUDGET (USD)	SINGLE	COUUPLE	FAMILY
RENT	\$ 300-700	\$ 400-900\$	\$ 650-1200
UTILITIES (ELECTRICITY/GAS/WATER/INTERNET-TV/PHONE)	\$ 30-70	\$ 50-100\$	\$ 80-200
FOOD (GROCERY AND EATING OUT)	\$ 150-250	\$ 250-350	\$ 300-400
TRANSPORTATION (METRO, BUS, TAXI, CAR)	\$ 20-50	\$ 50-100	\$ 80-150
HEALTHCARE (VISIT TO THE DOCTOR, INSURANCE)	\$ 15-50 PER VISIT / PERSON	\$ 15-50 PER VISIT / PERSON	\$ 15-50 PER VISIT / PERSON
LIFESTYLE	\$ 100-300	\$ 200-500	\$ 300-600

Of course, how much you spend is entirely dependent on so many factors, it's hard to take all of them into account. Using the subsections mentioned above, we'll delve a little deeper into the costs.

► **Food Costs:** In Armenia, there is a variety of both affordable and premium-class supermarkets and small stores. For fruits and vegetables, there is a seasonal factor which affects the price. While most of the stores are following the standards, please pay attention to the expiration date. You can also shop at local markets (shuka) where you can buy agricultural products from farmers.

► **Eating out:** Armenia now offers an incredible variety of restaurants, from your low-priced taverns to highly expensive Asian and European options. You can have a full meal at a canteen or tavern for as little as \$3-5 per person for a business lunch (including main and side dish, and drink). Average bill for two people is around \$20.