### How Our Greek Australian Sons Became Greek EU Citizens



# Guide to Your Greek Citizenship by Descent (wherever you live): How our Greek-Australian sons became

Greek EU citizens by Paddy Dillon

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As the proud parents of Greek Australian sons, we understand the deep connection they have to their Greek heritage and the desire for them to embrace their full Greek identity. One of the most significant ways to do this is through the acquisition of Greek citizenship. Greek citizenship offers a myriad of benefits, including the right to live, work, and study in any EU country, visa-free travel to over 180 destinations, and access to a wealth of educational and professional opportunities.

The process of Greek citizenship acquisition for Greek Australian sons can be complex and time-consuming, but it is not impossible. With careful planning and preparation, it is possible to navigate the legal framework and successfully obtain Greek citizenship.

#### Legal Framework

The Greek Citizenship Code, as amended by Law 4332/2015, provides a clear legal framework for the acquisition of Greek citizenship by foreign nationals. Article 5 of the Code outlines the specific requirements for Greek citizenship acquisition by descent, which is the most common path for Greek Australian sons.

According to Article 5, foreign nationals of Greek descent are eligible for Greek citizenship if they meet the following criteria:

- They have at least one parent or grandparent who is a Greek citizen by birth or origin.
- They have not renounced their Greek citizenship.
- They are not married to a non-Greek citizen who is a national of a country at war with Greece.

It is important to note that Greek Australian sons who were born in Australia and have never lived in Greece are considered foreign nationals under Greek law. Therefore, they must meet the requirements outlined in Article 5 in Free Download to acquire Greek citizenship.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

In addition to the legal requirements outlined in Article 5, Greek Australian sons must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Proof of Greek descent: This can be established through birth certificates, marriage certificates, or other official documents that证明 their Greek lineage.
- Good moral character: Applicants must have a clean criminal record and no outstanding warrants or convictions.
- Sufficient financial means: Applicants must be able to support themselves and their family without becoming a burden on the Greek state.
- Knowledge of the Greek language: Applicants are not required to be fluent in Greek, but they must have a basic understanding of the language.

#### **Step-by-Step Instructions**

The process of Greek citizenship acquisition for Greek Australian sons can be broken down into the following steps:

#### 1. Gather the necessary documents

The first step is to gather all of the necessary documents to support your application. These documents may include:

- Birth certificate
- Marriage certificate (if applicable)
- Greek passport or national identity card (if applicable)
- Greek birth certificate of parent or grandparent
- Proof of financial means

#### Criminal record check

#### 2. Apply for Greek citizenship

Once you have gathered all of the necessary documents, you can apply for Greek citizenship by submitting an application to the nearest Greek embassy or consulate. The application form can be downloaded from the website of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### 3. Attend an interview

After submitting your application, you will be invited to attend an interview at the Greek embassy or consulate. The purpose of the interview is to verify your identity, review your documents, and assess your knowledge of the Greek language.

#### 4. Receive a decision

After the interview, the Greek embassy or consulate will make a decision on your application. If your application is approved, you will be issued a Greek passport and national identity card.

Acquiring Greek citizenship is a significant milestone for Greek Australian sons. It is a testament to their deep connection to their Greek heritage and their desire to embrace their full Greek identity. With careful planning and preparation, it is possible to navigate the legal framework and successfully obtain Greek citizenship.

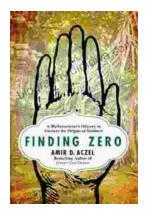
This guide provides a comprehensive overview of the process of Greek citizenship acquisition for Greek Australian sons. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your nearest Greek embassy or consulate.



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