



## **WORKING IN GREECE**

You can work legally in Greece once you have your full registration card. Your registration card is the one you receive after you have been fingerprinted.

To work in Greece, you do not need a "work permit." Your registration card is effectively your work permit. However, you must first go through several steps, which are required of anyone who wants to work in Greece, including Greek citizens.

### **AFM Number -- The AFM is a tax number.**

You must go to a local tax office ("Eforia" or DOY) of "KEP" (customer service centre) to get your AFM. There are offices in several Athens neighbourhoods and in other places in the country.

<http://www.e-gif.gov.gr/portal/page/portal/ermis/KepIndex>

<http://livinggreece.gr/2007/05/25/doy-eforia-tax-offices-greece/>

You do not need an appointment. The offices are required to be open from 7:30 to 14:30.

Take your registration card with you. You can expect to wait about an hour for your number. At this time, Greece does not provide online services for this.

### **AMKA Number -- The AMKA is a social security number.**

You must go to an IKA office:

<http://livinggreece.gr/2007/07/24/ika-offices-greece/> or a KEP office

<http://www.e-gif.gov.gr/portal/page/portal/ermis/KepIndex>.

Most IKA offices are open at 7:30 and close at 15:00. You do not need an appointment. You can expect to wait about an hour for your number. Take your AFM number and your registration card with you. At this time, Greece does not provide online services for this.

**IKA Number** -- After you have been offered employment but before your first day of work, you must get your IKA number. To get your IKA number, you must go to an IKA office:

<http://livinggreece.gr/2007/07/24/ika-offices-greece/>.

You do not need an appointment. Take your registration card and your job offer with you. At this time, Greece does not provide online services for this.

**Bank Account –**

You may not open a bank account in Greece until you have employment. After you have employment, you must have a bank account for deposits from your employer. After you have accepted a job offer, take your registration card and employer's bank transfer information to a bank of your choice. Your employer can advise you about this.

**Good luck with your job search!**