

EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE GEOGRAPHICAL CODING SYSTEM

The geographical coding system has been revised based on the Local Government Reform which took place on 1st July 2024.

The Statistical Service, in agreement with the competent government agencies, namely the Ministry of Interior Administration, the Section of the District Local Government Organizations (DLGOs), the Department of Lands and Surveys and the Department of Town Planning and Housing, has prepared the new geographical coding system of municipalities, communities and quarters of Cyprus.

The statistical codes of the municipalities and communities constitute a system of eight-digit codes as follows:

The eight digits which determine the new geographical entities	Description	Values	Detailed description of values
First digit	Determines the district	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	1= Lefkosia District
			2=Keryneia District
			3= Ammochostos District
			4= Larnaka District
			5= Lemesos District
			6= Pafos District
Second digit	Determines whether it concerns a municipality or community	1 or 2	1= Municipality
			2= Community
Digits 3-4	Determine the numbering of the municipality (if the second digit is 1) within each district. If the second digit is 2 (that is, it concerns a community) then the third and fourth digits always take the value of 0.	From 00 to 07	(i) If the second digit = 1 (Municipality), the digits 3-4 take values from 01 to 07, within each district.
			(ii) If the second digit = 2 (community), then the third and fourth digits always take the value of 0
Digits 5-8	The previous four-digit geographical code of municipalities and communities	From 1000 to 6370	1000= Lefkosia....6370=Livadi

The codes of quarters are ten-digit numbers and are determined by extending by two-digits the eight-digit code of the municipality, municipal quarter or community to which they belong (where quarters exist).

The relevant file also contains a flag for the occupied and partly occupied geographical entities.

The names of the municipalities, municipal quarters, communities, and quarters of Cyprus are used in Greek and transliterated into the Latin (Roman) alphabet, as per the instructions of the Cyprus Permanent Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names.

The file is divided into three parts:

- Geographical Coding System (in eight digits) by district, municipality, municipal quarter, and community
- Geographical Coding System (in ten digits) by district, municipality, municipal quarter, community and quarter
- Annex: Toponyms