

RETURN OF A DEPORTED ALIEN

The Ministry of Justice has the authority to conduct all necessary administrative actions for the granting of an authorization by the Minister of Justice as required for the return in the country of aliens who were judicially deported, in accordance with the provisions of article 74, para.3, and article 99, para. 3, of the Penal Code.

1. If you are an alien convicted by a Greek court that in its same judgment ordered your deportation from Greece, you may return to this country on the following conditions:

a. If you served the prison term imposed by the court and were deported after that (article 74 of the penal code) you may return upon a decision of the Minister of Justice after the lapse of three years as of the day of your deportation. Such three-year period is not mandatory if you are the spouse of a Greek citizen or you are a repatriate of Greek origin.

b. If, under the same conviction judgment the execution of your sentence was suspended and your deportation was ordered in accordance with article 99 of the penal code, you may return upon a decision of the Minister of Justice five years after the day of your deportation.

Such five-year period is not mandatory and you may sooner submit a request for your return if you are the spouse of a Greek citizen or you are a repatriate of Greek origin. The form of the relevant application may be obtained on the same as above website, under «Application forms» (Εντυπα αιτήσεων).

2. If your deportation was not ordered in a court judgment but in a decision of the Minister of Public Order (administrative deportation) you should apply to the departments of the said Ministry. The Ministry of Justice has no authority for your return to this country.