

MAURITIUS CITIZENSHIP ACT

FACT SHEET No. 3

Section 7 – Registration of Spouses of Mauritian Citizens

1. The foreign spouse of a Mauritian citizen is eligible to be registered as a citizen of Mauritius, after having resided under the same conjugal roof as the Mauritian spouse in Mauritius for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date of application.

HOW TO APPLY

2. Application Forms are available at the Citizenship Section of the Prime Minister's Office, Level 4, New Government Centre, Port Louis, Tel Nos 201-1495; 201-3362; 201-2208 or on the following website: pmo.govmu.org.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

3. **A declaration in the form set out in the application form/an oath or affirmation of allegiance has to be subscribed in Mauritius in the presence of a Judge or the Master & Registrar of the Supreme Court or a District Magistrate, prior to submission.**

4. The following supporting documents in original and two photocopies should accompany the application (clean and legible copies on A4 format):-

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| (a) <i>birth certificate of applicant;</i> | } | <i>recent copies thereof</i> |
| (b) <i>birth certificate of applicant's spouse;</i> | | |
| (c) <i>marriage certificate of applicant</i> | | |
| (d) <i>first five pages of applicant's passport;</i> | | |
| (e) <i>the certificate of foreign nationality of applicant's spouse (if applicable);</i> | | |
| (f) <i>residence permit of applicant in Mauritius;</i> | | |
| (g) <i>certificate of character issued by the Director of Public Prosecutions; and</i> | | |
| (h) <i>birth certificates of father and father-in-law of applicant. (a recent copy)</i> | | |

NOTE: Any change of name should be made executory in Mauritius.

5. A non-refundable application fee of Rs 2,000 should be paid upon submission of the application.

6. Upon approval, a **prescribed fee of Rs 20,000 is payable** at the Finance Section of the Prime Minister's Office, Room 719, Level 7, New Government Centre, Port Louis and thereafter the Certificate of Registration is issued within one week.

7. If the application is not approved, the applicant is notified accordingly by way of a letter within a week.

VALIDITY OF A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

8. A Certificate of Registration issued under the Mauritius Citizenship Act is valid for an indefinite period but it should be kept safely as **no duplicate** is issued in case of loss.

DEPRIVATION OF CITIZENSHIP

9. Any person who has acquired citizenship by registration may be deprived of that citizenship if the registration has been obtained by means of fraud, false representation or the concealment of any material fact.

NOTE:

- Only a complete dossier with all relevant documents will be accepted.
- Processing of applications **generally** requires 6 months.
- No reason will be given for the refusal of any application under the Act.