

# MAURITIUS CITIZENSHIP ACT

## FACT SHEET No. 4

### Section 9 – Naturalisation

1. Any Non-Commonwealth citizen of full age and capacity can apply for the grant of a Certificate of Naturalisation as a Mauritian citizen under this Section.

#### 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](http://pmo.govmu.org)

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

3. **A declaration in the form set out in the application form 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. An applicant for Naturalisation shall place an advertisement in two daily newspapers (or in such form as may be directed) in the form set out at the bottom of Page 4 of the application form referred to above.

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

- (a) *a recent copy of birth certificate and (where appropriate) marriage certificate of applicant;*
- (b) *first five pages of applicant's passport;*
- (c) *residence permit of applicant in Mauritius;*
- (d) *certificate of character issued by the Director of Public Prosecutions; and*
- (e) *any other document relevant to the application (e.g. documents relating to professional background of applicant, investment, economic activities, employment creation).*

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

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

7. Upon approval, a **prescribed fee of Rs 50,000 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.

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

#### VALIDITY OF A CERTIFICATE OF NATURALISATION

9. A Certificate of Naturalisation 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

10. Any person who has acquired citizenship by Naturalisation may be deprived of that citizenship if the Naturalisation 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.

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