

MAURITIUS CITIZENSHIP ACT

FACT SHEET N0.7

Section 15– Resumption of Mauritian Citizenship (Persons who are ordinarily resident in Mauritius)

1. Any person who was a citizen of Mauritius and also a citizen of some other country and who has attained the age of 21 on or after 12 March 1968 and before 01 May 1995 and who has also ceased to be a citizen of Mauritius by virtue of failure to renounce the nationality of that other country, can apply for registration as a citizen under this section.

HOW TO APPLY

2. Applicants may apply by way of a letter addressed to the Secretary for Home Affairs.

3. The following supporting documents in original and one photocopy 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>marriage certificate of applicant (if applicable);</i> | | |
| (c) <i>birth and marriage certificates of applicant's parents;</i> | | |
| (d) <i>either certificate of foreign nationality of applicant or parents (if applicable) or evidence of residence permit of applicant or parents abroad; and</i> | | |
| (e) <i>photocopy of first five pages of applicant's passport.</i> | | |

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

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

5. Upon approval, a **prescribed fee of Rs 8,000 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.

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

VALIDITY OF A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

7. 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

8. 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.

Prime Minister's Office