

# MAURITIUS CITIZENSHIP ACT

## FACT SHEET N0.7:

### **Section 15 (1)– 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, **and who is ordinarily resident in Mauritius** can apply for a certificate of citizenship **by way of a letter** under this section.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

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

- (a) *A recent full/ unabridged birth certificate of applicant (duly apostilled if applicant was born abroad);*
- (b) *marriage certificate of applicant (if applicable, duly apostilled if marriage was celebrated abroad);*
- (c) *birth and marriage certificates of applicant's parents (duly apostilled if parent born abroad/marriage celebrated abroad; if applicable);*
- (d) *valid identity document of parents;*
- (e) *either certificate of foreign nationality/ Mauritian nationality of applicant or parents indicating the date of acquisition of the foreign nationality (if applicable) or evidence of residence permit of applicant or parents abroad; and*
- (f) *photocopy of first five pages of applicant's passport (passport valid for at least 6 months).*

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

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

4. Upon approval, a **prescribed fee of Rs8,000 is payable** at the Cash Office of the Prime Minister's Office, Level 2, New Government Centre, Port Louis and thereafter the Certificate of Registration is issued within one month.

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

#### **VALIDITY OF A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

6. 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**

7. 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**

- **Application shall be made by applicant in person.**
- **Only a complete dossier with all relevant documents will be accepted.**
- **An affidavit might be requested if ever there are discrepancies in the names.**
- **Any other documents deemed necessary might also be requested, by this Office.**
- **Processing of applications generally requires a minimum of one (1) year.**
- **No reason will be given for the refusal of any application under the Act.**