

MAURITIUS CITIZENSHIP ACT

FACT SHEET No.8

Section 16 – Issue of Certificate of Citizenship in case of doubt

1. A person with respect to whose citizenship of Mauritius a doubt exists can apply for a certificate of citizenship by way of a **detailed letter** under this section.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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

- (a) An ***Affidavit*** explaining explicitly the motivation behind the application;
- (b) Full/ Unabridged Birth Certificate of applicant (***duly apostilled in country of birth***);
- (c) Full/Unabridged Birth Certificate of applicant's parents (***duly apostilled in country of birth if parent born abroad***);
- (d) Marriage Certificate of applicant's parent (***if marriage abroad, duly apostilled in country of marriage***);
- (e) Marriage Certificate of applicant (***if applicable - if marriage abroad, duly apostilled in country of marriage***);
- (f) Certificate of foreign nationality of applicant (***if applicable***);
- (g) Certificate of foreign nationality of applicant's parents (***if applicable***);
- (h) Evidence of applicant's residence permit abroad (***if applicable***);
- (i) Evidence of applicant's parents' residence permit abroad (***if applicable***); and
- (j) Photocopy of first five pages of applicant's passport (***valid for at least 6 months***).

Recent copies
(Less than
1 year)

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

4. Upon approval, a **prescribed fee of Rs 15,000 is payable** at the Cash Office of the Prime Minister's Office, Level 2, Government Centre, Port Louis and thereafter the Certificate of Registration is issued within one month.

5. If the application is not approved, the applicant is 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 and should be kept safely as **no duplicate** is issued in case of loss.

NOTE

- All foreign documents should be duly apostilled in country of origin.
- Any change of name should be made executory in Mauritius.
- 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.