

**Application by an Alien or a British Protected Person
for a Certificate of Naturalization**

under section 9 of the Mauritius Citizenship Act, 1968

The instructions accompanying this form must be read carefully before the form is completed. Portions of the form which are not applicable should be struck out and initialed in every case.

Caution: - Subsection (1) of section 20 of the Mauritius Citizenship Act, 1968 provides that: -

“Any person who for the purpose of procuring anything to be done or not to be done under this Act or under Regulation made under this Act makes any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, or recklessly makes any statement which is false in a material particular, shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees.”

Section 195 of the Courts Ordinance provides that:-

“Any person swearing a false affidavit whenever an affidavit is required or may be used, shall be liable to penal servitude not exceeding three years and to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees.”

1. Name in full in country of birth.....
(in Block Letters)

If name at birth has been altered, give particulars and date of alteration.....

Particulars of any other name(s) used for private purposes.....

Particulars of any other name(s) used for trading or business purposes.....

Private address.....

Occupation.....

Business address and/or name and address of employers (if a director, names and addresses of companies concerned).....

2. Country, place and date of birth:

Country.....

Place.....

Date of birth.....

Nationality or citizenship at birth.....

Present nationality or citizenship if different.....

State how change in nationality or citizenship was made.....

If stateless, say how nationality or citizenship was lost.....

3. Father's full name in country of his birth.....
(in Block Letters)

Nationality or citizenship (if dead, at time of death).....

Mother's full name before marriage in country of birth.....
(in Block Letters)

Nationality or citizenship (if dead, at time of death).....

4. State if single, married, widower, widow or divorced.....

If married, state date and place of marriage:

Date:.....

Place:.....

Wife's full name before marriage and nationality or citizenship and, if living, present address:

Name:.....
(in Block Letters)

Nationality or citizenship.....

Address.....

Husband's full name and nationality or citizenship:

Name:.....
(in Block Letters)

Nationality or citizenship.....

	Date	Place
If husband or wife is dead, give date and place of death		
If marriage dissolved, give date and place of court decree		

5. Statement regarding residence:

(a) I have lived in Mauritius throughout the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of this application; and

(b) During the seven years immediately preceding this period of twelve months I have resided in Mauritius for periods amounting to not less than five years as follows:

	Date	From date	To date	Years	Months
Details of residence					

Total residence in Mauritius ...

Years

During the period of residence shown above, I have visited the following countries	Name of Country	From date	To date

If this application is granted, I intend to live in Mauritius.

6. Statement regarding character, etc.

I am of good character and have sufficient knowledge of the.....language and of the responsibilities of a citizen of Mauritius.

7. Details of ALL PROCEEDINGS OF ANY KIND taken against me in any Civil or Criminal Court.

Nature of Proceedings	Date	Place	Result

8. Date of any composition made with creditors

Date of Bankruptcy

Date of discharge from Bankruptcy

9. Date of any previous application for a certificate of naturalization.

10. Particulars of children.

Full name of children	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Where now resident

11. Affidavit:-

I, the undersigned, to whom the foregoing particulars relate, hereby apply to the Minister for the grant of a certificate of naturalization.

I do make oath/ solemnly affirm that the particulars stated in this application are true.

If, at any time before a certificate is issued to me, the accuracy of any of the foregoing particulars is affected by an alteration in circumstances, I undertake to inform the Minister in writing forthwith.

(Signature of applicant).....

Sworn/ Solemnly affirmed this day of20 before me

.....
Judge of the Supreme Court/
Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court,

District Magistrate of.....

REFERENCES

Name of Mr/Mrs/Miss
(in Block Letters)

Full postal address

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a citizen of Mauritius and that I am not the solicitor or agent or a relative of I support this application from my personal knowledge of an intimate acquaintance with the applicant foryears. I vouch for his/her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant. I have read the caution at the top of page one.

Date *Signature*.....

Name of Mr/Mrs/Miss
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ADVERTISEMENT AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

This form when completed should be forwarded to the Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service, Prime Minister’s Office, Port-Louis, together with one issue of two daily newspapers, each containing (clearly marked) an advertisement in the following form:

“Notice is hereby given that..... of is applying to the Minister for a certificate of naturalization and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service, Prime Minister’s Office, Port Louis.”

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, 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 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 within a week preceding the application.
5. The following supporting documents in **original** and **two photocopies** should accompany the application (clean and legible copies on A4 format):-
 - (a) *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) *Photocopy of first five pages of applicant's passport (passport valid for at least 6 months);*
 - (d) *Residence permit of applicant in Mauritius (valid for at least 3 months);*
 - (e) *Certificate of character issued by the director of public prosecutions (valid for at least 3 months); and*
 - (f) *Photocopies of references' Mauritius National Identity Card; and*
 - (g) *Any other document relevant to the application (e.g. Documents relating to professional background of applicant, investment, economic activities, employment creation, curriculum vitae).*
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 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.
8. If the application is not approved, the applicant will be notified accordingly by way of a letter.

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:

- 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.