CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship: Registration and Naturalization of foreign nationals intending to acquire Botswana Citizenship.

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES

FORM C - APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF BOTSWANA OF ADOPTED CHILD OVER 3 YEARS (SECTION 8) – REG 9 (1)

The application is made on behalf of the child by the adoptive parent(s) who is a citizen of Botswana.

The following documents should accompany the application:

1. Two recent passport size photos (not computer generated photos)

2. Certified copy of adoption certificate

3. Certified copy of child’s birth certificate

4. Proof of parents’ citizenship status e.g. Omang (Certified copies)

5. Set of Police report forms for children over 16 years old

6. Certified copy of adoptive parents’ marriage certificate

7. Application fee of P 50
Declaration by a person who has settled in Botswana before independence and was accepted as member of a particular tribe.

The following documents should accompany the application:

1. Two passport size photos (not computer generated photos)
2. Certified copy of birth certificate or affidavit in lieu of birth certificate
3. Personal declaration to establish nationality
4. Certified copy of valid residence permits if available
5. Proof that the applicant has been in Botswana for such a period i.e. letter from Tribal Authority
6. Application fee of P 200
Application for registration as a citizen of Botswana by a person who otherwise does not qualify to apply for citizenship under section 12 and 14 of the citizenship Act and appeals to His Excellency the President to be considered under special circumstances.

The following documents should accompany the application.

1. Two recent passport size photos (not computer generated photos)
2. Certified copy of valid Residence Permit/Exemption Certificate/Permanent Residence
3. Letter addressed to His Excellency the President
4. Set of Police report forms
5. Certified copy of birth certificate/affidavit in lieu of birth certificate
6. Application fee of P 500

Those operating business should state:

- name of business
- location of business
- service provided
- employment level
- shares held
- value of property owned or copy of lease agreement
- type of trading license held
- purpose of stay in Botswana
- family background e.g. their citizenship status
FORM K – APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NATURALISATION
(SECTION 12) – REG 17 (1)

This method of acquiring citizenship has to be followed by all persons who apply in the normal manner and must have resided in Botswana for an aggregate period of 10 year or more under cover of a residence permit/ exemption certificate/ permanent residence

The following documents should accompany the application

1. Two passport size photos (not computer generated photos)
2. Certified copies of previous/valid residence permit
3. Set of police report forms
4. Certified copy of birth certificate
5. Certified copy of marriage certificate if applicable
6. Certified copies of educational qualifications and spouses”
7. Copy of C.V. Please state no. of children
8. Application fee of P1000

- Those operating business should state:
  - shares held
  - value of property owned or copy of lease agreement
  - type of trading license held
  - purpose of stay in Botswana
  - name of business
  - location of business
  - service provided
  - employment level
FORM J - DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NATURALISATION (SPOUSE OF A CITIZEN) SECTION 14 – REG 17(1)

To be completed by persons married to citizens of Botswana, after residing in Botswana for two and a half years.

1. Two recent passport size photos (not computer generated photos)
2. Spouse’s identity card certified copy
3. Certified copies of previous/valid residence permit
4. Certified copy of marriage certificate

FORM M - APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NATURALISATION BY FOREIGN SPOUSE (SECTION 14) – REG 18(1)

1. Two recent passport size photos (not computer generated photos)
2. Form M supplement
3. set of Police report forms
4. Certified copy of valid residence permit
5. Certified copy of marriage certificate
6. Spouse identity card certified copy
7. Application fee of P 250

NB: these documents should be produced if were not initially submitted at the time the applicant lodged an intention except for a residence permit.
Declaration form for resumption of Botswana Citizenship under section (17). This declaration has to be taken by citizen or their descent who ceased to be a citizen of Botswana (section 15, 16) by failing to renounce the other citizenship immediately before attaining the age of 21 years.

The following documents should accompany the application

1. Two passport size photos (not computer generated photos)

2. Late renunciation form

3. Certified copy of birth certificate

4. Certified copy of parents’ marriage certificate if applicable

5. Proof of parents’ citizenship status

6. Certified copy of valid residence permit/ Omang

7. Letter explaining why the applicant is resuming

8. Application fee of P 200
Application for registration as a citizen of Botswana of a person under twenty-one years, applies to a child whose parent(s) have immediately acquired Botswana Citizenship.

The application is made on behalf of a child by a parent who is a citizen. The following documents should accompany the application.

1. Two passport size photos (not computer generated photos)
2. Set of Police report forms for children over 16 years
3. Certified copy of birth certificate
4. Proof of parents citizenship status e.g. Omang and/or citizenship certificate,
5. Certified copy of parents’ marriage certificate
6. Certified copy of valid residence permit
7. Application fee of P 25
FORM Q – DECLARATION OF RENOUNCEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP OF BOTSWANA (SECTION 16) – REG 22 (1)

This declaration is made by a person wishing to renounce Botswana Citizenship.

The following documents should accompany the application:

1. Two passport size photos (not computer generated photos)
2. Certificate of origin
3. Proof that one has acquired other country’s citizenship
4. Set of Police report forms from the applicant who wants citizenship.
5. Certified copy of birth certificate / affidavit in lieu of birth certificate
6. Application fee of P 10
RENOUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT (SECTION 15) – REG 21

This is a process for children who were enjoying dual citizenship and upon turning twenty-one; the Law required them to renounce the other citizenship. This applies to children born after 30 November 1982 outside Botswana and one of the parents being a citizen.

The following documents should accompany oath of allegiance and declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship.

1. Two passport size photos (not computer generated photos)
2. Personal declaration to establish citizenship
3. Certified copy of birth certificate
4. Proof of parents’ citizenship status
5. A copy of renunciation letter addressed to that country and a copy of the postal receipt
6. Application fee of P 10

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