



Republic of Namibia  
Annotated Statutes

## REGULATIONS

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REGULATIONS MADE IN TERMS OF

# Namibian Citizenship Act 14 of 1990

section 28

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## General Regulations

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Certificate of Registration of Namibian Citizenship by Descent

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**Definitions**

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, words and phrases have the meaning assigned thereto in the Act, and -

“the Act” means the Namibian Citizenship Act, 1990 (Act 14 of 1990); and

“Namibian diplomatic mission” includes any Namibian consular mission or office of a trade representative of the Government of Namibia.

**Registration of birth of person born outside Namibia**

2. (1) The form and manner of application for registration of a birth as a Namibian citizen in terms of section 2(2) of the Act shall be as prescribed by the regulations made in terms of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Act, 1963 (Act 81 of 1963).

(2) Any application for registration of the birth of a person born outside Namibia shall be lodged at a Namibian diplomatic mission (for forwarding to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Private Bag 13200, Windhoek) or at the office of the Permanent Secretary in Windhoek or any other office of the Ministry of Home Affairs in Namibia.

(3) If a birth is registered in terms of section 17A(1) of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Act, 1963 (Act 81 of 1963), the Permanent Secretary shall on application issue a certificate of registration of Namibian citizenship by descent referred to in regulation 3(3) to the parent or legal guardian of the person concerned.

**Registration of citizenship by descent**

3. (1) The form of application for a certificate of registration of citizenship by descent and the manner of registration of such citizenship in terms of section 2(1) of the Act shall be as prescribed by the Permanent Secretary from time to time.

(2) The application referred to in subregulation (1) shall be lodged with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Private Bag 13200, Windhoek.

(3) Any certificate of registration issued in terms of section 2(1) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed in Annexure A.

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**Registration of citizenship by marriage**

4. (1) The form of application for registration of citizenship by marriage in terms of section 3(1) of the Act shall be as prescribed by the Permanent Secretary from time to time.

(2) The application referred to in subregulation (1) shall be lodged with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Private Bag 13200, Windhoek.

(3) Any declaration in terms of section 3(3)(a) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed by the Permanent Secretary from time to time.

(4) Any certificate of registration issued in terms of section 3(1) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed in Annexure B.

**Citizenship by registration**

5. (1) The form of application for registration of citizenship in terms of section 4(1) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed by the Permanent Secretary from time to time.

(2) The application referred to in subregulation (1) shall be lodged with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Private Bag 13200, Windhoek.

(3) Any certificate of registration issued in terms of section 4(1) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed in Annexure C.

**Registration of citizenship by naturalisation**

6. (1) The form of application for a certificate of naturalisation as a Namibian citizen in terms of section 5(1) of the Act shall be as prescribed by the Permanent Secretary from time to time.

(2) The application referred to in subregulation (1) shall be lodged with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Private Bag 13200, Windhoek.

(3) Any certificate of naturalisation granted under section 5(1) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed in Annexure D.

**Declaration of resumption or renunciation of Namibian citizenship**

7. (1) A declaration of not resuming Namibian citizenship in terms of section 4(2), or of resumption of Namibian citizenship in terms of section 7(3)(c), 8(4) or 10(2) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed by the Permanent Secretary from time to time.

(2) A declaration of renunciation of Namibian citizenship in terms of section 8(1) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed by the Permanent Secretary from time to time.

(3) Any completed declaration referred to in this regulation shall be forwarded in duplicate, to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Private Bag 13200, Windhoek, or be handed in at his or her office.

(4) A declaration referred to in this regulation shall be made before a Commissioner of Oaths.

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(5) On receipt of a declaration referred to in this regulation, the Permanent Secretary shall -

- (a) register such declaration in the manner prescribed by him or her;
- (b) record the fact that the said declaration has been duly registered; and
- (c) forward one copy of the said declaration to the person who made such declaration and file the other copy with his or her records.

**Oath of allegiance**

8. The oath of allegiance as prescribed in the First Schedule to the Act shall be taken before a Commissioner of Oaths.

**Restoration of Namibian citizenship**

9. (1) An application for the restoration of Namibian citizenship in terms of section 13(1) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed by the Permanent Secretary from time to time.

(2) The application referred to in subregulation (1) shall be lodged with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Private Bag 13200, Windhoek.

(3) Any certificate of restoration as a Namibian citizen issued in terms of section 13(2) of the Act shall be in the form as prescribed in Annexure E.

**Supporting evidence of statements made in applications under the Act and incomplete applications**

10. (1) Every application made under the Act shall be supported by such evidence of the statements made therein as prescribed by the Permanent Secretary.

(2) The Permanent Secretary may, if any application under the Act or these regulations is not duly completed or does not contain the supporting evidence referred to in subregulation (1), return the application to the applicant requesting him or her for the due completion of the application or submission of the evidence in question.

**Certification of copies of certain documents by Ministry officials**

11. A copy of a certificate, affidavit or entry in any register, if certified by an official of the Ministry, shall be certified in the following manner:

Certified a true copy of the original certificate/ affidavit/ entry.

Signed:  
.....

Full Names:.....

Designation: .....

Date: ..... Place: .....

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, IMMIGRATION AND SAFETY AND SECURITY.

[regulation 11 substituted by GN 152/2021]

**Fees payable for citizenship certificates and renunciation of Namibian citizenship**

12. (1) A fee specified in Column 2 of the Table is payable for the issue of a certificate or renunciation of citizenship specified in Column 1 opposite that fee.

(2) An applicant must pay the fee contemplated in subregulation (1) on the granting of citizenship, issuance of duplicate certificate or renunciation of citizenship but before the certificate to that effect is issued to the applicant.

**Table**

Column 1	Column 2
Document	Fee (N\$)
Citizenship Certificate - Descent: New	500.00
Citizenship Certificate - Descent: Duplicate	500.00
Citizenship Certificate - Naturalisation: New	1200.00
Citizenship Certificate - Naturalisation: Duplicate	500.00
Citizenship Certificate - Registration: Duplicate	500.00
Citizenship Certificate - Marriage: New	1200.00
Citizenship Certificate - Marriage: Duplicate	500.00
Citizenship Certificate - Restoration: New	500.00
Citizenship Certificate - Restoration: Duplicate	1000.00
Renunciation of Citizenship	1000.00

[table substituted by GN 152/2021]

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**ANNEXURE A**

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF NAMIBIAN**  
**CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT**

(Issued in terms of section 2 of the Namibian Citizenship Act, 1990  
(Act 14 of 1990) )

In terms of the powers conferred on him/her by the Namibian Citizenship Act, 1990 (Act 14 of 1990) the Minister of Home Affairs has been pleased to grant this certificate to .....

.....  
and declare that the holder of this certificate shall henceforth be a Namibian Citizen by descent.

Given at Windhoek on this ..... day of  
..... 19.....

By Order of the Minister

.....  
**PERMANENT SECRETARY:**  
**HOME AFFAIRS**

**PARTICULARS RELATING TO HOLDER**

Full name : .....

Place of birth : .....

Date of birth : .....

Identity number : .....

Reference number : .....

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**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF NAMIBIAN**  
**CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE**

(Issued in terms of section 3 of the Namibian Citizenship Act, 1990  
(Act 14 of 1990) )

In terms of the powers conferred on him/her by the Namibian Citizenship Act, 1990 (Act 14 of 1990) the Minister of Home Affairs has been pleased to grant this certificate to .....

by virtue of his/her marriage/customary marriage to .....

and declare that the holder of this certificate shall henceforth be a Namibian Citizen by marriage.

Given at Windhoek on this ..... day of  
..... 19.....

By Order of the Minister

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PERMANENT SECRETARY:  
HOME AFFAIRS

**PARTICULARS RELATING TO HOLDER**

Full name : .....

Place of birth : .....

Date of birth : .....

Identity number : .....

Reference number : .....

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**ANNEXURE C**

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF NAMIBIAN**  
**CITIZENSHIP BY REGISTRATION**  
(Issued in terms of section 4 of the Namibian Citizenship Act, 1990  
(Act 14 of 1990) )

In terms of the powers conferred on him/her by the Namibian Citizenship Act, 1990 (Act 14 of 1990) the Minister of Home Affairs has been pleased to grant this certificate to .....

.....  
and declare that the holder of this certificate shall henceforth be a Namibian Citizen by registration.

Given at Windhoek on this ..... day of  
..... 19.....

By Order of the Minister

.....  
**PERMANENT SECRETARY:**  
**HOME AFFAIRS**

**PARTICULARS RELATING TO HOLDER**

Full name : .....  
Place of birth : .....  
Date of birth : .....  
Identity number : .....  
Reference number : .....



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**ANNEXURE D**

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**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**CERTIFICATE OF NATURALISATION**  
(Issued in terms of section 5 of the Namibian Citizenship Act, 1990  
(Act 14 of 1990) )

In terms of the powers conferred on him/her by the Namibian Citizenship Act, 1990 (Act 14 of 1990) the Minister of Home Affairs has been pleased to grant this certificate to .....

and declare that the holder of this certificate shall henceforth be a Namibian Citizen by naturalisation.

Given at Windhoek on this ..... day of  
..... 19.....

By Order of the Minister

.....  
PERMANENT SECRETARY:  
HOME AFFAIRS

**PARTICULARS RELATING TO HOLDER**

Full name : .....  
Place of birth : .....  
Date of birth : .....  
Identity number : .....  
Reference number : .....

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**ANNEXURE E**

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**  
**CERTIFICATE OF RESTORATION OF NAMIBIAN**  
**CITIZENSHIP**

WHEREAS the requirements laid down in section 13 of the Namibian  
Citizenship Act, 1990, for the grant of a Certificate of Restoration of  
Namibian citizenship have been complied with by .....

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the powers conferred on him/her  
by the said Act, the Minister of Home Affairs grants this certificate and  
declares that he/she shall resume his/her Namibian citizenship by

Given at Windhoek on this ..... day of  
..... 19.....

By Order of the Minister

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PERMANENT SECRETARY:  
HOME AFFAIRS

**PARTICULARS RELATING TO HOLDER**

Full name : .....  
Place of birth : .....  
Date of birth : .....  
Identity number : .....  
Nationality before  
restoration of Na-  
mibian citizenship : .....  
Reference number : .....