

Renunciation of Indian Citizenship under Section 8 of the Citizenship Act, 1955

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**1. If I renounce my Indian citizenship what will happen to citizenship of my minor children who are Indians ?**

Ans: Where a person ceases to be a citizen of India on renunciation of citizenship under section 8 (1), every minor child of that person shall thereupon ceases to be a citizen of India. However, such child may, within one year after attaining full age, can make a declaration in the prescribed form and manner that he wishes to resume Indian citizenship.

**2. Where and when should I submit the hard copy of application?**

Ans: The choice of place of submission is based on the present address to be selected/filled at the time of filling of online application. Hard copy of the application shall be submitted at the selected Indian Mission/Post OR at DM/DC's office (as the case may be) within 3 months from the date of submission of online renunciation application.

**3. How much time the whole process takes from applying to final issue of Renunciation Certificate?**

Ans: The process may take about 60 days from the date of uploading of signed hard copy of the declarant by the concerned Indian Mission/Post OR concerned DM/DC office (as the case may be). The Indian Mission/Post OR DM/DC's office (as the case may be) will upload the signed hard copy after verification of the documents.

**4. If the applicant is facing technical issues regarding the website or related matters, where should he contact?**

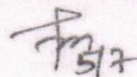
Ans: i) For matter related to Acts/Rules/Policy and website content applicant may contact [dirc-mha@gov.in](mailto:dirc-mha@gov.in)

ii) For matter related to status of application applicant may contact Indian Mission/Post or District Magistrates (DMs)/District Collectorate(DCs) concerned (as the case may be).

iii) For matter related to website and regarding for filling of online application for renunciation of Indian citizenship or technical errors of the website, applicant may contact [support.ctznoci@mha.gov.in](mailto:support.ctznoci@mha.gov.in)

**5. If the applicant inadvertently submits wrong information, can he/she file a fresh application or may update current application.**

Ans: If applicant has already 'submitted' his application online, then no change is possible on



that application. In this case he/she may apply afresh. Updation of information in application is possible only before he or she has submitted his/her application online.

**6. What are the documents needed for applying for renunciation?**

Ans: (a) Indian passport in original (b) proof of present address (c) proof of payment of fee.

**7. How much fees have to be paid for the citizenship Renunciation process.**

Ans: Applicant has to pay the fee as prescribed in Schedule-IV appended to the Citizenship Rules, 2009.

**8. If due to any reason the applicant is unable to upload essential documents or take print out of finally submitted application for renunciation, what should he/she do?**

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**9. I am Indian Citizen but I have not acquired/am not planning to acquire any foreign citizenship, can I renounce Indian Citizenship.**

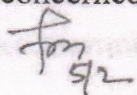
Ans: Yes, but you will become stateless which is not desirable.

**10. Do I need to personally visit the Indian Mission or DC/DM office? Or can I send the declaration by post ?**

Ans. After applying online, you have to personally visit the Indian Mission/Post OR DC/DM office (as the case may be) for interview, to sign the declaration in presence of the competent authority and to get all documents verified.

**11. What should I do with the documents which I held as an Indian citizen.**

Ans. A person who has ceased to be Indian citizen is required to surrender the documents which he had acquired on the basis of his Indian citizenship (e.g. Voter ID Card etc) to the authorities concerned.



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