
The text below includes all amendments up to and including the 16th Amendment to the Constitution (2009)

Chapter 1 - Founding Provisions

3. Citizenship

1. There is a common South African citizenship.
2. All citizens are
   a. equally entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of citizenship; and
   b. equally subject to the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.
3. National legislation must provide for the acquisition, loss and restoration of citizenship.

Chapter 2 - Bill of Rights

19. Political rights

1. Every citizen is free to make political choices, which includes the right
   a. to form a political party;
   b. to participate in the activities of, or recruit members for, a political party; and
   c. to campaign for a political party or cause.
2. Every citizen has the right to free, fair and regular elections for any legislative body established in terms of the Constitution.
3. Every adult citizen has the right
   a. to vote in elections for any legislative body established in terms of the Constitution, and to do so in secret; and
   b. to stand for public office and, if elected, to hold office.

20. Citizenship

No citizen may be deprived of citizenship.

21. Freedom of movement and residence

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of movement.
2. Everyone has the right to leave the Republic.
3. Every citizen has the right to enter, to remain in and to reside anywhere in, the Republic.
4. Every citizen has the right to a passport.

22. Freedom of trade, occupation and profession
Every citizen has the right to choose their trade, occupation or profession freely. The practice of a trade, occupation or profession may be regulated by law.

28. Children

1. Every child has the right
   a. to a name and a nationality from birth;
   b. ...

Chapter 4 - Parliament

The National Assembly

47. Membership

1. Every citizen who is qualified to vote for the National Assembly is eligible to be a member of the Assembly, except
   a. anyone who is appointed by, or is in the service of, the state and receives remuneration for that appointment or service, other than
      i. the President, Deputy President, Ministers and Deputy Ministers; and
      ii. other office-bearers whose functions are compatible with the functions of a member of the Assembly, and have been declared compatible with those functions by national legislation;
   b. permanent delegates to the National Council of Provinces or members of a provincial legislature or a Municipal Council;
   c. unrehabilitated insolvents;
   d. anyone declared to be of unsound mind by a court of the Republic; or
   e. anyone who, after this section took effect, is convicted of an offence and sentenced to more than 12 months imprisonment without the option of a fine, either in the Republic, or outside the Republic if the conduct constituting the offence would have been an offence in the Republic, but no one may be regarded as having been sentenced until an appeal against the conviction or sentence has been determined, or until the time for an appeal has expired. A disqualification under this paragraph ends five years after the sentence has been completed.