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## **The Uganda Citizenship Regulations, 2009.**

*(Under sections 26 and 82 of the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Act, Cap 66)*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister by sections 26 and 82 of the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control Act, Cap 66 and in consultation with the National Citizenship and Immigration Board, these Regulations are made this 12th day of October, 2009

### PART I—PRELIMINARY.

#### 1. Title.

These Regulations may be cited as the Uganda Citizenship Regulations, 2009.

#### 2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control Act, Cap 66;

“alien” means any person who is not a citizen of Uganda;

“Board” means the National Citizenship and Immigration Board established under article 16 of the Constitution;

“certificate of naturalisation” means a certificate of naturalisation granted under the Act;

“certificate of registration” means a certificate of registration granted under the Act;

“Chairperson” means the chairperson of the Board;

“citizen” means a person referred to under articles 9 and 10 of the Constitution and those registered by the Board under article 12 of the Constitution;



“currency point” means the value specified in relation to a currency point in the First Schedule to these Regulations;

“dual citizenship” means the simultaneous possession of two citizenships one of which is of Uganda concurrently with that of another country;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for internal affairs.

“Secretary” means Secretary to the Board.

## PART II—GENERAL MATTERS IN REGARD TO CITIZENSHIP

### 3. Notification of citizenship of an adopted child.

(1) A citizen who has adopted a child under the age of eighteen years neither of whose parents is a citizen of Uganda shall notify the Board of the adoption.

(2) The notification may be made whether the adoption order for the foreign child was made in Uganda or elsewhere.

(3) The notification shall be as in Form A set out in the Second Schedule.

### 4. Oath of allegiance by adopted child.

(1) Subject to the Act, an adopted child who is sixteen years and above shall take the oath of allegiance as prescribed in the Third Schedule to the Act.

(2) The adoptive parent shall be present at the oath taking ceremony unless the parent has been excused by the Board or by a person authorised by the Board.

(3) An adopted child under sixteen years of age shall not be required to take the oath of allegiance.

(4) The date of acquisition of citizenship by the adopted child shall be the date of the issue of the certificate of registration under section 15 of the Act.



**5. Application for citizenship by registration.**

(1) An application for citizenship by registration under section 14 of the Act shall be, as set out in Forms B and C of the Second Schedule.

(2) The application shall be signed or marked by the applicant but where the applicant under section 14 of the Act is a child, the application shall be signed or marked by the parents or guardians of the child.

**6. Application for citizenship by naturalisation.**

An application for citizenship by naturalisation under section 16 of the Act shall be in the Form D set out in the Second Schedule.

**7. Submission of application.**

(1) Application under these Regulations shall be submitted to Secretary to the Board.

(2) An application for the acquisition of citizenship shall upon its submission be referred by the Secretary of the Board to the appropriate department for processing.

**Issue of certificates.**

The Board shall issue a certificate of registration or naturalisation as citizenship in Forms E and F, in the Second Schedule if he or she is satisfied that the conditions under the Act have been complied with.

**Evidence in support of application.**

(1) An applicant for the acquisition of citizenship by registration or naturalisation shall bear the burden of proving that the qualifications for registration or naturalisation under the Act have been complied with.

(2) An applicant for citizenship by naturalisation shall satisfy the Board that residence prior to the application was in accordance with the

**Dual Citizenship.**

(1) A citizen who holds the citizenship of any other country in addition to the citizenship of Uganda shall register as a dual citizen in Uganda.



(2) The application for registration as a dual citizen under section 19 (A) of the Act shall be in Form AA as set out in the Third Schedule.

### **11. Certificate of dual citizenship.**

The certificate of dual citizenship issued by the Board and signed by the Chairperson of the Board under section 19 of the Act shall be as in Form BB set out in the Third Schedule.

### **12. Use of travel documents by dual nationals.**

(1) A citizen who holds the citizenship of another country in addition to the citizenship of Uganda shall—

- (a) be issued with a Ugandan passport or travel documents;
- (b) be permitted to remain in Uganda without limitation if the person enters Uganda on a Ugandan passport; and
- (c) leave Uganda on the same passport that the person used to enter the country.

(2) A citizen of Uganda who is also a citizen of any other country shall while in Uganda be subject to the laws of Uganda as any other citizen.

(3) A dual citizen commits an offence when a Ugandan passport is used by the person interchangeably with the passport of another country to deceive an Immigration Officer and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonments not exceeding one year or both.

### **13. Deprivation of citizenship.**

(1) Where a person who is a citizen of Uganda otherwise than by birth, is deprived of citizenship by the Board, the Board shall order that any person in possession of a certificate of registration or naturalisation relating to the deprived person shall deliver the certificate to the Board for cancellation within such time as the Board may specify.

(2) A person who fails to comply with an order of the Board under this regulation commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.



#### **14. Register to be kept.**

The Secretary shall cause to be maintained a register of persons—

- (a) who become citizens by registration or naturalisation;
- (b) who become citizens by renunciation of their citizenship of a foreign country and their declaration to reside in Uganda;
- (c) who renounce their citizenship;
- (d) who are deprived of their citizenship by the Board.

#### **15. Regaining citizenship.**

(1) A citizen of Uganda who loses his or her Ugandan citizenship as a result of the acquisition or possession of the citizenship of another country shall, on the renunciation of his or her citizenship of that other country become a citizen of Uganda.

(2) A citizen of Uganda who has lost his or her citizenship as a result of the law in Uganda, which prohibited the holding of dual citizenship by a Ugandan may on an application to the Board, be issued with a certificate of citizenship which shall be effective from the date of issue.

(3) Where the law of a country requires a person who marries a citizen of that country to renounce the citizenship of his or her own country by virtue of that marriage a citizen of Uganda who is deprived of his or her citizenship of Uganda by virtue of that marriage shall, on the dissolution of that marriage, become a citizen of Uganda.

(4) A certificate issued under subsection (2) shall specify whether the citizenship is by birth, descent, registration or naturalisation.

#### **16. Variation of form.**

The Minister may permit the forms contained in the Second Schedule to be varied to meet the circumstances of any particular case, subject to the observance of the requirements of the Act.



### **17. Certification of copies.**

A document issued under the Act may be certified to be a true copy of a document by a written statement signed by the Secretary or a person authorised by the Secretary.

### **18. Attestation.**

(1) An application under the Act shall be signed or marked in the presence of a sponsor provided for in sub-regulation (2).

(2) An application for citizenship by registration or naturalisation shall be supported by two sponsors.

### **19. Fees**

The fees payable in respect of any matter under these Regulations shall be those prescribed under the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control (Fees) Regulations, 2009.

### **20. Offences and penalties**

(1) Any person who, for the purpose of procuring anything to be done under these Regulations, makes any statement which he or she knows to be false in a material particular commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with these Regulations with respect to the acquisition of a certificate of registration or naturalisation commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.



# SCHEDULES

Reg. 2

## FIRST SCHEDULE

A currency point shall be equivalent to twenty thousand Uganda shillings.



SECOND SCHEDULE  
THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA  
FORMS  
FORM A

Reg. 3(3)

**NOTIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF AN ADOPTED CHILD.**

Attach photograph of child

1. Notice is given in respect of .....  
(full name in Block letters) .....  
(address), a child under the age of eighteen years who was not a citizen of  
Uganda, and adopted by ..... (name of the adopter)
2. Place and date of child's birth .....
3. Place and date of birth child's parents  
Father .....  
Mother .....
4. Nationality of child's parents  
Father .....  
Mother .....
5. Child was citizen of ..... (country) by birth,  
descent, registration (delete inapplicable words).
6. Particulars of adoption order .....  
(i) date of the order and court of jurisdiction .....  
(ii) details of the adoption order .....
7. Usual signature of child .....  
I ..... (name of adopter)  
of ..... (address)  
declare that ..... (name of child) is my  
adopted son/daughter

Signature or mark of adopter .....

Made this ..... day of ..... 20.....



FORM B

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF UGANDA

(Under Sections 14 or 15 of the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Act, Cap 66)

PART I—APPLICATION

1 ..... (Full name in block capitals.)

of ..... (Address in block capitals)

being a citizen of .....  
Hereby apply to be registered as a citizen of Uganda. I am ordinarily resident in Uganda and have been so resident for a period of at least twenty years. I am of good character. I have an adequate knowledge of English/prescribed vernacular language (i.e.....).

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ....., 20.....

.....  
*Signature.*

\*Delete as applicable.

PART II—PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

- 2. Place and date of birth of applicant.....
- 3. Evidence of citizenship of commonwealth country of Republic of Ireland or declared African state .....
- 4. Evidence of previous residence in Uganda .....
- 5. Particulars of all criminal proceedings taken against the applicant at any time and in any country .....



PART III—CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORS

6. I, ..... of  
.....  
being a citizen of Uganda, otherwise than by naturalisation, hereby certify that  
the applicant in this application is a person known to me and of good character,  
that in my opinion he or she would be a suitable citizen of Uganda and that the  
particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and  
belief.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 20.....

.....  
*Witness to signature*

.....  
*Signature of Sponsor.*

(Note. - The sponsor in the case of paragraph 6 must be an Administrative Officer, Advocate, Bank Officer, Chairperson of a District, Township Authority, Justice of the Peace, Magistrate, Mayor, Member of Parliament, Member of Municipal Council, Minister of Religion, Notary Public, Physician or Surgeon.)

7. I, .....  
of ..... being a  
citizen of Uganda, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the  
applicant in this application is a person known to me and of good character, that  
in my opinion he or she would be a suitable citizen of Uganda and that the  
particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and  
belief.

Dated this ..... Day of ..... 20.....

.....  
*Witness to signature*

.....  
*Signature of Sponsor.*

(Note - The sponsor in the case of paragraph 7 need not be in the class mentioned in the Note to paragraph 6.)

PART IV—DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

8. I, .....  
do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief  
the particulars stated in this application are true, and in the event of my  
application being granted I undertake to renounce any nationality or citizenship  
other than that of Uganda and to do all things necessary to evidence my new  
allegiance.

.....  
*Signature of the Applicant*

Declared at..... this .....Day of ..... 20.....

Signature.....

Before me: .....

*\*(Magistrate /Commissioner for Oaths).*

**\*Delete as inapplicable**



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA  
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF UGANDA  
BY A MARRIED WOMAN

(Under Section 14(2) of the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control Act Cap 66)

PART I—APPLICATION

1. I, .....  
(Full names in block Capitals. Address in block capitals)

of .....  
hereby apply for registration as citizen of Uganda under \* article 12(2)(a) of  
the Constitution on the grounds that \*am /have been married to—

- (a) a citizenship of Uganda on
- (b) a person who would but for his or her death, have been a citizen of Uganda
- (c) a person who would, but for his or her death, have been entitled to register as a citizen of Uganda under section 14(3) of Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control Act of Uganda.

Dated at .....this .....day of .....20....

Signature

PART II—PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

- 2. Place and dated of marriage .....
- 3. Place and date of birth .....
- 4. Previous name .....
- 5. Present nationality .....
- 6. Name of husband (or late or previous husband).....
- Place and date of birth of husband or wife .....

8. Husband's or wife's present address (or last address if deceased)
9. How husband's or wife's citizenship was acquired \* (by birth, descent, registration, naturalisation) .....
10. Is the marriage still subsisting \* if Yes / No, if marriage is terminated, state reason.....
11. Particulars of previous marriage.....

### PART III—DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

12. I, .....  
do solely and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars stated in this applicant are true and in the event of my application being granted, I intend to continue to reside in Uganda.



FORM D

APPLICATION BY AN ALIEN FOR NATURALISATION AS A CITIZEN OF UGANDA

(Under Section 16 of the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control Act Cap 66)

PART I—APPLICATION

I, ..... of ..... hereby apply to be naturalized as a citizen of Uganda. I have resided in Uganda for a period of twenty four months preceeding the date of this application immediately. I have resided in Uganda for periods amounting to not less than twenty years. I am of good character and I am financially solvent, I have an adequate knowledge of the English language ..... a local language. In the event of this application being granted, I intend to continue to reside in Uganda.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 20.....

PART II—PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

- Place and date of birth of applicant .....
- Nationality of birth .....
- Nationality if now different .....
- Address in Uganda .....
- Occupation .....
- State if single, married, widowed or divorced. ....
- Father's full name and address (if living) .....
- Father's nationality .....
- If dead, give nationality at time of death) .....
- Mother's nationality.....
- If dead, give nationality at the time of death) .....
- Date of any previous application for naturalisation .....
- If original name has been changed give particulars.....
- If nationality has changed since birth give particulars.....



14. If now of no nationality, give circumstances in which lost .....
15. Give details of foreign countries visited during past eight years.....
16. Give particulars of all criminal proceedings against the applicant at any time and in any country. ....
17. If married give date and place of marriage.....
18. Husband's full name or wife's full name before marriage.....
19. If husband or wife is dead, give place and date of death.....
20. If marriage is dissolved, give date and place.....
21. Give particulars of legitimate children. Full name of each child, date of birth, place of birth and where now resident .....
22. Give details of previous residence in Uganda from (date) to (date), address, years and months.....

### PART III—CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORS

23. I, ..... of ..... being a citizen of Uganda, otherwise than by naturalisation, hereby certify that the applicant is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he or she would be a suitable citizen of Uganda, and that the particulars in Part II of this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am not the solicitor or agent of the applicant and have known the applicant for ..... years.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 20

.....  
*Witness to signature*

.....  
*Signature of sponsor*

24. I, ..... of ..... being a citizen of Uganda otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the applicant is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he or she would be a suitable citizen of Uganda, and that the particulars in Part II of this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am not the solicitor or agent of the applicant and I have known the applicant for ..... years.



Dated this ..... day of ..... 20...

Witness to signature

Signature of sponsor

(Note a sponsor must be a senior Government officer, Advocate, Magistrate, member of Parliament, a notary public, a physician or surgeon) who is himself or herself a citizen of Uganda).

**PART IV—DECLARATION BY APPLICANT**

25. I, ..... do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars stated in Part II of this application are true and in the event of my application being granted, I undertake to renounce any nationality or citizenship other than that of Uganda and to do all things necessary to evidence my new allegiance.

Declared at ..... this ..... day ..... 20.....

Before; A Commissioner for Oath or Magistrate

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Documents produced .....

Passport No. ....

Other documents .....

Date

Fee

FORM E

Certificate No. ....

File No. ....

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALISATION AS A CITIZEN OF UGANDA

This is to certify that ..... of  
.....daughter/son of .....has  
today been naturalised as citizen of Uganda under article 12  
of the Constitution and section 16(2) of the Uganda  
Citizenship and Immigration Control Act.

PHOTO

Thumbprint

.....  
**Director**

Date .....

Fee shs. ....

Receipt No. ....



FORM F

Certificate No. ....

File No. ....

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS CITIZEN OF UGANDA

This is to certify that .....

of ..... daughter/son of .....

..... has to day this ..... day of ..... 20.....

been registered as a citizen of Uganda under section 14(2) of the Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control Act.



.....  
Director.

Date .....

.....  
Receipt No. ....

**THIRD SCHEDULE  
FORMS FOR DUAL CITIZENSHIP  
FORM AA**

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

*Regulation 10*

**APPLICATION FOR DUAL CITIZENSHIP**

Application for registration as a dual citizen.

1.  Full names  
of  address  
having acquired additional citizenship  as  
(nationality) hereby apply for registration as a dual citizen.

2. I am of good character and Ugandan by   
birth/descent/registration/naturalisation (Delete inapplicable orders).

3. Place and date of birth

4. Name place and date of birth of parents      Day      Month      Year  
(a) Father

(b) Mother

5. Particulars of my present Ugandan passport.

Place and date of issue

Passport No.

Date of Expiry      Day      Month      Year

6. Acquired my additional citizenship by birth/ decent/ registration/  
naturalisation (Delete inapplicable words)

7. Particulars of additional passport

Place and date of issue



Passport No.

Day Month Year

Date of expiry

8. Where are you normally resident

9. Particulars of employment

10. Occupation/profession

11. Business/Contact address outside Uganda

12. Business/contact address in Uganda

13. Particulars of all criminal proceedings against the applicant at any time and in any country

14. (To be answered only where the applicant has previously renounced or been deprived of Ugandan Citizenship).

(a) Circumstance under which the applicant renounced or was deprived of Ugandan Citizenship.

(b) Reasons for present application.

15. I, ..... applicant do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars stated in the application are true, and I make this solemn declaration honestly.

*Signature/Thumbprint of the applicant*

Made and subscribed this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

Before me: .....

*High Court Judge/Notary Public/Head of Uganda mission or Consulate aboard.*

(Delete inapplicable words).

FORM BB  
THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA  
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A DUAL CITIZEN

This is to certify that ..... of .....  
has today this ..... day of ..... 20....been registered  
as a person with dual nationality i.e. citizenship of Uganda and citizenship of  
..... under article 15 of the  
constitution and section 19 of Uganda Citizenship and Immigration Control  
Act, Cap. 66.

.....  
*Minister*

Date .....

Fees shs.....

Receipt No.....

HON. KIRUNDA KIVENJINJA,  
*3rd Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister of Internal Affairs.*