RENUCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENUNCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP (18 YEARS AND ABOVE)

**Prescribed forms:** 2X BI-246, DHA 529, and Form SVP – 109E (For citizens born in Namibian) to be completed fully in BLACK INK and BLOCK LETTERS

I. **Certified copies x 2 of the following supporting documents:**
   - Current passport
   - ID book or Smart ID Card
   - Birth Certificate
   - Marriage certificate
   - Divorce decree
   - Proof of foreign citizenship, confirming how and when foreign citizenship was obtained (issued by the foreign government)
   - Letter of retention of your South African Citizenship (if foreign citizenship was acquired as a major of age and after 6 October 1995)
   - Letter of exemption (if foreign citizenship was acquired as a major of age and before 6 October 1995)
   - Proof of South African citizenship i.e. South African naturalization certificate and South African immigration permit (if you are not a South African citizen by birth/descent)
   - Signed motivation letter confirming why you wish to renounce your South African citizenship

MINOR CHILDREN (UNDER 18 YEARS)

II. **Prescribed forms:** BI-246 section 11 on parent(s) forms

III. **Certified copies x 2 of the following supporting documents**
   - Current passport
   - Unabridged birth certificate
   - Proof of foreign citizenship, confirming how and when foreign citizenship was obtained (issued by the foreign government)
   - Proof of South African citizenship i.e. South African naturalization certificate and South African immigration permit (if you are not a South African citizen by birth/descent)
   - The responsible parent must sign the forms on behalf of a minor child accompanied by signed consent from the other parent. If divorced, documentary proof of sole custody and control and guardianship of child/children.

**VERY IMPORTANT NOTES: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

✓ All forms must be fully completed
✓ All foreign documents MUST be officially translated into English

✓ Please ensure that when you visit the office for your appointment you have the original documents plus 2x copies each supporting document or

✓ If you are submitting your application by post please include the application 2x A4 Self-Addressed stamped (1x special delivery envelope and 1st Class Large-postage stamp) in case there is a query. Queries will not be posted where the size of the envelope and the amount of the stamp are not appropriate due to Postal Services restrictions.

✓ For Postal applications, all supporting documents must be certificated by an authorized Commissioner of Oath.

✓ For more information please visit our website: www.southafricahouse.uk, select Home Affairs, Civic Services, Citizenship, Renunciation

✓ The normal processing time is 12 months. Delays may be expected due to Covid 19.

✓ Once your application is successfully lodged, do not to contact office until the turnaround of 12 months has passed.

✓ You will receive a confirmation of the outcome of your application by post

You may post the application to the following address:

South African High Commission, 15 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2DD

OR

You may request an appoint to lodge the application in person.

Send your request for an appointment at: Civic.appointments@dirco.gov.za, quoting your forms reference number. The request must include Full names, ID number and Type of Service required.

Please do not request an appointment if you are NOT ready to lodge/submit your application.