

## RENUNCIATION 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.

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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
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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](mailto: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.

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