



# APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP BY NATURALISATION

ARTICLE 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION | CITIZENSHIP ACT (Cap. 30) | Section 6

Form IMM5 [Regulation 5(3)]

## APPOINTMENTS:

For appointment, please telephone 4293600 and ask for Permanent and Citizenship section

## NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS

### Documents to be submitted:

- Birth and Marriage certificate;
- Birth certificates of Seychellois spouse;
- Spouse Citizenship Certificate (if applicable);
- Spouse death certificate (if applicable);
- Copy of passport's bio-data page;
- One passport size photograph
- Police character certificate which should not be more than six months old.

**You may apply for citizenship by naturalisation if you fall under the following criteria: - (See below \*)**

- i)** You have been married to a Seychelles citizen (For marriages from 29th June 1976 and after) for a period of at least 10 years, and
- ii)** Has been a legal resident in Seychelles for a period of 5 years or more immediately before making this application;
- iii)** You have obtained at least 80% marks in 1 of the 3 national languages in the citizenship qualifying examination;
- iv)** You have not been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 1 year or more for an offence punishable under any laws of Seychelles;
- v)** You have not been absent from Seychelles for a continuous period of one year or more without the written permission of the Minister.

### **\* ARTICLE 12 of the Constitution**

- (1) A person who, on or after the coming into force of this Constitution marries another person who is or becomes a citizen of Seychelles shall, subject to any Act, be eligible to become a citizen of Seychelles by naturalisation.*
- (2) Clause (1) shall apply to a person who is not a citizen of Seychelles or eligible to become a citizen of Seychelles under Article 10 and who, on or after Independence Day, and before the coming into force of this Constitution, married another person who was or became, or who becomes a citizen of Seychelles, as it applies to a person such as is referred to in clause (1).*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### • **Certificates of sponsors**

Your application must be signed by two sponsors who should be either:

A Judge, a Magistrate, a Senior Government official (who should be the Principal Secretary of a Government Ministry or the Director General in a Ministry or Department), a Head teacher of a school, an Ambassador or High Commissioner of Seychelles who is a Seychelles citizen by birth, Medical Practitioner.

- You will also be required to advertise on two consecutive days in a daily local newspaper of wide circulation and once in the Official Gazette, your intention to apply for citizenship of Seychelles.

Copies of the advertisements are to be attached to your application.

Applications are to be submitted at the IMMIGRATION OFFICE ~ Independence House, First Floor, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles, together with all the documents requested and also a processing fee of SR1,000/-.

► For further enquiries, please telephone 4293600 or e-mail: [prcitsection@immigration.gov.sc](mailto:prcitsection@immigration.gov.sc)