

# RENUNCIATION OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP

## SURRENDER CERTIFICATE FOR PASSPORTS

INDIAN citizens acquiring foreign citizenship are required to renounce their Indian citizenship and surrender their Indian passports for cancellation. They are issued a surrender certificate by the Embassy.

ON or before 31 May 2010, the fee applicable for renunciation of Indian citizenship and obtaining a surrender certificate was US \$175. Penalties were also applicable in certain cases. However, with effect from 1 June 2010, the Government of India has made a relaxation in regard to cases to be processed in future.

APPLICANTS may note the following:

- THE Persons of Indian origin who acquired foreign citizenship on or before 31 May 2010 should approach the Embassy for cancellation of their passports and to obtain Surrender Certificates. They will have to pay US \$20 for this service. This relaxation will not cover applications processed before 1 June 2010.
- INDIAN citizens acquiring foreign citizenship on or after 1 June 2010 will have to pay the renunciation fee of US \$175 per person. Penalties would be applicable in case such passports are not surrendered within 90 days of acquiring foreign citizenship.

## HOW TO APPLY

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- (i) Form in duplicate – FORM-SURRENDER or FORM-ACKNOWLEDGE.<sup>1</sup>
- (ii) Original Indian passport.
  - a. Photocopy of first 5 and last 2 pages of Indian passport.
  - b. In case the applicants do not have the Indian passports in their possession for any reason (loss/misplacement/submission to foreign government long time back, etc.), they are required to furnish duly notarized affidavit in this regard. Certified copies of official documents submitted to foreign authority at the time of obtaining foreign citizenship/naturalization should be submitted.
  - c. If the Indian passport is still valid but has been misplaced/lost, then Police Report should be submitted additionally.
- (iii) Foreign Naturalization Certificate (copy) or any valid and acceptable proof towards their acquiring foreign citizenship.
- (iv) Foreign passport (copy).
- (v) Fee of US \$20/- may be paid by bank draft drawn in favour of the EMBASSY OF INDIA. Fee in Venezuelan Bolivar may be deposited directly into the Embassy of India account with Banco Provincial.
- (vi) For those PIOs who acquire foreign citizenship on or after 1 June 2010, the applicable fee is US \$175 Due penalty will also be payable where applicable.
- (vii) Return courier may be included if delivery of documents is requested by mail.

### MODE OF APPLYING

APPLICANTS may bring their documents to the Embassy between 0900-1200 hours on working day or send them by mail. The envelope for mailing cases may be mailed to Consular Section, Embassy of India, Quinta Tagore, No.12, Avenida San Carlos, La Floresta, Caracas, Venezuela.

### PROCESSING TIME

APPLICATIONS, complete in all respects, may require a processing time of up to 2 working days. APPLICANTS may direct their queries in this regard to Consular Section: [cons.caracas@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.caracas@mea.gov.in), [cons1.caracas@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons1.caracas@mea.gov.in), [cons2.caracas@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons2.caracas@mea.gov.in)

<sup>1</sup> If Indian passport is available, complete and submit in duplicate FORM-SURRENDER. Otherwise submit in duplicate FORM-ACKNOWLEDGE.

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## FEES AND PENALTIES

UNDER Indian law, Persons of Indian Origin, who have acquired foreign citizenship, are required to surrender their Indian passports to the nearest Indian Mission/Post immediately after acquisition of foreign citizenship and should obtain a Surrender Certificate.

THE Indian Citizenship Act, 1955, does not allow dual citizenship. Holding Indian passport/acquiring Indian passport/travelling on Indian passport after acquisition of foreign citizenship constitutes an offence under the Indian Passport Act, 1967, and attracts penalties. The Government of India has prescribed imposition of penalty on a graded scale, depending on number of trips made on Indian passport after acquiring foreign nationality, for the violation of Passport Rules and retention of Indian Passport for more than 3 years after acquiring of foreign nationality.

INDIAN passport must be surrendered within 90 days of foreign naturalization even if the foreign passport is obtained later. It is illegal to travel on Indian passport after obtaining foreign naturalization. Penalties apply. These charges are additional to the normal charges for visa and other consular services being sought:

DETAILS OF SERVICE	FEE BEFORE AND ON 31 MAY 2010	FEE ON AND AFTER 1 JUNE 2010	PENALTY
	USD	USD	USD
Fee for Renunciation of Indian citizenship.	20	175	-
Passport lost/damaged or surrendered to foreign government.	20	175	-
Indian passport retained without cancellation beyond 3 years subsequent to acquiring foreign nationality.	20	175	250
Indian passport retained beyond 1 January 2005 & Passport got re-issued.	20	175	625
Indian passport retained & used for travel subsequent to acquiring foreign nationality.	20	175	1250
Indian passport retained, reissued & used for travel subsequent to acquiring foreign nationality.	20	175	1875
Indian passport retained and if any miscellaneous service availed thereon subsequent to acquiring foreign nationality.	20	175	250 each time

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EMBASSY OF INDIA - CARACAS



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भारतीयराजदूतावास, कराकस  
Embajada de la India, Caracas  
Embassy of India, Caracas

## FORM XXII

### The Citizenship RULES, 2009 DECLARATION OF RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE ACT MADE BY A CITIZEN OF INDIA WHO IS ALSO A CITIZEN OR NATIONAL OF ANOTHER COUNTRY.

1. I..... (here insert name and address of declaration) am of full age and capacity and was born at (with Tehsil , District, State and Country).....on.....
2. I have/have not been married.
3. I hereby renounce my citizenship of India.
4. I hereby renounce my citizenship of India and surrender my Indian Passport No..... With date of issue.....,which is my latest Indian Passport.
5. Name and full particulars of minor children who are Citizens of India, if Any.....
6. I am/was Indian citizen by (Birth/Descent/Registration/Naturalization) .....
7. The circumstances in which/reasons due to which applicant intends to acquire foreign citizenship and renounce Indian citizenship .....

I, ..... do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this declaration are true and nothing has been concealed thereof while making this

Signature .....

Made and subscribed this month of \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_ 20\_



भारतीयराजदूतावास, कराकस  
Embajada de la India, Caracas  
Embassy of India, Caracas

### Particulars

1. Full name .....
2. Address  
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3. Profession or occupation .....
4. Place and date of birth.....
5. (Second) Nationality.....
6. Marital Status (Single / Married /etc).....
7. Name of wife or husband.....
8. Name and nationalities of parents.....
9. Name and full particulars of children, if any.....

I, the undersigned, hereby stated that I am an Indian citizen otherwise than by naturalization that I am householder, and I am not the solicitor or agent of..... I vouch for the correctness of the statements made by..... in this application for.....

Date.....

Name (In BLOCK LETTERS).....  
Full Postal Address.....

Signature.....

“Signature and designation of the officer authorized under rule 38 of the Citizenship Rules, 2009, before whom the registration, declaration or oath of allegiance is made or taken”

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