

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE  
(ARTICLE 140 AND THIRD SCHEDULE, SECTION 4)

SINGAPORE CITIZENSHIP RULES

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[1st June 1985]

**Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Singapore Citizenship Rules.

**Definition**

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, “Registrar” means the Registrar of Citizens appointed under rule 3 and includes a Deputy or an Assistant Registrar of Citizens.

(2) In these Rules, any reference to an Article by number shall be construed as a reference to the Article of that number in the Constitution.

**Appointments of Registrar, Deputy and Assistant Registrars of Citizens**

3.—(1) The Minister may appoint a Registrar of Citizens and such number of Deputy and Assistant Registrars of Citizens as he considers necessary to carry out the purposes of Part X of and the Third Schedule to the Constitution.

*[S 64/2024 wef 01/02/2024]*

(2) In this rule, “Minister” —

- (a) in relation to appointing a Registrar of Citizens — includes any Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Home Affairs; and
- (b) in relation to appointing a Deputy Registrar of Citizens or an Assistant Registrar of Citizens — includes any Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Commissioner of National Registration.

*[S 64/2024 wef 01/02/2024]*

**Application for citizenship**

4. An application under —

- (a) Article 121(3) for conferment of citizenship upon a person born in Singapore;
- (b) Article 122(1) for registration of the birth of a person born outside Singapore on or after 16th September 1963;
- (c) Article 123(1) by a person for registration as a citizen of Singapore;

- (d) Article 123(2) by a woman who is married to a citizen of Singapore, for registration as a citizen of Singapore;
- (e) Article 124 for the registration of a child below the age of 21 years as a citizen of Singapore;
- (f) Article 127(1) for the grant of citizenship by naturalisation;
- (g) Article 138 for the grant of a certificate of citizenship; or
- (h) Article 141(3) for the registration of the birth of a person born outside Singapore before 16th September 1963,

shall be made to the Registrar in such form and manner as the Registrar may approve, which may include the use of such electronic application service on what is commonly known as the Internet as the Registrar may provide for this purpose.

*[S 576/2008 wef 10/11/2008]*

### **Citizenship certificate**

**5.** A certificate of citizenship granted to a person —

- (a) who is a citizen by conferment under Article 121(3);
- (b) who is a citizen by descent under Article 122(1);
- (c) who is a citizen by registration under Article 123 or 124;
- (d) who is a citizen by naturalisation under Article 127;
- (e) with respect to whose citizenship a doubt exists, under Article 138; or
- (f) whose birth is registered under Article 141(3),

shall be in the Form set out in the Second Schedule.

**6.** *[Deleted by S 630/2014 wef 01/07/2010]*

**7.** *[Deleted by S 630/2014 wef 01/07/2010]*

**8.** *[Deleted by S 630/2014 wef 01/07/2010]*

**9.** *[Deleted by S 630/2014 wef 01/07/2010]*

**Notice of deprivation of citizenship**

**10.**—(1) Any person to whom a notice under Article 133(1) is given shall apply within 21 days to have his case referred to a committee of inquiry under Article 133(2).

(2) The committee of inquiry (referred to in these Rules as the committee) to which a case is referred under Article 133 shall, before it holds its inquiry, cause to be given to the person against whom an order is proposed to be made under Article 129, 132, 134 or 135, a notice stating the nature of the inquiry, the time and place of the inquiry and —

- (a) where the person is in Singapore or ordinarily resident in Singapore, informing him of his right to be present at the inquiry and to be represented by an advocate and solicitor;
- (b) where the person is not in Singapore and not ordinarily resident in Singapore, informing him of his right to submit written representations and to be represented by an advocate and solicitor.

(3) Any such notice to be given by the committee to any person under this rule may —

- (a) be served on that person;
- (b) be sent to that person at his last known address;
- (c) in the case of a person below the age of 18 years (not being a married woman), be sent to his parent or guardian at the last known address of his parent or guardian; or
- (d) if an address at which notice may be sent is not known and cannot after reasonable inquiry be ascertained, be given by publication in the *Gazette*.

(4) The committee may, in any case where the notice has been given in accordance with paragraph (3), proceed to hold that inquiry in the absence of the person against whom an order is proposed to be made under Article 129, 132, 134 or 135.

(5) Such notice shall be given not less than 14 days before the holding of the inquiry.

(6) Such notice may require the person or his parent or guardian, as the case may be, to submit in writing to the committee any information, verified in such manner as may be directed, which the committee considers material to the inquiry.

### **Committee to submit report to Minister after inquiry**

**11.—**(1) The committee shall inquire into the grounds upon which the Minister proposes to make an order under Article 129, 132, 134 or 135 and the reasons, if any, advanced by or on behalf of the person against whom the order is proposed to be made as to why the order should not be made against him.

(2) The committee shall, after such inquiry, submit its report to the Minister.

(3) The chairman of the committee shall, if so required by the Minister, also furnish in writing his opinion on any question of law which may be relevant to the facts of the case, or on such specific questions of law relating to the case as the Minister may require.

### **Proceedings of committee of inquiry**

**12.—**(1) The committee may, when carrying out functions under these Rules —

- (a) act upon any information which is made available to it, whether or not such information is given on oath or would be admissible as evidence if given in court;
- (b) issue a notice calling upon a person to appear before the committee to give any information which he can furnish or to produce any document which is in his possession, custody or power relating to matters in question before the committee; and
- (c) require any person to give evidence before it on oath or affirmation.

(2) The committee may postpone or adjourn the inquiry from time to time.

(3) The committee may allow or refuse to allow the public or any member thereof to be present during the whole or any part of the inquiry.

(4) The committee shall, subject to these Rules, determine its own procedure.

(5) For the purpose of carrying out its functions, the committee may administer oaths and affirmations.

### **Representation at committee of inquiry**

**13.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person against whom an order is proposed to be made under Article 129, 132, 134 or 135 shall, at the inquiry held by the committee, be entitled to —

- (a) appear in person;
- (b) be represented by an advocate and solicitor; or
- (c) be represented by his parent or guardian if he is below the age of 18 years.

(2) Paragraph (1)(a) shall not apply to any case where the person against whom an order is proposed to be made under Article 129, 132, 134 or 135 is not in Singapore and not ordinarily resident in Singapore.

(3) The committee may receive such written representations and documentary and other evidence as may be submitted by such person.

(4) The Registrar and a representative appointed by the Minister shall be entitled to be present at the inquiry.

### **Circumstances whereby name of person may be struck off from register**

**14.** The Registrar shall strike off the name of any person from the register of citizens of Singapore if —

- (a) he has ceased to be a citizen of Singapore by virtue of Article 122(2), 126(3), 136 or 138;
- (b) he has made a declaration of renunciation of citizenship and the declaration was registered under Article 128;

- (c) an order has been made under Article 129, 130, 134, 135 or 137 depriving him of his Singapore citizenship; or
- (d) an order has been made under Article 132 or 137 cancelling his enrolment as a citizen of Singapore.

### **Cancellation of certificate of citizenship**

**15.**—(1) Where a person has ceased to be a citizen of Singapore, such person shall, if so required by notice in writing given by the Registrar, deliver up to the Registrar within such time as may be specified in the notice any certificate of citizenship issued to him.

(2) The Registrar shall cancel the certificate when it is delivered to him.

### **Form of application or declaration**

**16.** Where a person wishes to make any application or declaration under any of these Rules and the form as required by the Minister referred to in the rule is, in the opinion of the Registrar, unsuitable to the pertinent case, the Registrar may authorise the application or declaration to be made in some other form.

### **Loss, etc., of certificate**

**17.**—(1) Where a certificate of citizenship issued under the repealed Singapore Citizenship Ordinance 1957 (Ord. 35/57) or the Constitution is lost, destroyed or defaced, the person to whom the certificate relates shall forthwith notify the Registrar.

(2) A replacement certificate in the Form set out in the Third Schedule shall be issued on such condition or conditions as may be imposed by the Registrar in place of the one lost, destroyed or defaced.

(3) Any person who finds any certificate issued under the repealed Singapore Citizenship Ordinance 1957 or the Constitution shall forthwith deliver it to the Registrar or to any police station.

**Alteration or amendment of certificate**

**18.**—(1) Any person who has in his possession a certificate of citizenship containing particulars which are incorrect or which he knows are incorrect shall forthwith report the fact to the Registrar.

(2) The Registrar may, if he is satisfied that any particulars on any certificate of citizenship are incorrect, alter or amend the certificate or may on such conditions as he may impose issue a new certificate to replace the certificate containing the incorrect particulars.

**Procedure for making declaration or oath**

**19.**—(1) A declaration made in accordance with these Rules or the Oath of Renunciation, Allegiance and Loyalty required by Articles 122(2), 126(1) and (3) and 127(4) shall be of no effect unless it is made in the prescribed form and signed in the presence of or administered by one of the following persons:

- (a) if it is made in Singapore, any Justice of the Peace or any person authorised to administer oaths; or
- (b) if it is made elsewhere, any diplomatic or consular officer of the Government or, with the permission of the Registrar who may impose such conditions as he thinks fit, any notary public or person authorised to administer oaths.

(2) Where the Oath of Renunciation, Allegiance and Loyalty required by Articles 122(2) and 126(3) is taken outside Singapore before any notary public or any person authorised to administer oaths, other than a diplomatic or consular officer of the Government, it shall be of no effect unless the oath form, together with the citizenship certificate of the person taking the Oath, is delivered to and received by the Registrar not later than one month after the date the person has attained the age of 22 years or, with the permission of the Registrar, later.

**Prohibitions**

**20.**—(1) A person shall not, except in accordance with these Rules or any other written law —

- (a) part with the possession of a certificate of citizenship granted to him; or
  - (b) receive or have in his possession a certificate of citizenship not granted to him.
- (2) No person shall —
- (a) obtain or have in his possession more than one certificate of citizenship unless he can show that he obtained or had possession of such certificate innocently; or
  - (b) except by lawful authority, make any mark or entry upon, or erase, cancel or alter any mark or entry contained in, or otherwise deface or destroy any certificate issued under the repealed Singapore Citizenship Ordinance 1957 (Ord. 35/57) or the Constitution.

### **Penalties**

**21.** Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with rule 17, 18(1) or 20 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

### FIRST SCHEDULE

*[Deleted by S 566/2003 wef 01/01/2004]*

### SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 5



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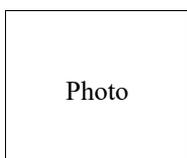
SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

CERTIFICATE OF SINGAPORE CITIZENSHIP

This is to certify that

\_\_\_\_\_ whose personal particulars appear hereunder is a citizen of Singapore by \_\_\_\_\_ under Article \_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore.

Personal particulars of Citizen

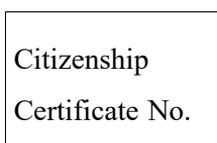


Country/Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Registrar of Citizens  
Singapore.*

(Important: See Overleaf).

*[S 729/2018 wef 01/11/2018]*

(Notice on reverse of Certificate)

*Minor Citizens to take Oath*

Minors who acquired Singapore citizenship under Article 122(1), 124(1) or 124(2) are required to take the Oath of Renunciation, Allegiance and Loyalty within 12 months of attaining the age of 21 years. Those who fail to do so will lose their Singapore citizenship on attaining the age of 22 years.

The Oath may be taken at the Registry of Citizens, Singapore, or if the minor is abroad, at the nearest Singapore Mission. If there is no Singapore Mission in the country where the minor is residing temporarily, or if the nearest Singapore

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

Mission is too far away from the minor's residence, the minor may, with the permission of the Registrar, take the Oath before any notary public or person authorised to administer oaths. The minor citizen is required to deliver the oath form together with his/her citizenship certificate to the Registrar not later than one month after he/she has attained the age of 22 years or, with the permission of the Registrar, later.

*Notice*

This Certificate is to be returned to the Registrar of Citizens or any police station or any Singapore Mission abroad if you cease to be a citizen of Singapore. Failure to do so is an offence.

Control Number

Departmental Reference

*[S 598/1999 wef 01/01/2000]*

*[S 163/2009 wef 20/04/2009]*

*[S 604/2011 wef 01/01/2012]*

*[G. N. Nos. S 152/85; S 353/85]*

THIRD SCHEDULE

Rule 17(2)



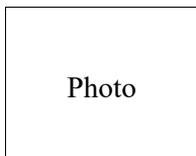
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REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE OF SINGAPORE CITIZENSHIP

This is to certify that

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

whose personal particulars appear hereunder is a citizen of Singapore by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He/She is still a citizen of Singapore.



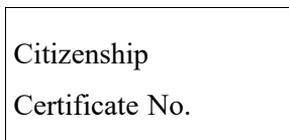
Personal particulars of Citizen

Country/Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_.



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Registrar of Citizens  
Singapore.*

(Important: See Overleaf).

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THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

*Notice*

This Certificate is to be returned to the Registrar of Citizens or any police station or any Singapore Mission abroad if you cease to be a citizen of Singapore. Failure to do so is an offence.

No one is to obtain or to have in his possession more than one certificate of citizenship. If you subsequently recover your original certificate, you have to return this replacement certificate to the Registrar of Citizens.

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*[S 598/1999 wef 01/01/2000]*

*[S 163/2009 wef 20/04/2009]*

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
SINGAPORE CITIZENSHIP RULES  
(CHAPTER CONST, R 1)

This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Singapore Citizenship Rules. It is not part of these Rules.

- 1. G. N. No. S 152/1985 — Singapore Citizenship Rules 1985**  
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- 2. G. N. No. S 353/1985 — Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 1985**  
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- 3. 1990 Revised Edition — Singapore Citizenship Rules**  
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- 4. 1996 Revised Edition — Singapore Citizenship Rules**  
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- 5. 1999 Revised Edition — Singapore Citizenship Rules**  
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- 6. G. N. No. S 598/1999 — Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 1999**  
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- 7. G. N. No. S 566/2003 — Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2003**  
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- 8. G. N. No. S 576/2008 — Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2008**  
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- 9. G. N. No. S 163/2009 — Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2009**  
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- 10. G.N. No. S 630/2014 — Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2014**  
Date of commencement : 1 July 2010
- 11. G.N. No. S 604/2011 — Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2011**  
Date of commencement : 1 January 2012
- 12. G.N. No. S 729/2018 — Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2018**  
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