

## Dual citizenship

Following the introduction of Dual Citizenship under the Constitution of Zambia (Amendment No.2 of 2016), the Zambia High Commission in London wishes to inform the public that accepting of applications for Bestowal of citizenship has now commenced.

Please be advised as follows:

- A citizen shall not lose citizenship by acquiring citizenship of another country
- A person who ceased to be a citizen of Zambia before the commencement of the constitution on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, can now apply for bestowal of citizenship.

## Applying for Bestowal of citizenship

Application must be lodged in the person's country of residence. Applicant resident in the United Kingdom and Ireland must apply through the High Commission in person.

1. Applicant should complete the Bestowal of Citizenship form (Form VII) and must attach the following:

- copies of previous Zambian passport or National Registration Card (NRC)
- Police clearance certificate.
- 5 passport size photos
- Application fee of K300.00 equivalent in Pounds

**Note:** Payment is by card only after the application has been accepted

2. Duly completed application form will be forwarded to the citizenship office in Lusaka. Upon Citizenship Board's approval, a letter of approval will be sent to the Mission and applicant will be required to pay K5,000.00 equivalent in Pounds.

3. Applicant will then be required to complete an oath of allegiance on (Form 9). The oath of allegiance and receipt for payment will be forwarded to the citizenship Office, Lusaka for issuance of the

Certificate of Bestowal which will be sent to the Mission for onward transmission to the applicant.

4. Thereafter, the person can obtain for a new National Registration Card and passport.

### **Notice of Acquisition of Citizenship of Another Country**

A person who acquires citizenship of another country will be required to notify the citizenship Board of the acquisition of that other citizenship by completing and submitting Notice of Acquisition of Citizenship of Another Country on form (Form VI) through the High Commission.

Person must attach document evidencing the acquired citizenship

### **Renunciation of citizenship or citizenship of another country**

If the person does not wish to hold dual citizenship or wishes to assume sole citizenship of another country, the person may make a declaration to the Board on Form X through the High Commission.

- Upon the Board issuing the Certificate of Renunciation, the person must surrender the National Registration Card and other national identity documents for cancellation.
- Fee: The equivalent of K1, 000.00 equivalent in Pounds
- A citizen who has renounced citizenship of another country is required to notify the Board of the renunciation in writing and attach a certified copy of the certificate of renunciation or equivalent document issued by that country in respect of the renunciation within 6 months of the renunciation.

### **Travelling with two passport**

A dual citizen can use either passport in Zambia.

Both passports should have the same details.

### **Types of citizenship**

#### **1. Citizenship by birth**

A person born in Zambia is a citizen by birth, if at the time of that person's birth, at least one parent is or was a citizen of Zambia.

#### **2. Citizenship by descent**

A person born outside Zambia is a citizen by descent, if at the time of that person's birth, at least one parent is or was a citizen of Zambia

### **3. Citizenship by Registration**

A person is entitled to apply to be registered as a citizen if that person has attained the age of 18 and –

- a) was born in Zambia and has been ordinarily resident in Zambia for a period of at least five years.
- b) was born outside Zambia, has or had an ancestor who is, or was a Zambian citizen and has been ordinarily resident in Zambia for a period of at least five years
- c) has been ordinarily resident in Zambia for a continuous period of at least ten years;  
immediately preceding that person's application for registration.
- d) is or was married to a citizen of Zambia for a period of at least five years.

### **4. Note: Applications for Citizenship by Registration have to be lodged in Zambia.**