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GUYANA CITIZENSHIP ACT

CHAPTER 14:01

Act

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An Act to make provision for the acquisition of citizenship of Guyana by persons who do not become citizens of Guyana by virtue of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, for deprivation and renunciation of citizenship of Guyana and for purposes incidental thereto or connected therewith.

[26TH MAY,1966]

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Guyana Citizenship Act.

Interpretation. 2. (1) In this Act—

[O. 4/1974
19 of 1990]

“alien” means a person who is not a Commonwealth citizen, a British protected person or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland;

“British protected person” means a person who is a British protected person for the purposes of the British Nationality Act, 1948, of the United Kingdom;

“the Commonwealth” has the meaning assigned to it by the Constitution;

“Commonwealth citizen” means a person who under the Constitution has the status of a Commonwealth citizen;

“foreign country” means a country (other than the Republic of Ireland) that is not part of the Commonwealth;

“Guyana” includes, in relation to any period commencing prior to the 26th May, 1966, and prescribed by this Act for the purposes of any requirement as to residence, the former Colony of British Guiana;

“minor” means a person who is not of full age;

First Schedule. “oath of allegiance” means an oath of allegiance set out in the First Schedule to this Act.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a person born aboard a registered ship or aircraft, or aboard an unregistered ship or aircraft of the Government of any country, shall be deemed to have been born in the place in which the ship or aircraft was registered or, as the case may be, in that country.

(3) For the purposes of this Act, a person shall be of full age if such person attains the age of eighteen years and is not of unsound mind.

(4) For the purposes of this Act, a person shall be deemed not to have attained a given age until the commencement of the relevant anniversary of the day of his birth.

References in existing laws to British subject to be construed as references to Commonwealth citizen.

3. A reference to a British subject in any law in force in Guyana on the commencement of this Act shall be construed as a reference to a Commonwealth citizen.

Registration of certain persons as citizens.

4. (1) A Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, being of full age and capacity, may, on making application therefor under this subsection to the Minister in the prescribed manner, be registered at the discretion of the Minister as a citizen of Guyana if he satisfies the Minister that he—

- (a) has been ordinarily resident in Guyana; or
- (b) has been in the service of the Government of Guyana; or
- (c) has had partly such residence and partly such service, throughout the period of five years ending with the date of his application, or such shorter period so ending as the Minister may in the special circumstances of any particular case accept.

(2) Subject to section 7, a person shall be entitled, on making application under this subsection to the Minister in the prescribed manner, to be registered as a citizen of Guyana if he satisfies the Minister that he is and always has been stateless and—

- (a) if he was born before the 25th May, 1966, that his mother was a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies at the time of his birth by reason of her having been born in the former Colony of British Guiana; or
- (b) if he was born after the 25th May, 1966, that his mother was a citizen of Guyana at the time of his birth; or
- (c) that he was born in Guyana.

(3) Subsection (2) (a) and (b) apply to persons born illegitimate as well as to persons born legitimate.

(4) An application for the registration under subsection (2) of a minor may be made by his parent or guardian or, if he has attained the age of sixteen years, by the minor himself or by his parent or guardian.

Registration of
minors.
[19 of 1990]

5. (1) The Minister may, at his discretion, cause the minor child of any citizen of Guyana to be registered as a citizen of Guyana upon application made under this subsection in the prescribed manner by a parent or guardian of the child.

(2) The Minister may, in such special circumstances as he thinks fit, cause any minor to be registered as a citizen of Guyana.

(3) Where under a law in force in Guyana relating to the adoption of children an adoption order is made in respect of a minor not a citizen of Guyana then if the adopter or in the case of a joint adoption one of the adopters is a citizen of Guyana the minor shall become a citizen of Guyana as from the date of the order.

Effect of registration as a citizen.

6. A person, upon being registered under section 4 or 5, shall become a citizen of Guyana by registration with effect from the date on which he is registered.

Minister's discretionary powers.
[O. 80/1980]
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7. (1) The Minister may, if he is satisfied that the interests of national security or public policy so require, refuse to register as a citizen of Guyana any person to whom the proviso to article 42(1) or 45 of the Constitution or section 4(2) of this Act applies.

(2) The Minister shall not be required to assign any reason for the exercise of any discretionary power conferred on him as to the registering as a citizen, the naturalizing, or certifying the citizenship, of any person and no exercise of any such power shall be subject to appeal or review in any court.

Additional grounds for citizenship.

8. (1) A person born in Guyana after the commencement of this Act shall be a citizen of Guyana by birth if his mother was a citizen of Guyana at the time when he was born and he would, apart from this subsection, be stateless.

(2) Where after the commencement of this Act a new-born infant is found abandoned in Guyana, that infant shall, unless the contrary is shown, be deemed to have been born in Guyana.

Naturalisation of aliens and British protected

9. The Minister may, at his discretion, if application therefor is made to him in the prescribed manner by any alien or British protected person of full age and capacity who

persons.
[11 of 1968]
Second
Schedule.

satisfies him that he is qualified under the Second Schedule for naturalisation grant to him a certificate of naturalisation, and the person to whom the certificate is granted shall, on taking the oath of allegiance, become a citizen of Guyana by naturalisation with effect from the date on which that certificate is granted.

Renunciation
of citizenship.
[O. 80/1980]

10. (1) Subject to subsection (2) if any citizen of Guyana of full age and capacity who is or is about to become—

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- (a) a citizen of any country to which article 47 of the Constitution applies, or of the Republic of Ireland; or
- (b) a national of a foreign country,

makes in the prescribed manner a declaration of renunciation of citizenship of Guyana, the Minister shall cause the declaration to be registered, and upon the registration, that person shall cease to be a citizen of Guyana:

Provided that the Minister may, at his discretion, withhold registration of any such declaration if it is made by a person who is or is about to become a national of a foreign country during any war in which Guyana is engaged.

(2) A declaration of renunciation of citizenship of Guyana made under subsection (1) by a person who is not a citizen of any other country shall be registered only if the Minister is satisfied that that person will after the registration become a citizen or national of some other country; and if that person does not become such a citizen or national within six months from the date of registration he shall be, and be deemed to have remained, a citizen of Guyana notwithstanding the registration.

11. (1) Subject to this section, the Minister may, at his

Deprivation of citizenship.

discretion, by order deprive of his citizenship any citizen of Guyana who is such by registration or naturalisation if the Minister is satisfied that the registration or certificate of naturalisation was obtained by means of fraud, false representation or the concealment of any material fact.

(2) Subject to this section, the Minister may at his discretion, by order, deprive of his citizenship any citizen of Guyana, who is such by registration or naturalisation if the Minister is satisfied that that citizen—

- (a) has shown himself by act or speech to be disloyal or disaffected towards the Constitution; or
- (b) has, during any war in which Guyana was engaged, unlawfully traded or communicated with an enemy or been engaged in or associated with any business that was to his knowledge carried on in such manner as to assist an enemy in that war; or
- (c) has within five years after becoming naturalised been sentenced in any country to imprisonment for a term of not less than twelve months; or
- (d) has done any voluntary act which is incompatible with his loyalty to the Constitution.

(3) The Minister shall not deprive a person of his citizenship—

- (a) under this section unless he is satisfied that it is not conducive to the public good that that person should

continue to be a citizen of Guyana;

- (b) on the ground mentioned in subsection (2) (c) if it appears to him that that person would thereupon become stateless.

(4) Before making an order under this section, the Minister shall give the person against whom the order is proposed to be made, notice in writing informing him of the ground on which it is proposed to be made and of his right to an enquiry under this section.

(5) If the person against whom the order is proposed to be made applies in the prescribed manner for an enquiry, the Minister shall, and in any other case the Minister may, at his discretion, refer the case for enquiry and report to a committee consisting of a chairman, being a person possessing judicial experience, appointed by the Minister and of such other members appointed by the Minister as he thinks proper.

(6) The Minister may make rules for the practice and procedure to be followed in connection with a committee of enquiry appointed under this section, and such rules may, in particular, provide for conferring on such committee any powers, rights or privileges of any court, and for enabling any powers so conferred to be exercised by one or more members of the committee; and, subject to any such rules, the committee may regulate its own procedure.

(7) A person who is deprived of his citizenship of Guyana by an order under this section shall, upon the making of the order, cease to be a citizen of Guyana.

12. (1) The Minister may in such cases as he thinks fit,

Certificate of citizenship in cases of doubt.

on application made by or on behalf of any person with respect to whose citizenship of Guyana a doubt exists, whether on a question of fact or law, certify that that person is a citizen of Guyana.

(2) A certificate issued under this section shall, unless it is proved that it was obtained by means of fraud, false representation or concealment of any material fact, be conclusive evidence that that person was such a citizen on the date thereof, but without prejudice to any evidence that he was such a citizen at any earlier date.

Evidence.

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13. (1) Every document purporting to be a notice, certificate, order or declaration, or an entry in a register or a subscription of an oath of allegiance, given, granted or made under this Act or under Chapter IV of the Constitution shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been given, granted or made by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf it purports to have been given, granted or made.

(2) *Prima facie* evidence of any such document as aforesaid may be given by production of a document purporting to be certified as a true copy thereof by such person and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) Any entry in a register under this Act or under Chapter IV of the Constitution shall be received as evidence of the matters stated in the entry.

c. 5:03

(4) Nothing in this section shall prejudice the admissibility of anything in evidence, or the effect of any such evidence, pursuant to any provisions of the Evidence Act.

Offences.
[13 of 1997
14 of 1998]

14. (1) Any person who for the purpose of procuring anything to be done or not to be done under this Act or under Chapter IV of the Constitution makes any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, or recklessly makes

a statement which is false in a material particular, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars nor more than fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with any requirement imposed on him by regulations made under this Act with respect to the delivering up of certificates of naturalisation shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars nor more than fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

(3) Every person who—

- (a) forges a passport; or
- (b) utters a passport knowing it to be forged; or
- (c) for the purpose of procuring a passport whether for himself or any other person, makes a statement which is to his knowledge untrue,

shall be liable—

- (i) on summary conviction to a fine of not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than forty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for twelve months;
- (ii) on conviction on indictment to a fine of not less than forty thousand dollars nor more than eighty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for four years.

(4) In this section the expression “forgery” has the same meaning as it has in section 240 of the Criminal Law (Offences) Act.

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15. [Deleted by O.80/1980]

Regulations.

16. The Minister may make regulations generally for giving effect to this Act, and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may make regulations—

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- (a) prescribing anything which is required by this Act or by Chapter IV of the Constitution to be prescribed;
- (b) for the registration of anything required or authorised under this Act or under Chapter IV of the Constitution to be registered;
- (c) for the administration and taking of oaths of allegiance under this Act or Chapter IV of the Constitution, for the time within which such oaths shall be taken and for the registration of such oaths;
- (d) fixing the fees to be paid in respect of—
 - (i) any application made to the Minister under this Act or pursuant to Chapter IV of the Constitution; or
 - (ii) any registration, or the making of any declaration, or the grant of any certificate, or the taking

- of any oath of allegiance, required or authorised to be made, granted or taken by or under this Act; or
- (iii) supplying a certified or other copy of any notice, certificate, order, declaration or entry, given, granted or made under this Act or pursuant to Chapter IV of the Constitution, and providing for the application of any such fees;
- (e) for the giving of any notice required or authorised to be given to any person by or under any provision of this Act other than section 11(6);
- (f) for the cancellation of the registration of, and the cancellation and amendment of certificates of naturalisation relating to, persons deprived of citizenship under this Act or under Chapter IV of the Constitution, and for requiring such certificates to be delivered up for such purposes;
- (g) for the registration by consular officers or other officers in the service of the Government of Guyana of the births and deaths of persons of any class or description born or dying outside Guyana;
- (h) for enabling the births and deaths of citizens of Guyana born or dying in

any country in which the Government of Guyana has for the time being no diplomatic or consular representatives, to be registered—

- (i) by persons serving in the diplomatic consular or other foreign service of any country which, by arrangement with the Government of Guyana, has undertaken to represent that Government's interest in that country; or
- (ii) by a person authorised in that behalf by the Minister.

s. 2(1)
[O. 15/1970]

FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM OF OATH

I do swear [solemnly affirm] that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Guyana and will honour, uphold and preserve the Constitution of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.

So help me God [to be omitted in affirmation].

Sworn [Affirmed] and subscribed this day of
20 before me at
[Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or other official title.]

SECOND SCHEDULE

s. 9

[11 of 1968]

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NATURALISATION

1. Subject to paragraph 2 the qualifications for naturalisation of an alien who applies therefor are—

- (a) that he has resided in Guyana throughout the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of the application;
- (b) that during the seven years immediately preceding the said period of twelve months he has resided in Guyana for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than five years;
- (c) that he is of good character; and
- (d) that he intends in the event of a certificate being granted to him to reside in Guyana.

2. The Minister may, if in the special circumstances of any particular case he thinks fit—

- (a) allow a continuous period of twelve months ending not more than six months before the date of the application to be reckoned for the purposes of paragraph 1 (a), as if it had immediately preceded that date;
- (b) allow residence in any part of the Commonwealth to be reckoned for the purposes of paragraph 1 (b);

- (c) allow periods of residence earlier than eight years before the date of the application to be reckoned in computing the aggregate mentioned in paragraph 1 (b);
- (d) allow such shorter periods of residence as he may determine to be reckoned in lieu of the periods mentioned in paragraph 1 (a) and (b).

3. The qualifications for naturalisation of a British protected person who applies therefor are—

- (a) that he is ordinarily resident in Guyana and has been so resident throughout the period of five years, or such shorter period as the Minister may, in the special circumstances of any case accept, immediately preceding his application; and
- (b) the qualifications specified in paragraph 1(c) and (d).

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Deleted by O.80/1980]

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

GUYANA CITIZENSHIP REGULATIONS

Reg. 11/1967
17/1967

made under section 16

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Guyana Citizenship Regulations.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, save in regulations 10 and 12, "Form" means form set out in the First Schedule.

**PART I
CITIZENSHIP BY REGISTRATION**

Application under Article 42(1) or 45. [Reg. 25/1981] Form R1.

3. An application by a person for registration as a citizen of Guyana under Article 42(1) or 45 of the Constitution shall be made to the Minister in Form R1; and the oath of allegiance required to be taken by an applicant shall be subscribed and attested, and as so subscribed and attested shall be included in the form of application.

4. [Deleted by O. 80/1980].

5. [Deleted by O. 80/ 1980]

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Application
under section 4.
Form R4.

6. (1) An application for registration as a citizen of Guyana under section 4(1) of the Act shall be made in Form R4.

(2) An application for registration as a citizen of Guyana under section 4(2) of the Act shall be made in writing addressed to the appropriate authority specified in regulation 8 and shall include the following information, that is to say—

- (a) in the case of any application, sufficient information to satisfy the authority to whom the application is made that the person in respect of whom it is made is and always has been stateless and is qualified for registration under the said section 4(2);
- (b) in the case of an application made in respect of a minor by his parent or guardian, a statement whether the applicant is a parent or guardian of the minor, and, if he is a guardian, how he became a guardian.

Application on
behalf of minor.
Form R5.

7. An application for registration of a minor child of a citizen of Guyana as a citizen of Guyana under section 5(1) of the Act shall be made to the Minister in Form R5.

To whom
application to
be made.

8. An application made by or on behalf of a person entitled to be registered as a citizen of Guyana under the Constitution shall be made—

- (a) if the applicant is at the time of

- his application resident in a country in which there is a diplomatic or consular representative of the Government of Guyana, to that representative;
- (b) if the applicant is at the time of his application resident in a country in which there is no such representative, to the Minister;
- (c) in any other case, to the Minister.

**PART II
NATURALISATION**

Application for certificate. Form N1.

9. An application for a certificate of naturalisation shall be made in Form N1.

Certificate to be signed by Minister.

10. A certificate of naturalisation granted by the Minister shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule and shall be signed by the Minister or by a person authorised by him in that behalf

Oath of allegiance.

11. (1) The oath of allegiance required by section 9 of the Act to be taken by a person to whom a certificate of naturalisation has been granted shall be endorsed on the certificate of naturalisation to which it relates.

(2) The oath of allegiance required as aforesaid shall be taken within one month of the date of the certificate of naturalization to which it relates, or within such extended time as the Minister may permit, and if the oath is not taken within the said time the certificate shall have no effect:

Provided that permission shall not be deemed to have been given under this paragraph unless a statement to that effect is endorsed on the certificate and signed by a person authorised by regulation 10 to sign a certificate of naturalisation.

(3) The oath of allegiance required as aforesaid shall be registered at the office of the Minister.

PART III RENUNCIATION AND DEPRIVATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF GUYANA

Declaration
under
section 10.

12. (1) A declaration of renunciation of citizenship of Guyana made under section 10(1) of the Act shall be in the form set out in the Third Schedule.

(2) The declaration shall, subject to the said section 10, be registered at the office of the Minister.

Notice of
deprivation of
citizenship
under
Section 11.

13. (1) When it is proposed to make an order under section 11 of the Act depriving a person of his citizenship of Guyana the notice required by section 11 (4) thereof to be given to that person may be given –

- (a) in the case where that person's whereabouts are known, by causing the notice to be delivered to him personally or by sending it to him by registered post;
- (b) in the case where that person's whereabouts are not known, by sending it to his last known address and by publication in the *Gazette*.

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(2) Where the Minister has given notice as aforesaid, any application for an enquiry under section 11(5) of the Act shall be made—

- (a) if that person is in Guyana at the time when the notice is given to him, within twenty-one days from the giving of the notice;
- (b) in any other case, within such time, not being less than twenty-one days from the giving of the notice, as the Minister may determine:

Provided that the Minister may in special circumstances at any time extend the time within which the application may be made.

(3) Any notice given in accordance with this regulation shall include a statement of the time within which application for an enquiry under section 11(5) of the Act must be made.

Removal of name from register of citizens.

14. Where an order has been made depriving a person who is a citizen of Guyana by registration of that citizenship, his name shall be removed from the register of citizens of Guyana in which it is entered.

Cancellation of amendment of certificate of naturalisation.

15. Where an order has been made depriving a person naturalised in Guyana of his citizenship of Guyana, the person so deprived or any other person in possession of the relevant certificate of naturalisation shall, if required by notice in writing given by the Minister, deliver up the said certificate to the Minister, or to such person, and within such time as may be specified in the notice, and the said certificate shall thereupon be cancelled or amended.

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Requirements for application, declaration or notice.

16. Where the preceding provisions of these Regulations require that an application or declaration shall be made, or a notice shall be given, in a form set out in a Schedule, that requirement shall be treated as satisfied if the application or declaration is made or the notice is given—

- (a) in a form to the like effect; or
- (b) in a form authorised by the Minister or other authority to whom the application or declaration is made or the notice is given, if in the opinion of the Minister or that other authority, as the case may be, the form set out in the appropriate Schedule is unsuitable in the circumstances of a particular case.

Certificate under section 12.

17. A certificate of citizenship in case of doubt given under section 12 of the Act shall be signed by the Minister or by a person authorised by him in that behalf.

Requirements for validity of application, declaration or oath of allegiance.
[O. 80/1980]

18. Any application or declaration made in accordance with regulation 3, 6, 7, 9 or 12 shall not be accepted or registered, and the oath of allegiance required by articles 42 and 45 of the Constitution, and section 9 of the Act shall be of no effect unless it is signed in the presence of or administered by one of the following persons—

- (a) in Guyana—
any Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public or any person authorised by law to administer oaths:

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- (b) elsewhere—
any consular officer of the Government of Guyana or, if there is no such consular officer, any person authorised by the Government of Guyana in that behalf, or any person for the time being authorised by law, in the place where the applicant, declarant or deponent is, to administer oaths:

Provided that if the applicant, declarant or deponent is serving in the Guyana Defence Force the application or declaration may be signed in the presence of, or the oath administered by, any officer holding a commission in that Force, whether the application, declaration or oath is made or taken in Guyana or elsewhere.

Certified true copy under section 13(2).

19. A document may be certified to be a true copy of a document for the purpose of section 13(2) of the Act by means of a statement in writing to that effect signed by a person authorised by the Minister in that behalf.

Fees.

20. (1) Subject to this regulation, the fees specified in the Fourth Schedule may be taken and shall be paid to the Accountant General.

(2) Of the fee payable in respect of the grant of a certificate of naturalisation, ten dollars (if the applicant is a British protected person) or fifteen dollars (if the applicant is an alien) shall be payable on the submission of the application for a certificate and shall in no circumstances be returned, and the balance shall be payable on the receipt of the decision to grant a certificate:

Provided that—

- (a) where a husband and wife apply at the same time for certificates and are residing together at the time of the applications and the balance is paid in respect of the grant of a certificate to one of them, no balance shall be payable in respect of the grant of a certificate to the other;
- (b) the fee paid in respect of any application made under the British Nationality Act, 1948, before the 26th May, 1966, in respect of any application for registration or naturalisation which was not granted or refused before the commencement of these Regulations shall, if the applicant so desires, be deemed to be paid in respect of an application under these Regulations, or if the applicant does not desire to be considered as an applicant under these Regulations, be returned to him.

Keeping of registers

21. The Minister shall cause registers to be established and maintained and all matters required by the Constitution, the Act or these Regulations to be registered shall be entered in the appropriate register.

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Form R.1

[This application should be completed, subscribed and submitted in duplicate]

THE GUYANA CITIZENSHIP REGULATIONS

(Cap. 14:01 Sub. Leg.)

(Regulation 3)

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF GUYANA MADE BY A PERSON UNDER ARTICLE 42(1) OR 45 OF THE CONSTITUTION BY VIRTUE OF HIS OR HER MARRIAGE TO A CITIZEN OF GUYANA.

Caution—Section 14(1) of the Guyana Citizenship Act (cap. 14:01) provides as follows:

"Any person who for the purpose of procuring anything to be done or not to be done under this Act or under Chapter IV of the Constitution, makes any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, or recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for three months."

Name and address in full in block capitals

1. I of was born at on

Delete word in () which does not apply.

2. My father's full name (is) (was) and he was born at on

Delete words in

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- () which do not apply. 3. I was married at _____ on _____ to [full name of husband/wife] _____ of (late of)[husband's/wife's address or last address if deceased] _____ .
- Delete word in () which does not apply. 4. My husband/ wife was born at _____ on _____ .
- Delete words in () which do not apply. 5. My husband's/ wife's father's full name (is) (was) _____ and he was born at _____ on _____ .
- Delete words in () which do not apply. 6. My marriage (is still subsisting) (has terminated by reason of) [if the marriage is not subsisting, state whether it was terminated by the husband's/ wife's death or by divorce]
- Delete subparagraphs do not apply. c.1:01 7. My husband/wife (is) (would but for his or her death have become) a citizen of Guyana by reason of the fact that [Here state the grounds on which this claim is made]
- Delete words in () which do not apply. 8. I am (a) a citizen of the following countries to which article 47 of the Constitution applies,* that is to say, [Insert name of country or countries]
or (b) a citizen of the Republic of Ireland
or (c) a British subject under the British Nationality Act, 1948, of the United Kingdom
or (d) a British subject by virtue of the British Nationality Act, 1965, of the United Kingdom
by reason of the fact that [Here state the grounds on which the applicant claims to be such a citizen or British subject];
or (e) a British protected person by reason of my connection with [Here state the protectorate or other territory from which the applicant derives his or her status as a British

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protected person, and his or her connection therewith]

or (f) an alien and a subject or citizen of the following countries, that is to say, [Insert name of country or countries]

or (g) a stateless alien and was formerly a subject or citizen of the following countries, that is to say .[Insert name of country or countries] and ceased to be such by reason of the following facts

[here state the cause whereby the applicant ceased to be a subject or citizen of the countries in question, whether these countries are countries to which article 47 of the Constitution applies,*¹ the Republic of Ireland or foreign countries]

9. I have contracted the following other marriages— [Here state place and date of marriage and name and nationality or citizenship of husband or wife in each case]

10. I (have) (have not) previously renounced or been deprived of citizenship of Guyana. [If the applicant has renounced his or her citizenship of Guyana, here state the date on which the declaration of renunciation was made; and if he or she had been deprived of his or her citizenship, state the date on which, and the authority by whom, the order of deprivation was made]

¹ * These countries, are Australia, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Botswana, Canada, Cyprus, Dominica, Fiji, the Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Nauru, New Zealand and Island Territories and Self-Governing Countries in free Association with New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Saint Lucia, St Vincent, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Kingdom and Colonies, Western Samoa and Zambia.

11. I hereby apply to be registered as a citizen of Guyana and am conscious of the duty of such a citizen to be loyal to the Constitution and to demonstrate no disaffection towards it, whether by any act subversive of its principles or institutions or otherwise.

I, _____ do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signature of Applicant).....

Made and subscribed this _____ day of _____ 20 _____ before me _____ at _____ .

[Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or other official title].
(The Oath of Allegiance shall be subscribed and attested in the Form hereunder).

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Name and address in full in block capitals. I _____ do swear [solemnly affirm] that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Guyana and will honour, uphold and preserve the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Delete word in () which does not apply. So help me God. [To be omitted in affirmation]
(Signature)

Delete words in () which does not apply. Sworn [Affirmed] and subscribed this _____ day of 20 _____ before me _____ at _____ [Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or other official title]

Delete words in () which does not apply.

Delete subparagraph) which does not apply. (FOR OFFICIAL USE)

[Forms 2 and 3 deleted by O.80/1980]

FORM R4

[This application should be completed, subscribed and submitted in Duplicate]

THE GUYANA CITIZENSHIP REGULATIONS

(Cap. 14:01 Sub. Leg.)

(Regulation 6(1))

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF GUYANA UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE ACT MADE BY A COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN ON THE GROUND OF ORDINARY RESIDENCE IN GUYANA OR ON THE GROUND OR SERVICE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA.

Caution—Section 14(1) of the Guyana Citizenship Act (cap. 14:01) provides as follows:

"Any person who for the purpose of procuring anything to be done or not to be done under this Act or under Chapter IV of the Constitution, makes any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, or recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for three months.

Name and address in full in block capitals.

1. I, _____ of _____ am a person of full age and capacity and was born at _____ on _____

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2. My father's full name (is) was
and he was born at _____ on
.

Delete words in
() which do not
apply.

3. I am (single) (married) (a widow) (a widower)
(divorced from my wife/husband).

4. My (wife's/husband's) full name (is) (was)

Delete words in
() which do not
apply.

5. I am (a) a citizen of the following countries* to
which article 47 of the Constitution applies, that is
to say,

[Insert name of country or countries]

- or (b) a citizen of the Republic of Ireland.
- or (c) a British subject under the British
Nationality Act, 1948, of the United
Kingdom,
- or (d) a British subject by virtue of the
British Nationality Act, 1965, of the
United Kingdom,

by reason of the fact that [Here state the grounds on
which the applicant claims to be such a citizen or
British subject]

Delete words
which do not
apply.

6. I have been ordinarily resident in Guyana or
have been in the Service of the Government of
Guyana or partly the one and partly other for a
period of five years ending with the date of this
application.

* These countries, are Australia, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Botswana, Canada, Cyprus, Dominica, Fiji, the Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Nauru, New Zealand and Island Territories and Self-Governing Countries in free Association with New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Saint Lucia, St Vincent, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Kingdom and Colonies, Western Samoa and Zambia.

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the order of deprivation was made]

8. I hereby apply to be registered as a citizen of Guyana and undertake that, as such, I will be loyal to the Constitution and demonstrate no disaffection towards it, whether by any act subversive of its principle or institutions or otherwise. I, _____ do solemnly and sincerely declare that it is my intention to honour the above undertaking and that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signature of Applicant)

Made and subscribed this _____ day of _____ 20
before me _____ at _____

[Magistrate, Justice of the Peace, or other official title]

(FOR OFFICIAL USE)

FORM R5

*[This application should be completed, submitted and
subscribed in duplicate]*

THE GUYANA CITIZENSHIP REGULATIONS

(Cap. 14:01 Sub. Leg.)

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF
GUYANA OF A MINOR

(Regulation 7)

Caution—Section 14 (1) of the Guyana
Citizenship Act (cap. 14:01) provides as follows:

"Any person who for the purpose of procuring
anything to be done or not to be done under this
Act or under Chapter IV of the Constitution, makes

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any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, or recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for three months.

1. Particulars of Minor	
Minor's full original name in country of birth (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	
If name at birth has been altered, give particulars and date of alteration	
Present private address	
Occupation	
Country	Country
	Place
	Date of Birth
Nationality at birth	
Present nationality if different	
State how change in nationality was made	

If stateless, say how nationality was lost
 State if minor is single, married, widower or divorced
 If married, give full name and nationality of wife
 If wife is dead, give place and date of death

Name	Nation-ality
Place	Date
Place	Date

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If marriage has been annulled or dissolved, give place and date of Court Decree

2. Particulars of Minor's Residence

(a) In Guyana (Full postal addresses must be given)	From	To	Years	Months

(b) In other countries
(Only the name of the country need be given)

If this application is granted, the minor intends to live in

(insert name of country)

3. Minor's Knowledge of English

State whether slight, fair, good or excellent
(Note— This information is not required in the case of a very young child.)

4. Give details of all proceedings of any kind taken against the minor in civil or criminal courts of law:

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Nature of Proceedings	Date	Place	Result

5. Particulars of Parents

Father's, full name in his country of birth (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	Country Place
Place of birth	Address
If living, state present address and nationality	Nationality
If dead, state place and date of death and nationality at time of death	Place Date
Nationality	Nationality
Mother's full name before marriage in her country of birth (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	Country Place
Place of birth	Address Nationality
If living state present address and nationality	Place Date
If dead, state place and date of death and nationality at time of death	Nationality

6. Approximate date of any previous application for naturalisation or registration of minor

7. Application

Complete either paragraph (a) or (b), whichever is appropriate. Paragraph (c) below and paragraph (d) overleaf must be completed in all cases.

(a) The Parent (To be completed only where the application is made by a parent)

I _____ am a parent of

to whom the foregoing particulars relate and am a citizen of Guyana. I hereby apply for his/her registration as a citizen of Guyana.

(b) The Guardian (To be completed where the application is made by a guardian)

I _____ am the guardian of
to whom the foregoing particulars relate and am—

Complete either (i) or (ii) or (iii) or (iv), (v) or (vi) as necessary and strike out those which do not apply:

(i) a citizen of Guyana;

(ii) a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies;

(iii) a citizen of the Commonwealth country of

(iv) connected with the British Protectorate or British Protected State of _____ reason of

(v) a citizen of the Republic of Ireland;

(vi) a national of the foreign state of

Complete either (i) or (ii) whichever is appropriate and strike out the other:

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I am authorised to act as guardian—

(i) by the Court at .

(ii) by the minor's father/ mother whose consent is
attached.

I hereby apply for his/her registration as a citizen of Guyana and undertake to use my best endeavours to impress upon him/her the duty of such citizen to be loyal to the Constitution and to demonstrate no disaffection towards it, whether by act subversive of its principles or institutions or otherwise

(c) Reasons for Application

The reasons why registration is desired are .

(d)[This part of the application must be signed in the presence of a Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or any person authorized to administer oaths]

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that it is my intention to honour the above undertaking and that the foregoing particulars in this application are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

I undertake to inform the Minister in Writing forthwith if, at any time before registration, the accuracy of any of the foregoing particulars is affected by an alteration in the circumstances of the minor.

Signature of Applicant

(Parent/Guardian)

Made and subscribed at this day of

20 before me

[Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or other official title.]

REFERENCES

- Mr.
- 1.Name (in block letters) Mrs.
- Miss.

Full Postal address

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a citizen of Guyana by birth, that I am a householder and that I am not the solicitor or agent or a relative of .

I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for years. I vouch for his/her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant. I have read the caution at the top of page one.

Date Signature

- 2. Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS) Mr.
- Mrs.
- Miss.

Full Postal address

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a citizen of Guyana by birth, that I am a householder and that I am not the solicitor or agent or a relative of

I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for years I vouch for his/her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant. I have read the

caution at the top of page one.

Date

Signature

Form N1

*[This application should be completed, submitted and
subscribed in duplicate]*

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(Cap. 14:01 Sub. Leg.)

APPLICATION BY AN ALIEN OR BRITISH
PROTECTED PERSON FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
NATURALISATION

(Regulation 9)

Caution—Section 14(1) of the Guyana Citizenship Act (cap. 14:01) provides as follows:

"Any person who for the purpose of procuring anything to be done or not to be done under this Act or under Chapter IV of the Constitution, makes any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, or recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for three months."

The form must be read carefully before it is completed. Portions of the form which are not applicable should be struck out and initialed in every case.

1. Original name in full in country of birth
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

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If name at birth has been altered, give particulars and date of alteration

Particulars of any other name(s) used for private purposes

Particulars of any other name(s) used for trading or business purposes
Private address

Occupation

Business address and/or name and address of employers (if Director, names and addresses of companies concerned)

2. (a) Country, place and date of birth

Country

Place

Date of Birth

*(b) Nationality at birth

*(c) Present Nationality if different

*(d) State how change in Nationality was made

*(e) If stateless, say how change in nationality was lost

(f) If the applicant is a British protected person:—

- (i) State name of protectorate, protected state, mandated territory or trust territory from which he derives the status of a British protected person

* If the applicant is a British protected person he/she need not complete (b), (c), (d), and (e).

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(ii) Say how that status was acquired

(g) Particulars of any other national status

3. Father's full name in country of his birth

(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Present address (if living): Nationality
(if dead, at time of death)

Mother's full name before marriage in
country of her birth

(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Present address (if living): Nationality
(if dead, at time of death)

4. State if single, married, widower, widow or
divorced

If married, state: —

Date

Place

Date and place of marriage

Wife's full name before marriage

(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Nationality and, if living, present address

Nationality

Address

OR

Husband's name

(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Nationality

If husband or wife is dead, give the date
and place of death

Date

Place

If marriage dissolved, give date and place of decree

Date

Place

*5. Statement Regarding Residence

- (a) I have lived in Guyana throughout the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of this application; and
- (b) during the seven years immediately preceding this period of twelve months have resided in Guyana for periods amounting to not less than years.
- (c) I have been ordinarily resident in Guyana throughout the period of five years immediately preceding the date of this application.

* (a) and (b) must be deleted if applicant is a British protected person and (c) if he/she is an alien.

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Full Postal Address in Guyana	From (Date)	To (Date)	Years	Months

Total residence in Guyana:- _____ years

	Name of Country	From (Date)	To (Date)
During the period of residence shown above, I have visited the following foreign countries.			

If this application is granted, I intend to live in Guyana

6. Statement Regarding Character, etc.

I am of good character and am financially solvent.

7. Details of all proceedings of any kind taken against

you in any Civil or Criminal Court.

Nature of Proceedings	Date	Place	Result

8. Date of any composition made with creditors

Date of insolvency

Date of discharge from insolvency

9. Approximate date of any previous application for naturalization

10. Particulars of Children

(a) Full names of children under 21 years of age to be registered	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Where now resident

(b) Full names of other children	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Where now resident

11. Application

(Delete and initial words in () if inapplicable)

I, the undersigned, to whom the forgoing particulars relate, hereby apply to the Minister for the grant of a Certificate of Naturalisation (and for the registration of my minor children as indicated in section 10(a) above) and undertake that, as a citizen of Guyana by

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naturalisation, I will be loyal to the Constitution and demonstrate no disaffection towards it, whether by any act subversive of its principles or institutions or otherwise (and use my best endeavours to impress upon my said children their like duties in that behalf).

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that it is my intention to honour the above undertaking and that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true. If, at any time before a certificate is issued to me the accuracy of any of the foregoing particulars is affected by an alteration in circumstances, I undertake to inform the Minister in writing forthwith.

Signature of Applicant

Made and subscribed this _____ day of
20 .

Before me _____ at _____ .

(Signed)

[Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or other authorised
person]

REFERENCES

1. Name (in BLOCK LETTERS)

Mr.
Mrs.
Miss.

Full postal address

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a Citizen of Guyana by birth, that I am householder and that I am not the attorney-at-law or agent or a relative of
I support this application from my personal knowledge

of and close acquaintance with the applicant for

years. I vouch for his/ her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant.

I have read the caution at the top of this form.

Date

Signature

2. Name
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss.

Full postal address

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a Citizen of Guyana by birth, that I am a householder and that I am not the attorney-at-law or agent or a relative of

I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for years. I vouch for his /her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge and acquaintance with the applicant.

I have read the caution at the top of this form.

Date.

Signature.

3. Name
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Full postal address

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I, the undersigned hereby state that I am a Citizen of Guyana by birth, that I am a householder and that I am not the solicitor or agent or a relative of . I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for years. I vouch for his/her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant.

I have read the caution at the top of this form.

Date

Signature

4. Name (in BLOCK LETTERS)

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Full postal address

I, the undersigned hereby state that I am a Citizen of Guyana by birth, that I am a householder and that I am not the solicitor or agent or a relative of .

I support this application from my personal knowledge of and close acquaintance with the applicant for years. I vouch for his/her good character and loyalty and am prepared to furnish full details about my knowledge of and acquaintance with the applicant.

I have read the caution at the top of this form.

Date

Signature

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APPLICATION

This form when completed should be forwarded to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Georgetown, Guyana, together with the fee of (if the applicant is a British protected person) or (in other cases) payable on submission of an application and two separate issues of any newspaper circulating in the district in which the applicant resides, each containing (clearly marked) an advertisement in the following form:—

"Notice is hereby given that _____ of _____ is applying to the Minister for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Georgetown, Guyana.

Here insert full name and address of declarant.

No. _____

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[Reg. 17/1967]

SECOND SCHEDULE

THE GUYANA CITIZENSHIP ACT
(Cap. 14:01 Sub. Leg.)

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALISATION
(Regulation 10)

Whereas _____ has applied for a certificate of naturalisation, alleging with respect to himself/herself the particulars set out below, and has satisfied me that the conditions laid down in the Guyana Citizenship Act (cap. 14:01) for the grant of a certificate of naturalisation are fulfilled:

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20 before me [Magistrate, Justice of the
Peace or other official title]

Address

THIRD SCHEDULE

THE GUYANA CITIZENSHIP REGULATIONS

(CAP. 14:01 SUB. LEG.)

(Regulation 12)

DECLARATION OF RENUNCIATION OF
CITIZENSHIP UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE ACT
MADE BY A CITIZEN OF GUYANA WHO IS OR IS
ABOUT TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF ONE OF THE
COUNTRIES TO WHICH ARTICLE 47 OF THE
CONSTITUTION APPLIES *OR OF THE REPUBLIC
OF IRELAND OR A NATIONAL OF A FOREIGN
COUNTRY

[Here insert
full name and
address of
declarant]

1. I am of full capacity and was born at _____ on _____
 2. I have/have not been married.
 3. I am/am about to become a citizen/national of _____ under the law of that country.
 4. I hereby renounce my citizenship of Guyana.
- I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this declaration are true, and I make this solemn declaration con-

* These countries, are Australia, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Botswana, Canada, Cyprus, Dominica, Fiji, the Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Nauru, New Zealand and Island Territories and Self- Governing Countries in free Association with New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Saint Lucia, St Vincent, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Kingdom and Colonies, Western Samoa and Zambia.

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scientifically believing the same to be true.

(Signed)

Made and subscribed this day of 20 .
before me.

(Signed)

[Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or other official title]

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FOURTH SCHEDULE

TABLE OF FEES

Matter in which fee may be taken of fee	Amount
	\$ c
Application for registration as a citizen under article 42 or 45 of the Constitution	20 00
Application for registration as a citizen under section 4(1) of the Act	20 00
Registration of a minor child who is a British protected person or an alien as a citizen under section 5 of the Act—	
If application for the minor's registration was made at the same time as an application by one of his parents for a Certificate of Naturalisation	20 00
<i>In other cases—</i>	
If the minor is a British protected person	100 00

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If the minor is an alien Grant of Certificate of Naturalisation –	120 00
To a British protected person – To an alien	120 00
Grant of a Certificate of Citizenship in case of doubt	15 00
Registration of renunciation of Citizenship	20 00
Supplying a certified true copy of any notice; certificate, order, declaration or entry given, granted or made by or under the Constitution or the Act	10 00