
Second Session First Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 25 of 1978

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Citizenship of the Republic of
Trinidad and Tobago Act, 1976.

[Assented to 19th July, 1978]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Citizenship of the Short title
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (Amendment) Act,
1978.

Interpretation
No. 11 of 1976

2. In this Act "the Act" means the Citizenship of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Act, 1976.

Section 5 of the
Act repealed
and replaced

3. Section 5 of the Act is repealed and replaced as follows:—

"Citizen-
ship by
descent

5. (1) The Minister shall cause a child born outside of Trinidad and Tobago of a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago by descent to be granted a certificate of citizenship of Trinidad and Tobago upon receipt of the prescribed application made—

(a) by the responsible parent or the guardian of such child before the child attains full age; or

(b) by the child within one year of his attaining his majority according to the law of the country of which he is a citizen or on his attaining full age.

(2) A person to whom a certificate of citizenship of Trinidad and Tobago is granted under subsection (1) is a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago by descent for all the purposes of the law relating to citizenship save that nothing in subsection (1) applies to a child of a person who became a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago by reason of that subsection."

Section 7(1) of
the Act amended

4. Section 7(1) of the Act is amended—

(a) in paragraph (c) by substituting the words "the Minister" for the words "the President" occurring in line seven; and

(b) by repealing paragraph (d).

Section 8 of the
Act amended

5. Section 8 of the Act is amended by adding the following new subsection:—

" (3) A person who becomes a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago by virtue of this section shall cease to be a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago one year after attaining full age unless he has renounced the citizenship of any other country which he possesses and taken the oath of allegiance."

6. Section 9 of the Act is repealed. Section 9 of the Act repealed
7. Section 10 of the Act is repealed. Section 10 of the Act repealed
8. Section 11(2) of the Act is repealed and replaced as follows:— Section 11(2) of the Act repealed and replaced
- “ (2) The Minister may cause a person who ceased to be a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago by birth or descent by reason of the voluntary acquisition of the citizenship of another country, to be granted a certificate of citizenship where that person makes the prescribed application, satisfies the Minister—
- (a) that he is of good character;
- (b) that he has adequate knowledge of the English Language and of the duties of a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago,
- renounces the citizenship of that other country and takes the oath of allegiance.”.
9. Section 12(1) of the Act is amended by repealing paragraph (d). Section 12(1) of the Act amended
10. The Act is amended by adding immediately after section 13 the following new section:— The Act amended
- “Restriction on registration and naturalisation
- 13A. A person making application under section 7, 11(2) or 12 shall not be registered as a citizen or granted a certificate of citizenship or of naturalisation unless he entered Trinidad and Tobago legally and is not a member of a prohibited class within the meaning of the Immigration Act, 1969.”.
11. The Act is amended— Part 3 of the Act repealed and Part 4 of the Act renumbered
- (a) by repealing Part 3 thereof; and
- (a) by renumbering Part 4 as Part 3.
12. Section 25 of the Act is amended by substituting for the words “five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months” occurring in lines seven and eight, the words “one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months”. Section 25 of the Act amended

Section 26(3) of
the Act amended

13. Section 26(3) of the Act is amended by substituting for the words "five hundred dollars" occurring in lines three and four the words "one thousand dollars".

Commencement

14. This Act is deemed to have come into operation on 1st August, 1976.

Passed in the Senate this 5th day of July, 1978.

E. WILLIAMS
Acting Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 7th day of July, 1978.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House