



**South African High Commission**  
**Wellington, New Zealand**

Dear Applicant

**RENUNCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP**

The Citizenship legislation, effected on 6 October 1995 (Act 88 of 1995) provides for South African citizens to voluntarily apply to renounce their South African Citizenship. To be eligible, applicants must have already obtained the citizenship of another country due to the effect of renouncing—the person cannot be stateless.

All South Africans living, working and travelling abroad **must** depart and enter South Africa using a valid South African passport. South African citizens that have applied for renunciation of citizenship are equally bound by this legal requirement until such time that they receive their renunciation certificate.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL FORMS ARE DONE IN BLACK INK**

**Renunciation check list**

1. **Application for Renunciation of South African Citizenship: Form - DHA-246.**  
To obtain the DHA-246 form **please send a self-addressed prepaid courier bag and tracking ticket (to the South African High Commission, PO Box 25406, Wellington 6140).** Please include a cover note requesting how many forms is/are required, once the prepaid courier bag is received the form/s will be posted.
2. Form BI-529. Details of your present status in order that we may ascertain your claim for South African citizenship. Information pertaining to parent's details; minimum of their full date and place of birth is required.
3. Certified copy of the Citizenship certificate of the other nationality that you now hold.

4. Certified copy of your South African Birth Certificate (if applicable).

5. ORIGINAL

- South African Passports
- Identity Documents
- Retention of South African Citizenship certificate (if applicable)
- South African Naturalization certificate (if applicable).

**NOTE:** These documents will NOT BE RETURNED TO YOU but will be sent to the Department of Home Affairs in South Africa for record purposes and eventually be destroyed.

6. ***Return prepaid courier bag (self-addressed)***

**The courier bag and tracking ticket and this will be used to return the issued document on receipt from DHA.**

7. There is no fee to be paid for this application.

Please note that processing of applications can take up to between 9 - 12 months.

Applications are forwarded to the DHA in Pretoria, South Africa for processing.

Regards

Consular Services

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