



South African High Commission

Wellington, New Zealand

Dear Applicant

Retention (Dual) South African Citizenship

To ensure compliance with the Constitutional Court (ConCourt) Judgement of 6 May 2025, the Department of Home Affairs, South Africa, has launched a dedicated online portal myhomeaffairsonline.dha.gov.za wherein affected South Africans can verify their citizenship status. This will only apply to those persons who have lost their citizenship on or after 6 October 1995.

As a result of the implementation of this portal **retention letters** will no longer be issued in line with the Departmental Circular 18 of 2025. South Africans who wish to acquire citizenship of another country may lodge an application **without** the retention letter (DHA 1664 form) as it is no longer required.

South Africans, including those who hold dual citizenship, are required to enter and exit the Republic with a valid South African passport.

Regards

Consular Services

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