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Act 8, 1998,  
Act 9, 2002,  
Act 1, 2004.

**An Act to re-enact with amendments the provisions relating to the acquisition and loss of citizenship of Botswana and for matters related thereto.**

[Date of Commencement: 24th April, 1998]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Citizenship Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —  
“certificate of naturalization” means a certificate of naturalization under this Act;

“child” includes a child born out of wedlock, and the expressions father, mother and parent shall be construed accordingly;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations.

Establishment  
of Citizenship  
Committee

3. (1) There is hereby established a committee to be known as the Citizenship Committee which shall be responsible for considering every application for naturalization made under this Act and making recommendations thereon to the Minister.

(2) The Committee shall consist of the following persons —

(a) three persons from the general public appointed by the Minister, one of whom shall be appointed Chairman of the Committee by the Minister;

(b) one member of the National Assembly appointed by the Minister who shall be Vice-Chairman of the Committee;

(c) the Commissioner of Police or his representative who shall be of a rank of not less than Assistant Commissioner of Police;

(d) the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs;

(e) the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; and

(f) one member of the House of Chiefs appointed by the Minister.

(3) The members appointed under this section shall hold office for three years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) The Committee shall regulate its own rules of procedure in considering applications for naturalization.

(5) A person appointed as a member of the Citizenship Committee under subsection (2) shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as may be determined.

(6) The Secretary of the Committee shall be the Chief Immigration Officer, or his representative.

(7) In the exercise of his functions under section 12, the Minister shall consult the Citizenship Committee.

**4.** (1) A person born in Botswana shall be a citizen of Botswana by birth if, at the time of his birth, his father or mother was a citizen of Botswana.

Citizenship by birth

(2) A person born before the commencement of this Act shall not be a citizen by virtue of this section unless such person was a citizen at the time of such commencement.

**5.** (1) A person born outside Botswana shall be a citizen of Botswana by descent if, at the time of his birth, his father or mother was a citizen of Botswana.

Citizenship by descent

(2) A person born before the commencement of this Act shall not be a citizen by virtue of this section unless such person was a citizen at the time of such commencement.

**6.** A person who has settled in Botswana immediately before 30th September, 1966, and has lived ordinarily as a member of a particular tribe or community or has been customarily accepted as a member of a tribe or community, shall, on making a declaration in such form as may be prescribed, become a citizen of Botswana, and the issue of such person born before or after 30th September, 1966, shall be a citizen of Botswana.

Citizenship by settlement

**7.** A child of not more than three years old adopted under the provisions of any written law relating to the adoption of children shall, if such a child was not a citizen at the date of such adoption, become a citizen by adoption on the date of such adoption if the adopter or, in the case of a joint adoption, one of the adopters was at the date of adoption a citizen.

Citizenship by adoption

**8.** The Minister may cause a child of over three years old adopted by a citizen of Botswana under the provisions of any written law relating to the adoption of children to be registered as a citizen, if such a child was not a citizen at the date of the adoption, upon application made in the prescribed manner by the adopter.

Registration of adopted child over three years old

Provided that the Minister shall not cause a child to be registered as a citizen of Botswana under this section if the Minister is satisfied that the child, being sufficiently mature to have formed a character, is not of good character.

**9.** The Minister may cause a person under 21 years, if such person was not a citizen of Botswana by birth or descent and whose father or mother has become a citizen of Botswana, to be registered as a citizen of Botswana upon application made in the prescribed manner by the father or the mother, as the case may be.

Registration of a minor child of citizen

President's  
power to  
register citizens

**10.** The President may cause to be registered as a citizen

- (a) any person, as a token of honour, who in his opinion has done signal honour or rendered distinguished service to Botswana; or
- (b) any person not otherwise entitled to or eligible for citizenship of Botswana with respect to whom special circumstances exist which, in the opinion of the President, warrant such registration.

Effect of  
registration as a  
citizen

**11.** A person registered under section 8, 9, or 10 shall be a citizen of Botswana by registration from the date on which such person is registered.

Naturalization

**12.** The Minister may grant a certificate of naturalization to a person of full age and capacity who satisfies the Minister that he or she is qualified under section 13 for naturalization, and that person shall, on taking the oath of allegiance, be a citizen of Botswana by naturalization from the date on which the certificate is granted.

Qualifications  
for  
naturalization

**13.** (1) Subject to subsection (2), the qualifications for naturalization of any person shall be that —

- (a) he or she has been resident in Botswana for a continuous period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of his or her application for a certificate of naturalization;
- (b) ...
- (c) during the period of 12 years immediately preceding the period of 12 months prescribed by paragraph (a), he or she has been resident in Botswana for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than 10 years;
- (d) he or she is of good character;
- (e) he or she has sufficient knowledge of the Setswana language or any language spoken by any tribal community in Botswana; and
- (f) he or she intends, in the event of a certificate of naturalization being granted, to reside in Botswana.

(2) Where the Minister is of the opinion that special circumstances exist he may allow —

- (a) a continuous period of 12 months' residence in Botswana, ending not more than six months before the date of the application for a certificate of naturalization, to be reckoned for the purposes of subsection (1)(a) as if that period had immediately preceded that date;

- (b) periods of residence earlier than 13 years immediately preceding the date of application for a certificate of naturalization to be reckoned for the purposes of subsection (1)(c).

(2A) The Minister may, where special circumstances exist, award citizenship to an applicant who fails to satisfy the language requirement mentioned under subsection (1)(e).

9 of 2002, s. 2.

(3) Where an applicant has made an application for a certificate of naturalization under subsection (1), the Minister shall cause a notice of the application to be published in the *Gazette* and in a newspaper circulating in the district in which the applicant resides and the publication shall be displayed in such public offices and places as may be determined by the Minister.

(4) Where a notice is published in accordance with subsection (3), any person who objects to the applicant being granted a certificate of naturalization shall, within 30 days immediately after publication of the notice, notify the Minister in writing of his or her objection and of the grounds therefor.

(5) Before granting a certificate of naturalization under section 12 the Minister shall take into consideration any objection of which he has been notified in accordance with subsection (4).

**14.** (1) The Minister may at any time grant a certificate of naturalization to a foreign spouse who is married to a citizen of Botswana and, has not since remarried and who satisfied the Minister that he or she is otherwise qualified under subsection (2) for naturalization in terms of this section, and that spouse shall, on taking the oath of allegiance, be a citizen of Botswana by naturalization from the date on which the certificate is granted.

Naturalization  
of foreign  
spouse

(2) Subject to subsections (1) and (3), the qualifications for naturalization in terms of this section for any foreign spouse shall be that —

- (a) that spouse is resident in Botswana on the date of such application for a certificate of naturalization and has been resident in Botswana for a continuous period of or for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than five years;
- (b) that spouse has, not later than two and a half years immediately before the date of application for a certificate of naturalization, lodged with the Minister a written declaration of intention to make such an application;
- (c) that spouse is of good character;
- (d) that spouse has sufficient knowledge of the Setswana language or any language spoken by any tribal community in Botswana;
- (e) that spouse intends, in the event of a certificate of naturalization being granted, to reside in Botswana.

(3) The Minister may, in the special circumstances of any particular case, waive or accept a shorter period of the resident requirements mentioned in subsection (2)(a) and (b).

9 of 2002, s. 3.

(3A) The Minister may, where special circumstances exist, award citizenship to a foreign spouse of a citizen who does not satisfy the language requirement mentioned under subsection (2)(d).

(4) Section 13(3), (4) and (5) shall apply, with such modifications as may be considered necessary in the case of an application for the grant of a certificate of naturalization under this section.

Dual citizenship

**15.** (1) Any person who is a citizen of Botswana and also a citizen of another country shall, upon the attainment of the age of 21 years, cease to be a citizen of Botswana unless such person has, immediately before the attainment of the age of 21 years —

- (a) renounced the citizenship of that other country;
- (b) taken the oath of allegiance; and
- (c) made such declaration of intentions concerning residence as may be prescribed.

1 of 2004, s. 3.

(2) Any person who, being 21 years of age or above, acquires the citizenship of another country by a voluntary and formal act, shall cease to be a citizen of Botswana.

(3) A citizen who has acquired the citizenship of another country as a consequence of marriage shall, upon renouncing such citizenship and applying to resume citizenship of Botswana, be re-instated as a citizen of Botswana.

(4) Where the law of the country of a citizen's spouse requires that the foreign spouse of its citizen should be registered as a citizen of that country, or the law of that country automatically confers citizenship on the foreign spouse of its citizen, a citizen of Botswana shall not cease to be a citizen of Botswana —

(a) if he or she does not, by a voluntary and formal act, acquire the citizenship of his or her spouse's country notwithstanding the requirement of registration; or

(b) if, after contracting marriage, he or she continues to live in Botswana.

**16.** If any citizen of Botswana of full age and capacity who is also a citizen of another country makes a declaration of renunciation of citizenship of Botswana, the Minister, if he is satisfied that the person is not ordinarily resident in Botswana shall, and in all other cases may, cause the declaration to be registered and, upon such registration, that person shall cease to be a citizen of Botswana:

Provided that the Minister may withhold registration of any such declaration if in his opinion it is contrary to public policy.

Renunciation of citizenship by reason of dual citizenship or nationality

**17.** (1) A citizen by birth or descent who has ceased to be a citizen of Botswana by virtue of the provisions of section 15 or 16 may, at any time thereafter, make a declaration in such form as may be prescribed that he or she wishes to resume citizenship of Botswana and upon the registration of the declaration in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2), he or she shall again become a citizen of Botswana.

Resumption of  
citizenship

(2) The Minister may cause a declaration made under subsection (1) to be registered in such form as may be prescribed if he is satisfied that the person making the declaration —

- (a) has renounced citizenship of any other country of which such person is a citizen in accordance with the law in force in that behalf in that other country;
- (b) is resident in Botswana on the date of making the declaration; and
- (c) such person intends, on the registration of the declaration, to reside in Botswana.

**18.** The Minister may by order deprive a person of citizenship of Botswana if he is satisfied that that person —

Deprivation of  
citizenship

(a) ...

*1 of 2004, s. 4.*

(b) being a citizen of Botswana by registration or naturalization —

- (i) obtained such registration or naturalization by means of fraud, false representation or concealment of any material fact, whether on his or her own part or on the part of some other person;
- (ii) has failed, on being so required by the President or the Minister, as the case may be, to renounce, within a specified time, his or her citizenship of any other country;
- (iii) has shown himself or herself by act or speech to be disloyal or disaffected towards Botswana;
- (iv) during any hostilities in which Botswana was or is engaged, unlawfully traded or communicated with any enemy or was or is engaged in or associated with any business which was or is to his or her knowledge carried on in such a manner as to assist an enemy in those hostilities; or
- (v) has been resident outside Botswana for a continuous period of seven years and during that period has not given notice in writing to the Minister of his or her intention to retain his or her citizenship of Botswana:

Provided however, that the seven year period may not be renewed more than twice unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the Minister that special circumstances exist

for such further renewal after the second renewal and it is in the public interest to do so; or

- (c) being a citizen of Botswana by registration, has failed, on being so required by the President or the Minister, as the case may be, to take the oath of allegiance.

Commonwealth citizen

**19.** Every person who is a citizen of Botswana or of any Commonwealth country shall, by virtue of that citizenship, also have the status of a Commonwealth citizen.

Posthumous children

**20.** Any reference in this Act to the status or description of a parent of a person at the time of that person's birth shall, if such person was born after the death of that parent, be construed as a reference to the status or description of that person at the time of the parent's death.

Certificate of citizenship in case of doubt

**21.** The Minister may, on application made by or on behalf of any person with respect to whose citizenship of Botswana a doubt exists, whether on a question of fact or law, certify that the person is a citizen of Botswana; and 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 a citizen on the date thereof, without prejudice to any evidence that such person was a citizen at an earlier date.

Decision of Minister to be final

**22.** The Minister shall not be required to assign any reason for any decision taken under any of the provisions of this Act and no such decision shall be subject to appeal or review in any court.

Evidence

**23.** Every document or a certified copy thereof purporting to be a notice, certificate, order or declaration, or an entry in a register, or a subscription to an oath of allegiance, given, granted or made under this Act 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.

Offences

**24.** Any person who —

- (a) for the purpose of procuring anything to be done or not to be done under this Act, makes any statement which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true in any material particular shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years or to a fine not exceeding P5 000, or to both; or
- (b) fails to comply with any requirement imposed on him by instrument made under this Act shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding P1 000.

**25.** The Minister may, by statutory instrument, make regulations for anything required to be prescribed or generally for the carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Regulations

**26.** Every person who was a citizen of Botswana at the commencement of this Act shall remain a citizen notwithstanding the repeal of the Citizenship Act.

Preservation of  
existing  
citizenship  
Act 25 of 1982

**27.** Notwithstanding the repeal of the enactment effected by section 26, every statutory instrument made under the enactment and in force on the day immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue in force as if such instrument had been made under this Act.

Saving

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S.I. 58, 2004.

*(under section 25)  
(9th July, 2004)*

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### PART I

#### *Preliminary (regs 1-7)*

- Citation                    **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Citizenship Regulations, 2004.
- Interpretation           **2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —  
“authorised tribal officer” means a person declared as such by the Minister  
“under regulation 3;  
“citizen” means a citizen of Botswana; and  
“citizenship Officer” means any officer appointed under regulation 4.
- Authorised Tribal Officer  
Cap 41:01                    **3.** The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, declare any Chief, Tribal Authority, Chief’s Representative or Sub-Chief appointed under the Chieftainship Act to be an authorised tribal officer for the purposes of these Regulations.
- Citizenship Officers           **4.** The Permanent Secretary shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, appoint such number of citizenship officers as may be necessary.
- Duty of Citizenship Officer to keep register           **5.** A citizenship officer shall keep and maintain, in such form as the Minister may direct, a separate register for the registration of—  
  - (a) citizenship by settlement;
  - (b) the citizenship of an adopted child over three years old as a citizen of Botswana;
  - (c) a person under twenty-one years as a citizen of Botswana in terms of section 9 of the Act;
  - (d) a person as a citizen of Botswana under section 10 of the Act;
  - (e) a declaration of renunciation of citizenship in terms of section 16 of the Act; and
  - (f) a declaration of resumption of citizenship made in terms of section 17 (2) of the Act.

**6.** (1) A citizenship officer shall keep and maintain, in such form as the Minister may direct, a separate permanent record for the purpose of recording every —

Permanent record to be kept

- (a) grant of a certificate of naturalization to a person of full age and capacity who is qualified, under section 13 of the Act, for naturalisation;
- (b) oath of allegiance taken for the purposes of section 12 of the Act;
- (c) grant of a certificate of naturalization to a foreign spouse made, by the Minister, under section 14 of the Act;
- (d) proof of renunciation of citizenship of a country, other than Botswana, in terms of section 15 of the Act;
- (e) deprivation of citizenship of Botswana, by the Minister, under section 18 of the Act;
- (f) issue made, by the Minister, of a certificate of citizenship in a case of doubt under section 21 of the Act.

**7.** A citizenship officer shall enter in the registers and other permanent records provided for under regulations 5 and 6, such particulars as the Minister may require.

Particulars to be entered

## PART II

### *Registration as citizen of Botswana (regs 8-15)*

**8.** (1) A declaration for assumption of citizenship by settlement, as provided for under section 6 of the Act, shall be in Form A as set out in the First Schedule.

Citizenship by settlement

(2) A certificate of citizenship by settlement issued to a declarant under section 6 of the Act shall be in Form B as set out in the First Schedule.

**9.** (1) An application for an adopted child over three years old to be registered as a citizen under section 8 of the Act shall be in Form C as set out in the First Schedule.

Registration of adopted child over three years as citizen

(2) A certificate of Registration as a citizen issued for an adopted child over the age of three years in terms of section 8 of the Act shall be in Form D as set out in the First Schedule.

**10.** (1) An application for registration as a citizen by a person under twenty-one years in terms of section 9 of the Act shall be in Form E as set out in the First Schedule.

Registration of a minor child of citizen

(2) A certificate of registration as a citizen, issued by the Minister, to a person under twenty-one years under section 9 of the Act, shall be in Form F as set out in the First Schedule.

**11.**(1) A certificate of Registration issued to a person as a token of honour on the authority of the President in terms of section 10 of the Act, shall be in Form G as set out in the First Schedule.

Registration as citizen by President

(2) An application for registration as a citizen by a person to whom special circumstances exist under section 10(b) of the Act, shall be in Form H as set out in the First Schedule.

(3) Registration of any person under sub-regulation (2), shall be in Form I as set out in the First Schedule.

Manner of making application

**12.** (1) An application shall be lodged with a citizenship officer where the application is made for

- (a) an adopted child over three years old to be registered as a citizen under section 8 of the Act;
- (b) the registration, as a citizen, of a person under twenty one years in terms of section 9 of the Act.

(2) A form approved by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation shall contain forms of certificates for completion and signature by a sponsor in accordance with regulation 13.

(3) An application in terms of this regulation shall be accompanied by such evidence as the applicant is required to produce by the material application form.

Sponsorship of application for registration as citizen

**13.** (1) An application referred to in regulation 12(1) shall be sponsored by a citizen of Botswana and one other person qualified by virtue of regulation 28 to be an additional sponsor for the purposes of these Regulations.

(2) A sponsor referred to in subregulation (1) shall complete and sign one of the forms of certificates contained in the form approved by the Minister in terms of regulation 12(2) in the presence of a person, other than the applicant, who is not a sponsor, which person shall thereafter sign the certificate as a witness to the certificate.

Certificate of registration

**14.** Upon the registration of a person as a citizen of Botswana in terms of the Act, a citizenship officer shall issue a certificate of registration in the appropriate form approved by the Minister.

Withholding of certificate of registration

**15.** Where it is a condition of the registration of a person as a citizen of Botswana that he or she shall renounce his or her citizenship of a country other than Botswana, a citizenship officer shall not issue to that person a certificate of registration until he or she is satisfied that that person has renounced his or her citizenship of that other country.

### PART III

#### *Naturalization as citizen of Botswana (regs 16-20)*

**16.** (1) A declaration of an intention to make an application for a certificate of naturalisation under section 14 of the Act shall be in Form J as set out in the First Schedule.

(2) A declaration referred to in subregulation (1) shall be signed by the declarant in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths, who shall thereon record the date, time and place of the making of the declaration and also sign the same.

**17.** (1) An application for a certificate of naturalization under section 12 of the Act shall be in Form K as set out in the First Schedule.

Application for certificate of naturalization

(2) A certificate of naturalisation granted by the Minister under section 12 of the Act shall be in Form L as set out in the First Schedule.

**18.** (1) An application for a certificate of naturalization, by a foreign spouse, under section 14 of the Act shall be in Form M as set out in the First Schedule.

Application for certificate of naturalization for foreign spouse

(2) A certificate of naturalisation granted to a foreign spouse in terms of section 14 of the Act shall be in Form N as set out in the First Schedule.

**19.** (1) The application forms referred to in regulations 17 and 18 shall contain certificates for completion and signature by a sponsor in accordance with subregulation (4).

Sponsorship of application for certificate of naturalization

(2) An application under regulation 17 or 18 shall be accompanied by such evidence as the applicant is required to produce as specified in the application form.

(3) An application for a certificate of naturalisation under sections 12 or 14 of the Act shall be sponsored by one citizen sponsor for the purposes of these Regulations.

(4) A sponsor referred to in subregulation (1) shall complete and sign one of the forms of the sponsor's certificate contained in the application forms referred to in regulations 17 and 18 in the presence of a person, other than the applicant, who is not a sponsor, and such person shall thereafter sign the certificate as a witness to the sponsor's certificate.

**20.** (1) The oath of allegiance required by sections 12, 14 and 15 of the Act shall be in Form O as set out in the First Schedule.

Oath of allegiance

(2) The oath of allegiance required by section 12 of the Act to be taken by a person to whom a certificate of naturalisation has been granted shall be subscribed and attested before a commissioner of oaths who shall endorse the fact that it has been so subscribed and attested on the certificate of naturalisation and forward the document so subscribed and attested to a Citizenship Officer.

(3) An oath of allegiance such as is referred to in subregulation (1) shall be null and void unless subscribed and attested to as prescribed.

#### PART IV

##### *Renunciation, resumption and deprivation of citizenship of Botswana (regs 21-25)*

**21.** A declaration of renunciation of citizenship of another country made by a person holding dual citizenship in terms of section 15 of the Act shall be in Form P as set out in the First Schedule and shall be recorded by a citizenship officer.

Declaration by person holding dual citizenship

**22.** (1) A declaration of renunciation of citizenship of Botswana under section 16 of the Act shall be in Form Q as set out in the First Schedule and shall be registered by a citizenship officer.

Declaration of renunciation of citizenship

(2) A declaration referred to in subregulation (1) shall be signed by the declarant in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths, and the Commissioner of Oaths shall, thereafter, record thereon the date, time and place at which the declaration was made and sign the same.

**23.** (1) A declaration for resumption of citizenship, as provided for under section 17 of the Act, shall be in Form R as set out in the First Schedule.

(2) A certificate for resumption of citizenship as provided for under section 17 of the Act, shall be in Form S as set out in the First Schedule.

**24.** (1) An order made by the Minister under section 18 of the Act depriving a person of citizenship of Botswana shall be in the form approved by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation.

(2) Where an order is made by the Minister under section 18 of the Act depriving a person of citizenship of Botswana, the person having possession of the certificate of registration or naturalisation, if any, shall forthwith surrender the same to a Citizenship Officer, who shall dispose of it in such manner as the Minister may direct.

**25.** (1) A notice, to the Minister, of intention to retain citizenship of Botswana in terms of section 18(b)(v) of the Act, shall be made by means of a letter addressed to the Minister stating —

- (a) the full name and postal address of the person giving the notice;
- (b) the date and number of the certificate of naturalisation of the person giving notice;
- (c) the date the person giving the notice last resided in Botswana or of his or her last giving of the notice of his or her intention to retain his or her citizenship of Botswana, as the case may be; and
- (d) the intention of the person giving notice, to retain the citizenship of Botswana.

(2) The initial notice of intention to retain citizenship of Botswana shall be given to the Minister not later than the seventh anniversary of the date on which the person giving such notice last resided in Botswana and the subsequent notice shall be given to the Minister not later than the seventh anniversary of the date immediately preceding the occasion on which the initial notice was given to the Minister.

## PART V

### *Supplementary (regs 26-32)*

**26.** For the purposes of assisting the President or the Minister, as the case may be, to determine an application for registration as a citizen of Botswana, or for a certificate of naturalisation in terms of these Regulations, a citizenship officer may call for, and obtain, such additional evidence and information as he or she considers necessary or expedient for the President or the Minister to have.

**27.** (1) Every application form referred to in these Regulations shall contain a —

Contents of application forms and declarations

- (a) declaration for completion and signature by the applicant; and
- (b) statement as to the time, date and place at which the declaration was made for completion and signature by a Commissioner of Oaths.

(2) If a form referred to in subregulation (1) is not completed and signed by the applicant in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths, it shall be null and void.

(3) A declaration of intention to make an application for a certificate of naturalisation under section 14(2)(b) and a declaration of renunciation of citizenship of Botswana made under section 16 of the Act, shall be completed and signed by the declarant in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths.

(4) If a declaration referred to in subregulation (3) is not completed and signed by the applicant in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths, it shall be null and void.

**28.** (1) A citizen of Botswana who belongs to one of the following categories of professions shall be qualified to be an additional sponsor for the purposes of these Regulations —

Additional and qualified sponsors

- (a) Justice of Appeal;
- (b) Judge of the High Court or the Industrial Court;
- (c) Member of the National Assembly;
- (d) magistrate;
- (e) senior public officer;
- (f) bank manager;
- (g) minister of religion;
- (h) authorised tribal officer of the rank of C2 and above
- (i) councillor;
- (j) legal practitioner; and
- (k) medical practitioner.

(2) In this regulation,

“minister of religion” means a minister of religion appointed as a marriage officer under the Marriage Act, and

“senior public officer” means any public officer of the rank of C2 and above.

**29.** The Minister may approve a form made for the purposes of these Regulations.

Approval of forms

**30.** A document may be certified to be a true copy of a document for the purposes of section 23 of the Act by means of a statement, in writing, to that effect, signed by a citizenship officer.

Certified copies of documents

Fees

**31.** (1) The fees specified in the Second Schedule shall be payable in respect of matters specified therein, to a citizenship officer.

(2) The Minister may, in respect of any person or category of persons, waive or reduce any fee payable in terms of this sub-regulation.

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Cap. 01:01  
(Sub.Leg.)

**32.** The Citizenship Regulations and the Citizenship (Settlement and Resumption) Regulations are hereby revoked.