

HOW TO OBTAIN CITIZENSHIP OF UZBEKISTAN?

According to the new version of the Law "On Citizenship", about 50,000 stateless persons will be able to be recognized as citizens of Uzbekistan through a simplified procedure and will be able to obtain Uzbek passports.



GENERAL INFORMATION

34 million people make up the population of Uzbekistan;

93,950 stateless persons over 16 years old are registered and documented with a residence permit in the Republic of Uzbekistan (as of December 31, 2019);

6,318 stateless persons received Uzbek citizenship from 01 January to 31 December 2019.

THE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING CITIZENSHIP:

➤ **NATURAL** (by birth)

➤ **SIMPLIFIED** (for stateless persons who arrived in the country before January 1, 1995)

➤ **SPECIAL** (by decree of the President of Uzbekistan)

➤ **GENERAL**



Persons can be **recognized as citizens** through the simplified scheme if they:

- Arrived in the republic before January 1, 1995 and are permanently residing in the country;
- Do not have citizenship of another state;
- Lived with a residence permit for stateless persons in the Republic of Uzbekistan before enforcement of the new law.



Procedure and terms for obtaining citizenship of Uzbekistan:

- 1 Applications are accepted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs at the place of residence;
- 2 The full set of documents must be attached to the application;
- 3 Applicants are given 3 days to amend or supplement the package of documents;
- 4 Government agencies are given 1 month to collect necessary certificates;
- 5 The Presidential Commission on Citizenship is given up to 1 year to consider the application.



Documents required for the simplified procedure:

- application;
- passport or residence permit (if there is no citizenship);
- marriage / divorce certificate;
- document confirming stable income;
- state fee;
- birth certificate of children.



Citizenship may be REJECTED IF THE APPLICANT:

- Stands for the violent change of the constitutional order;
- Has membership in organizations whose activities are prohibited in Uzbekistan;
- Serves a sentence in detention facilities.



WHAT TO DO in case of rejection?

- Everyone has the right to know the reason of the rejection to grant citizenship;
- Justification of a negative decision is sent to the applicant's personal address;
- The applicant has the right to appeal the decision in court.



Reasons that can entail LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP:

- 1 Lack of registration with the consular department during seven years (for those who went abroad);
- 2 Service in the armed forces, security or law enforcement agencies, or government agencies of a foreign state;
- 3 Acquisition of Uzbek citizenship using forged documents or false information;
- 4 Harming the interests of society and the state, or committing a crime against peace and security;
- 5 Obtaining citizenship of another country.