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.

HOW TO OBTAIN CITIZENSHIP OF UZBEKISTAN?

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:

- Applications are accepted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs at the place of residence;
- The full set of documents must be attached to the application;
- Applicants are given 3 days to amend or supplement the package of documents;
- Government agencies are given 1 month to collect necessary certificates;
- 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.

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:

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

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.