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## Renunciation of Indian Citizenship & Surrender of Indian Passports

### Checklist

Place a tick in the checkbox as applicable.

#### Section A: About Renunciation

The Indian Citizenship Act, 1955, does not allow dual citizenship. However, it has been observed that many individuals continue to retain their Indian passports and some even travel on them and there are yet others who get fresh passports issued by suppression of information even several years after they have acquired foreign citizenship. Keeping an Indian passport/acquiring an Indian passport/travelling on an Indian passport after acquisition of foreign citizenship constitutes an offence under the Indian Passport Act, 1967, and attracts penalties.

Indian passport holders who have acquired foreign citizenship are required to surrender their Indian passports to the nearest India Passport & Visa Services centre immediately after acquisition of foreign citizenship. The Government of India has fixed the fee for renouncing the Indian Citizenship/surrender of Indian passport and has prescribed certain penalties for not renouncing Indian citizenship/surrender of Indian passport.

#### Section B: Documents Required

	You	Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Surrender of Indian Passport application form dully filled and signed by the applicant.</li><li>'Form N', dully filled and signed</li><li>Original Indian Passport for cancellation. If your Indian Passport is lost and not in your possession, submit a Statutory Declaration attested by a Justice of Peace with details for the passport not being in your possession.</li><li>Photocopy of current foreign passport.</li><li>Photocopy of foreign citizenship certificate.</li><li>Applicable fees</li><li>Additional documents may be required on case to case basis.</li></ul>		



The applicant hereby confirms that he/she has read the above, ticked the boxes against documents submitted & ensures that all the necessary documentation has been submitted.

VFS Officer (Name & Sign)

Applicant (Name & Sign)

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### The other features of the rules are:

- Government of India has prescribed imposition of penalty on a graded scale, for the violation of Passport Rules ranging from a minimum of AUD 210/- to a maximum of AUD 1050/-, depending on number of trips made on the Indian passport after acquiring foreign nationality. The penalty provisions would be applicable only in cases where Indian citizens after acquiring foreign citizenship (after 1.1.2005) retained (beyond three years) or used Indian passport.
- Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) intending to apply for Visa, OCI & PIO Cards, are required to renounce Indian citizenship/surrender their Indian passports along with their Visa/OCI/PIO applications or first apply for renunciation of Indian citizenship/surrender their Indian passport and then apply for these services. In case they do not have the Indian passports in their possession for any reason (loss/misplacement/submission to Department of Immigration and Citizenship a long time back, etc.), they are required to provide statutory declaration in this regard and pay the fees.
- All applications for renunciation/surrender of Indian passports are to be made at the respective VFS offices at Canberra, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide.
- Fee schedule for renunciation of Indian citizenship and Surrender of Indian passport (in AUD) with effect from 11.10.2012 is given below (Penalty charges are applicable to applicants became Australian/Foreign citizen after 01.01.2005)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Fees For Renunciation</b>
Acquired foreign citizenship on or prior to 31.05.2010	AUD 24
Acquired foreign citizenship after 31.05.2010	AUD 147
<b>Subject</b>	Penalty Charges are <b>in addition</b> to above renunciation fees
Retention of Indian passport beyond three years and not used for travel after obtaining foreign nationality	AUD 210
Indian Passport not surrendered for 3 years and travelled once after obtaining foreign nationality	AUD 210 +AUD 210
When travelled more than once on Indian Passport after obtaining foreign nationality	AUD 210 For Each Travel (total penalty will not exceed AUD 1050/-)
Indian Passport got re-issued after obtaining foreign nationality and travelled using Indian Passport	AUD 525 + AUD 210 For Each Travel
Passport got re-issued after acquiring foreign nationality and retained the passport for more than three years	AUD 525 + AUD 210
When a person has obtained miscellaneous consular service on the Indian passport after acquiring foreign nationality	AUD 210 each occasion (after 3 months grace period)
OCI/PIO applicants who have lost/misplaced Indian passports or that the foreign Government has retained the Indian passport after acquiring Foreign nationality	Nil

**NOTE: THE ABOVE CHARGES DO NOT INCLUDE VFS SERVICE CHARGES**

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**Note: Please print out a copy of this checklist, Sign and submit the same along with your application.**

**Credit Card Authorization (to be completed for applications sent by post)**

I authorize VFS Services Australia Pty Ltd to debit my credit card for application charges as applicable on

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