

RENUNCIATION OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP
(through online module of Ministry of Home Affairs)

The Government of India does NOT allow dual citizenship.

Once attaining the foreign citizenship, every Indian national should apply for Renunciation of his/her Indian citizenship and Surrender of Indian Passport.

First step is to apply for Renunciation of Indian Citizenship. Once the applicant receives the Renunciation certificate from the Mission or the Consulate, thereafter he/she should apply for Surrender of Indian Passport. A copy of renunciation certificate is to be attached with Surrender of Indian passport application.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS FOR RENUNCIATION OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP

1. Any Indian citizen can renounce his/her citizenship by making a declaration in the form XXII specified in rule 23 of The Citizenship Rules, 2009.
2. Application for Renunciation should be applied online at the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division) website: <https://indiancitizenshiponline.nic.in/Renounce>
3. The applicant should click on “Declaration of Renunciation of Citizenship under Section 8 of the Act made by a Citizen of India who is also a Citizen or National of another country”.
4. **While filling the Online application form, applicants will have to pay fees of INR 1,000/- and attach of copy of fees receipt with application.**
5. MHA File Number would be generated automatically after the submission of online application and the same will be communicated to the applicant by e-mail. Applicant must keep note of it for tracking the status and refer this file number for any future correspondence.
6. Complete step by step instructions for filling a fresh online application, modifying a partially filled online application, printing an application submitted online may be referred in website <https://indiancitizenshiponline.nic.in>
7. Applicant must take the print out of the online submitted application and submit the application to VFS through in-person appointment or by post, with following documents:
 - a) Print out of the online submitted application
 - b) JP attested/notarized copy of Indian Passport (to be uploaded mandatorily in online module also)

- c) Copy of address proof (to be uploaded mandatorily in online module also)
- d) Proof of Foreign citizenship (please upload copy of this document in online module while filling the renunciation application under additional documents).
- (e) Payment receipt of INR 1,000/- made on MHA website.

8. Please note that the remaining fees of AUD 147 plus ICWF fees of AUD 4 will be charged by VFS along with relevant VFS charges, as applicable.

9. Once the application form is submitted online by the applicant, then no further modifications are allowed. Hence applicants are requested to carefully verify the details before submitting the online Application form.

10. Processing time – may vary from 30-60 days from the date we receive the application.

11. The decision of the competent authority on declaration of renunciation of Indian citizenship shall be conveyed to the applicant through e-mail and renunciation certificate will be dispatched through post by VFS.

12. Applicant may note the legal provision under section 8 of the Citizenship Act, 1955 which provides that where a person ceases to be a citizen of India on renunciation of citizenship under section 8 (1), every minor child of that person shall thereupon cease to be a citizen of India. However, such child may, within one year after attaining full age, can make a declaration in the prescribed form and manner that he wishes to resume Indian citizenship.

13. A person who has ceased to be Indian Citizen is required to surrender the documents which he had acquired on the basis of his Indian citizenship (e.g. Voter Card etc) to the authorities concerned.
