

Requirements for Renunciation of Indian Citizenship & Surrender Certificate

Any Indian citizen can renounce their citizenship by filing a declaration using form XXII, as stated in the Citizenship Rules, 2009, Rule 23. The application form must only be completed on the MHA website, "<https://indiancitizenshiponline.nic.in>"

The renouncer would complete the application form on the aforementioned website, upload the necessary documents, take the printout, and visit the Indian Consular Application Centre, Berne. **After the application processed at the Application Centre, the applicant must sign the declaration in presence of the concerned authority and submit the application form along with the supporting documents at the Embassy of India, Berne between 11:00 am – 12:00 pm & 15:00 pm - 16:00 pm.**

Each applicant must fill out a separate application and submit

There are no more changes permitted to the application form once it has been submitted online by the applicant. Therefore, before submitting the online application form, candidates are requested to carefully review all the details.

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.

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>

Applicant must take the printout of the online submitted application and personally submit the same at the India Consular Application Centre in Berne (with prior appointment) along with original documents for further action by authority concerned.

Fee details are as follows:

APPLICANTS SHOULD IGNORE ONLINE PAYMENT FEE OF RS. 8000/- THROUGH MHA PORTAL

Applicant will be provided acknowledgment in Form XXIII after his signed application/declaration is successfully uploaded by the Indian Mission/Post. This may be sent to applicants through e-mail.

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.

Minor applicants are not required to fill MHA online renunciation; they are required to fill application for Passport surrender Certificate.

Steps to be followed:

Any person (ADULTS) renouncing the Indian Citizenship is required to fill below two online forms one is declaration form and the other one is application for Surrender certificate.

i) Declaration form for renunciation of Citizenship

URL: <https://indiancitizenshiponline.nic.in/Renounce>

ii) Application for Surrender certificate

URL: <https://embassy.passportindia.gov.in/>

Documents required to submit are as follows

Print out of the online submitted MHA Renunciation application (FORM XXII)

Original Indian Passport with copy of main pages.

Original foreign Passport and Copy of first page of the foreign passport. (good quality color copy should be enclosed).

Copy of valid Swiss Residence Permit (Except Swiss nationals).

Copy of the Naturalization Certificate (Einbürgerungsurkunde or Bürgerrechtsnachweis) with date of Acquisition of Citizenship.

Affix one recent good quality color photograph (5 cm x 5 cm with 80% coverage of face / front view).

A copy of notarized affidavit with the reasons for changes in the name is required in case of name change in foreign passport.

Declaration on the first page of Form-XXII is mandatory to be signed in the presence of Consular Officer.

Second page of FORM XXII should be signed by a witness who is an Indian Citizen- with date, his/her name and Switzerland postal address. Signature and details of witness may be obtained before visiting the Embassy for submission.

PASSPORT SURRENDER CERTIFICATE

Duly filled and printed online application form (<https://embassy.passportindia.gov.in/>) should be submitted at Indian Consular Application Centre.

Physical presence is necessary to sign the application in the presence of consular officer. (In the case of minor applicants, both parents along with minor child must be present at the time of application submission)

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- ii. Original foreign Passport and Copy of first page of the foreign passport. (good quality color copy should be enclosed).
- iii. Copy of valid Swiss Residence Permit (Except Swiss nationals).
- iv. Copy of the Naturalization Certificate (Einbürgerungsurkunde or Bürgerrechtsnachweis) with date of Acquisition of Citizenship.
- v. Affix one recent good quality colour photograph (5 cm x 5 cm with 80% coverage of face / front view).
- vii. Passport copies of both parents, in case of minor applicants.

The minimum processing time for the procedure of renunciation of Citizenship and surrender of passport, is 6-8 weeks, after the receipt of the duly completed application in the Indian Application Centre.