

RENUNCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to your enquiry and wish to inform you that a South African citizen who intends to acquire the citizenship or nationality of another country, or who also has the citizenship or nationality of another country, may renounce his/ her South African citizenship by submitting the following documents:

- [Form BI-246](#) to be fully completed **in duplicate, in block letters and in black ink** (attached);
- [Form BI-529](#) to be fully completed **in block letters and in black ink** (attached);

NOTE:

· All South African citizens who are abroad at the time of lodging an application for renunciation of South African citizenship must fully complete this form. The purpose of the form is to confirm that the applicant has not already lost his/ her South African citizenship. If certain questions are not applicable, they should be marked as N/A. If certain questions are not known, for example, the mother's identity number, they should be marked as "do not know". Questions 9, 10, 11 of paragraph A are of particular importance.

- original or certified copies of South African passport or identity document;
- letter confirming reasons for renunciation;
- a self-addressed A5-size envelope with postage paid for €3,50 (*per Einschreiben*), to return the declaration after issuing, and any personal original documents;

Kind regards
Consular Section
Embassy of the Republic of South Africa
Tiergartenstr. 18
10785 Berlin

Tel.: 030 22073 0
Fax: 030 22073 202
Email: berlin.consular@foreign.gov.za

NOTE:

- *There is no application fee for the renunciation of South African citizenship.*
- *The applicant shall cease to be a South African citizen from the moment the declaration is registered at the Department of Home Affairs in Pretoria.*
- *The minor children under 18 years of a person who has renounced his or her South African citizenship shall also cease to be South African citizens, unless the other parent remains a South African citizen.*
- *Applications, which are referred on a weekly basis to Department of Home Affairs via the diplomatic bag, may take up to six (6) months to be processed.*
- *Applicants would be immediately notified as soon as the issued document has been received by our office from Pretoria, are kindly requested not to contact our office unnecessarily for progress reports. Applicants may however contact our office in the event of the application taking longer than six (6) months.*
- *On receipt of the renunciation declaration from Pretoria, the applicant would be requested to return his or her current South African passport and identity document.*

- A complete application may be either mailed to our office, or submitted personally during the consular opening hours: Mon-Fri; 09:00-12:00.
- Applicants who reside in Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg must submit their applications to the South African Consulate-General in Munich:

South African Consulate-General
Postfach 15 17 09
80050 Munich

Tel: 089 23 11 63 0
Fax: 089 23 11 63 53
Email: munich.consular@foreign.gov.za