

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
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Pursuant to Article 43 b) of the *Law on Citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina* (BiH Official Gazette, nos. 4/97, 13/99, 41/02, 6/03, 14/03, 82/05, 43/09, 76/09 and 87/13), the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina issues the

**BYLAW
ON SPECIFIED EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ACQUISITION
OF THE CITIZENSHIP OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
THROUGH NATURALIZATION OR FACILITATED NATURALIZATION**

**Article 1
(Subject-matter)**

The Bylaw on Specified Evidence of Eligibility for Acquisition of the Citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina through Naturalization or Facilitated Naturalization (hereinafter: the Bylaw) sets out proofs to be obtained *ex officio*; specifies proofs of knowledge of the language and alphabet/script; proofs of no criminal conviction and of no pending criminal proceedings; proofs of settlement of all taxes and other financial obligations; proofs of the secured source of income; and obtaining proofs required for facilitated naturalization of refugees and stateless persons.

**Article 2
(Proofs to be obtained *ex officio*)**

Proofs that an alien does not pose a threat to BiH security; that he/she has been granted permanent or temporary residence in BiH; and that he/she has not been issued with an expulsion order from BiH; shall be obtained *ex officio* by the competent authority (Information/Security Agency, Service for Foreigners).

**Article 3
(Proofs of knowledge of the language and alphabet/script)**

Sufficient knowledge of the alphabet/script and language of one of the BiH constituent people, in the process of acquiring the BiH citizenship, is proved with:

- a) Certificate of exam in knowledge of the alphabet/script and language of one of constituent peoples in BiH, passed at a faculty, in a secondary school or an adult-learning institution, which are authorized by the ministry competent for education to conduct programmes for teaching official BiH languages;
- b) Primary, secondary or university graduation diploma obtained in BiH;
- c) Graduation diploma obtained from a foreign education institution verifying that the education was conducted under the programme in one of the official languages in BiH; or with a graduation diploma on the completed minimum B1 level of knowledge of one of those languages;
- d) Citizens of the Republic of Serbia, Republic of Croatia and Montenegro shall not obtain evidence mentioned in paragraph (1) above, in the process of acquisition of BiH citizenship.

Article 4

(Proofs of no criminal conviction and of no pending criminal proceedings)

Proofs of no criminal conviction and of no pending criminal proceedings, in terms of Article 9 (1) 5. and 7. of the Law, shall be obtained from the country-of-origin.

Article 5

(Proofs of settlement of all taxes and other financial obligations)

Proofs of settlement of all taxes and other financial obligations are obtained by an alien from the competent revenue body or from the other competent authority in the country-of-origin or in BiH.

Article 6

(Proofs of secured source of income)

An alien shall prove that he/she has secured source of income in the amount which enables his/her livelihood or that he/she is able to secure a reliable proof of financial resources for his/her support with a certificate of employment for indefinite period of time and the amount of his/her salary, or with a proof of the amount of his/her pension, or with a proof of other continuous source of income.

Article 7

(Obtaining proofs in BiH by refugees and stateless persons)

(1) An alien who has applied for BiH citizenship, in terms of Articles 11a (refugees and stateless persons) shall obtain the proofs mentioned in Article 9 sub-paragraphs 5.

and 7. of the Bylaw, from the competent authority in BiH and is not obliged to obtain them from abroad (proofs of no conviction for more than three years during the period of eight years preceding the application and of no pending criminal proceedings against him/her).

(2) Decision on expulsion of the alien from the country or a safeguard measure of his/her removal from BiH, which had been issued to an alien mentioned in paragraph (1) above before he was recognized as a refugee, or granted temporary residence on humanitarian grounds in case of stateless persons, shall not affect his/her naturalization.

Article 8
(Entry into force and publishing the Bylaw)

The present Bylaw shall enter into force one day after being published in BiH Official Gazette.

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