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On Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

Article 1: The subject matter of this Law

The present Law establishes the grounds, conditions and procedure for acquiring and terminating citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic as well as regulates other issues related to citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Article 2. Legislation on citizenship in the Kyrgyz Republic

Citizenship in the Kyrgyz Republic shall be regulated by the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic, international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party that have entered into force as prescribed by law, this Law and regulatory legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic adopted in accordance with them.

Article 3: Basic concepts

The following basic notions shall be used in this Law:

Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic - stable legal bond of a person with the Kyrgyz Republic, expressed in the totality of their mutual rights and obligations;

Other citizenship - citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic of foreign country or several foreign countries;

Foreign citizen - a person, who is not a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and has evidence of being a citizen of a foreign country

Stateless person - a person, who is not a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and has no affiliation to citizenship of a foreign country in accordance with its legislation;

Residence permit - a document entitling foreign nationals or stateless persons to reside permanently or temporarily in the Kyrgyz Republic;

Applicant - capable, adult citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic, foreign citizen or stateless person;

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General procedure for acquisition or loss of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic - procedure for consideration of citizenship issues and making decisions on them by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic in respect of persons subject to general conditions stipulated by this Law;

Authorized bodies - state bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic involved in solving citizenship issues;

Simplified procedure for acquisition or loss of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic - procedure for consideration of citizenship issues and making decisions on them by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic with regard to persons subject to preferential conditions provided by this Law and international treaties, to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party, which came into force in accordance with the law;

Child - a person under the age of 18;

Stateless person certificate - a document certifying the identity and status of a stateless person issued in the state of his/her permanent residence.

Article 4: Principles of Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. Every person in the Kyrgyz Republic has the right to citizenship.
2. No citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic may be deprived of his citizenship and of the right to change his citizenship.
3. The Kyrgyz Republic guarantees its citizens protection and patronage outside its borders.
4. Citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic, regardless of the grounds and procedure for acquiring citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic, shall have equal rights, freedoms and obligations in accordance with the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Article 5. Citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic

Citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic are:

- 1) persons having the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic on the date of entry into force of this Law;
- (2) (nullified by Law No. 36 of the KR of February 22, 2023)
- 3) persons who have acquired citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic in accordance with this Law.

Article 6. Other citizenship

1. A citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic who also has other citizenship shall be considered by the Kyrgyz Republic only as a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic, except in cases provided for by this Law and international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party that have entered into force as prescribed by law.

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2. The acquisition of another citizenship by a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic shall not result in the loss of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic, except for the grounds set out in Article 23 of this Law.

Article 7: Protection by the State of the Rights, Freedoms and Legal Interests of Kyrgyz Republic Citizens Residing outside the Kyrgyz Republic

1. Citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic outside the Kyrgyz Republic shall be afforded protection of their rights, freedoms and legitimate interests through diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2. Public authorities, diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic and their officials shall take measures to ensure that citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic can fully enjoy the rights and freedoms provided by the laws of the host state, international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party, which have entered into force in the manner prescribed by law, and protect their legally protected interests in the manner prescribed by law, and in the case of

3. In the absence of a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Kyrgyz Republic in the host state, the protection of rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic in accordance with international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party, which have entered into force in accordance with the procedure established by law, may be carried out by the relevant agencies of other states.

Article 8. Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic at marriage and divorce

1. Conclusion of a marriage of a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic with a foreign citizen or a stateless person as well as dissolution of such a marriage shall not change their citizenship. 2.

A change of citizenship of one spouse does not entail a change of the citizenship of the other spouse.

3. The dissolution of a marriage shall not entail a change of citizenship of the children born in this marriage or of the children adopted (adopted) by the spouses.

Article 9: Documents certifying citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

The documents certifying the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be all types of national passports of a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and other documents certifying the identity of a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic containing information on citizenship.

Article 10. Inadmissibility of deportation from the Republic and extradition of a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic

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A citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic may not be deported from the Republic or extradited to another state.

Chapter 2

Acquisition of the Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

Article 11. Grounds for acquiring the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be acquired by:

- 1) by birth;
- 2) as a result of acquiring the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic
- 3) As a result of restoration of citizenship
- 4) on the grounds or as provided by international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party, which have entered into force in the manner prescribed by law.

Article 12. Acquisition of the Kyrgyz Republic citizenship by birth

1. The child, whose parents or single parent have been the citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic at the time of the child's birth, shall be the citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic regardless of the place of birth.
2. The child, one of whose parents has been the citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic, and another parent has been the foreign national, shall be the citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic, except for the case when the child's parents file a joint application to renounce the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic regarding the child, who acquires foreign citizenship at birth.
3. The child, one of whose parents has been the citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic, and other parent has been the stateless person or unknown at the time of the child's birth, shall be the citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic regardless of the place of birth.
4. The child born in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, whose parents or single parent are stateless persons, shall be the citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic.
5. The child born in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic or whose both parents or single parent are foreign nationals, shall be the citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic, if the state of citizenship of both parents or single parent fails to grant citizenship to the child.
6. The child staying in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, whose both parents are unknown, shall be the citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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Article 13. Conditions for acquiring the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic by the standard procedure

1. Foreign citizens and stateless persons who have reached the age of 18 have the right to apply for citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic under the general procedure if they:

1) have permanently, continuously resided in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic for the last five years at the time of application. The period of residence is considered uninterrupted if a person has left the Kyrgyz Republic for no more than three months within one year;

2) have knowledge of the state or official language sufficient for communication; the procedure for determining the level of knowledge of the state or official language shall be established by the regulation on the procedure for consideration of citizenship issues;

3) undertake to comply with the Constitution and legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic;

4) have a source of livelihood.

5) do not have a criminal record in the Kyrgyz Republic and in the foreign country of which they are citizens.

2. The period of residence of foreign citizens and stateless persons on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic established by paragraph 1 of part 1 of this article shall be reduced to three years if at least one of the following grounds exists:

1) (Repealed in accordance with the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic of March 17, 2012 № 23)

2) High achievements in science, technology, culture, sports, as well as a profession or qualification in demand in the Kyrgyz Republic;

3) investment in priority sectors of the economy of the Kyrgyz Republic. The order of investment and the amount of investment shall be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic;

4) when recognized as refugees or stateless persons in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic;

5) foreign citizens and stateless persons married to a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic

Article 14. Admission to citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic under the simplified procedure

Foreign citizens and stateless persons who have reached the age of 18 have the right to apply for citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic under the simplified procedure. Their term of residence on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic established under paragraph 1, part 1 of Article 13 shall be reduced to one year, unless otherwise provided by international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party, which have entered into force in accordance with the procedure established by law, if they

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- 1) Have at least one parent who is a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and resides in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 2) were born in the Kyrgyz SSR and/or had citizenship of the former USSR
- 3) are restored to citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Persons who are ethnic Kyrgyz with citizenship of a foreign state or without citizenship shall be granted citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic without the condition of residency in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic and without meeting the conditions stipulated by Article 13 and Part 1 of this Article within the time limits established by law. Their admission to the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be carried out without prior renunciation of the citizenship of another state on the basis of their written application for admission to the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic indicating renunciation of the citizenship of another state.

3. Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be conferred under the simplified procedure without observing the conditions stipulated by paragraph 1 of Article 13 of this Law:

- 1) a child, one of whose parents has the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic - upon application of this parent and with the written consent of the other parent for the child to acquire the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic. Such consent is not required if the child resides in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 2) a child whose only parent is a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic - at the request of this parent;
- (3) A child or an incapacitated person subject to guardianship or custody - at the request of a guardian or custodian who is a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic.

4. The persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article are subject to the requirements stipulated by paragraphs 3 and 4 of paragraph 1 of Article 13.

5. Former citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic upon restoration of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall have the right to apply for citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic under the simplified procedure. The term of their residence on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic established by paragraph 1 of paragraph 1 of Article 13 of this Law shall be reduced to one year, unless otherwise provided for by international treaties, to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party, which have entered into force in accordance with the procedure established by law.

Former citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic, when restored to citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic, shall be admitted without any conditions on the term of residence in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic and without meeting the conditions stipulated by Article 13 and paragraph 1 of this Article within the time limits stipulated by law.

6. The list of foreign citizens and stateless persons who are admitted to citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic under the simplified procedure on the grounds and circumstances related to the applicant's personality, activities, contribution to sports, economic, cultural contribution to the development of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be determined by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic. Their admission to the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be carried out without presentation of conditions on the term of residence on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic and without

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observation of the conditions provided for by Article 13 and Part 1 of this Article within the time limits established by law on the basis of their written application for admission to the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic indicating renunciation of citizenship of another state.

Article 15. Restoration of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

A person who used to be a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic, permanently and legally residing on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, may be restored to citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic upon personal application in compliance with the procedure stipulated by Article 14 of this Law.

Article 16. Grounds for refusal to accept citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

Admission to citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be denied to persons:

- 1) advocating a violent change of the foundations of the constitutional system, carrying out activities posing a threat to the state security of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 2) Intentionally presented forged documents or knowingly communicated false information
- 3) Expelled from the Kyrgyz Republic with a temporary five-year or permanent ban on entering the Kyrgyz Republic in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic
- 4) Persons in military service, as well as those serving in law enforcement and security bodies of a foreign country
- 5) criminally prosecuted under the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic or under the legislation of a foreign state, with the exception of persons recognized as refugees and prosecuted under the legislation of a foreign state - until a final decision is made by the law enforcement agencies or courts of the Kyrgyz Republic
- 6) acting as a defendant in civil cases - until a final decision is rendered by the courts of the Kyrgyz Republic
- 7) Convicted and serving a sentence of imprisonment - until the expiry of the sentence
- 8) those sentenced to imprisonment for committing crimes classified as grave and especially grave in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Article 17. Acquisition of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic by a child in case of adoption, guardianship or trusteeship

1. A child who is a foreign citizen or stateless person, adopted by a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic or subject to guardianship or trusteeship of citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic becomes a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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2. A child who is a foreign citizen, adopted or subject to guardianship or custody by persons, one of whom is a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and the other a stateless person, becomes a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic.
3. A child who is a foreign national, adopted by spouses or subject to guardianship or custody of persons, one of whom is a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and the other a foreign national, becomes a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic with the written consent of both adoptive parents, guardians or custodians.
4. A stateless child adopted by spouses or subject to guardianship or custody by persons, one of whom is a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic, becomes a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Article 18. Retention of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic for a child in case of adoption

A child who is a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic adopted by foreign citizens or stateless persons or by spouses, one of whom is a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and the other is a foreign citizen or stateless person, shall retain the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Article 19. Preservation of nationality of the Kyrgyz Republic for a child subject to guardianship or trusteeship

If parents or one of the parents of a child residing in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic relinquishes or loses Kyrgyz citizenship and does not participate in raising a child subject to guardianship or custody of Kyrgyz citizens, the child shall retain Kyrgyz citizenship.

(As amended by Kyrgyz Republic Law No. 36 of February 22, 2023)

Article 20. Acquisition of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic by a child in case one of the parents has acquired citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. If one of the parents becomes a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and the other parent remains a foreign citizen, the child may acquire citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic upon application of the parent who acquires citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic if the child resides in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2. If one parent becomes a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and the other parent remains stateless, the child residing in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic becomes a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic.

If one parent becomes a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and the other parent remains stateless, a child residing outside the Kyrgyz Republic may acquire citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic at the request of the parent acquiring Kyrgyz citizenship.

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Article 21. Necessity of children's consent upon changing their citizenship

A change of citizenship of children between 14 and 18 years old in case of change of their parents' citizenship, as well as in case of adoption is allowed only with notarized consent of children.

Article 22. Recognition of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic of another state

1. A citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic may acquire citizenship of another foreign state while remaining a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic. 2.

Other citizenship in the Kyrgyz Republic shall not be recognized

1) a citizen of states bordering the Kyrgyz Republic;

2) persons specified in Article 16 of this Law.

3. A citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic in the case of acquiring citizenship of a foreign state with which the Kyrgyz Republic has an international treaty on dual citizenship in effect as provided by law shall be recognized as a citizen with dual citizenship.

4. A citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic having other citizenship may not be the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, a deputy of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, a judge of the Kyrgyz Republic, a law enforcement officer, an employee of the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of defense, and hold managerial positions in public authorities.

5. The loss, restoration and renunciation of dual citizenship shall be carried out in the manner prescribed by the international treaties on dual citizenship to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party, which have entered into force as prescribed by law, or in the manner prescribed by national legislation.

6. A citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic holding another citizenship shall notify the President of the Kyrgyz Republic of this fact in accordance with the procedure established by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Chapter 3

Termination of the Kyrgyz Republic citizenship

Article 23. Grounds for termination of the Kyrgyz Republic citizenship

The citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be terminated due to:

1) renunciation of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic;

2) loss of the Kyrgyz Republic citizenship

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3) on other grounds provided for by this Law, by international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party, which have entered into force in the manner prescribed by law.

Article 24. Renunciation of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. The renunciation of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic by a person residing on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be carried out on the basis of the voluntary will of such person under the general procedure if the person has another citizenship or guarantees acquisition of citizenship of another state, except for the cases provided for by Article 26 of this Law.

2. The renunciation of nationality of the Kyrgyz Republic by a person residing in the territory of a foreign state shall be carried out on the basis of the voluntary will of such person in a simplified procedure if the person has another nationality or a guarantee of acquisition of another nationality, except for the cases stipulated by Article 25 of this Law.

3. The renunciation of nationality of the Kyrgyz Republic by a child, one of whose parents is a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and the other parent is a foreign citizen or whose only parent is a foreign citizen, shall be carried out in a simplified procedure at the request of both parents or at the request of the only parent.

Article 25: Grounds for refusal to renounce the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic may not be renounced if a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic

- 1) has unfulfilled obligations to the state or property obligations with which the interests of legal or natural persons in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic are connected;
- 2) is accused by the law enforcement agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic in a criminal case or has a court verdict of conviction that has come into force and is subject to execution.

Article 26. Loss of the Kyrgyz Republic Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be lost:

1. Kyrgyz Republic citizenship shall be lost if the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic was acquired as a result of knowingly submitting false information or forged documents.

2. Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic is lost on the following grounds:

- 1) if citizenship of states bordering the Kyrgyz Republic (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the People's Republic of China) is acquired;
- 2) other citizenship and a notarized declaration of renunciation of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 3) on other grounds stipulated by international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party.

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3. The decision on the loss of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic is made by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

4. The procedure for the loss of the Kyrgyz Republic citizenship and the work of the Citizenship Commission is determined by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Chapter 4

Authorized bodies and officials in charge of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

Article 27. Authorized agencies and officials in charge of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. The authorized bodies and officials in charge of the affairs of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be:

The President of the Kyrgyz Republic;

authorized state agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic dealing with population registration;

authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of foreign policy activities;

Diplomatic representations and consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic abroad. 2.

2. The powers of bodies in charge of citizenship affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be determined by this Law.

(As amended by the KR Law No. 94 of July 13, 2011, No. 36 of February 22, 2023)

Article 28. Powers of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. The President of the Kyrgyz Republic in accordance with this Law shall take decisions on the issues of:

1) admission of foreign citizens and stateless persons to citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic;

2) restoration of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic;

3) renunciation of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2. The President of the Kyrgyz Republic shall issue decrees on the issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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3. The Regulation on the procedure for consideration of the issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be approved by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Article 29. Powers of the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration

The authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration

- 1) accept applications for citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic from persons residing on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, verify facts and documents submitted in support of such applications;
- 2) forward materials on applications for citizenship and renunciation of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic to the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for consideration;
- 3) determine the affiliation of persons permanently residing in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic to the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 4) prepare materials on issues of citizenship for persons permanently residing in the Kyrgyz Republic
- 5) accept materials on loss of citizenship from persons permanently residing in the Kyrgyz Republic and send them to the Commission on Citizenship Affairs under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for consideration
- 6) process materials for renunciation of citizenship in cases stipulated by paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article 24 of this Law
- 7) accept materials on the issues of restoration of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 8) keep records of persons with regard to whom decisions on the change of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic have been taken
- 9) implement the decisions taken by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on the issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic with regard to persons residing on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Article 30. Powers of the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of foreign policy activities, diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. The authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of foreign policy activities, diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic:
 - 1) accept applications for citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic from persons permanently residing outside the Kyrgyz Republic and, together with the necessary documents, forward them to the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for consideration;

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- 2) determine the affiliation of persons permanently residing abroad with the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic;
 - 3) accept materials on loss of citizenship from persons residing abroad and forward them to the Commission on Citizenship Issues under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for consideration;
 - 4) formalize renunciation of citizenship in cases provided for by paragraph 2 of Article 24 of the present Law;
 - 5) maintain consular records of the citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic permanently residing abroad;
 - 6) implement decisions adopted by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on the issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic with regard to persons residing outside the Kyrgyz Republic
 - 7) keep records of persons with regard to whom decisions have been made to change citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic.
2. If there is no diplomatic mission or consular office of the Kyrgyz Republic in a country, the functions of these bodies shall be performed by diplomatic missions and consular offices of other states on the basis of international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party, which have entered into force in accordance with the law.

Chapter 5

Proceedings on cases of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

Article 31. Procedure of applying for citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. Applications on the issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be addressed to the President of the Kyrgyz Republic and submitted to the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration at the place of permanent residence of the applicant.
Persons permanently residing outside the Kyrgyz Republic submit applications to diplomatic missions or consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic. 3.
3. The application is submitted by the applicant in person.
4. If the applicant cannot submit the application in person due to the circumstances having exceptional nature and confirmed by documents, the application and necessary documents may be transferred for consideration through another person or sent by mail. In this case, the authenticity of the signature of the person who signed the application and the conformity of the copy of the document attached to the application to its original shall be certified by a notary.
5. An application for a change of citizenship of a child or an incapacitated person shall be submitted by their parents or other legal representatives at the place of residence of the child or the incapacitated person.

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6. Applications on the loss of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic are submitted to the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration at the place of permanent residence of the applicant. Diplomatic missions or consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic shall accept and consider applications on the loss of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic from persons permanently residing outside the Kyrgyz Republic.

Article 32. Procedure for processing documents on the issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. An application for admission, restoration and renunciation of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be considered upon a written application of the applicant. Applications of persons under 18 years old are considered upon application of their legal representatives certified by a notary, and outside the Kyrgyz Republic - by a diplomatic mission or consular institution of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2. When applying for citizenship, restoration of citizenship or renunciation of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic, children aged 14 to 18 years must submit their written notarized consent; outside the Kyrgyz Republic their written consent must be certified by a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Kyrgyz Republic.

3. When applying for the renunciation of Kyrgyz Republic citizenship by a minor child, one of whose parents remains a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic, the written consent of the latter to the renunciation of Kyrgyz Republic citizenship by the minor child is required. Such applications must be notarized, and outside the country - certified by a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Kyrgyz Republic.

4. If the applicant cannot sign the petition due to his/her physical disabilities, the petition shall be signed by another person at his/her request and certified by a notary. Outside the Kyrgyz Republic the applicant's signature shall be certified by an official of a diplomatic mission or consular institution of the Kyrgyz Republic.

5. The list of documents to be submitted to the authorized bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be determined by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

6. Persons who are ethnic Kyrgyz and have citizenship of a foreign state or stateless persons when applying for citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic on a voluntary basis may change their surname, name and patronymic according to the pronunciation in the Kyrgyz language.

Article 33. List of documents to be submitted to the authorized agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic

(Repealed by the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic of February 22, 2023 No.36)

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Article 34. Procedure for Accepting and Reviewing Applications for Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. The authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration and diplomatic missions or consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be obliged to accept all applications on matters of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic submitted in person by the applicant.

The diplomatic missions or consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic are obliged to accept all applications on matters of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic submitted, as a rule, in person or sent by mail, as well as transferred through a third party in connection with circumstances of an exceptional nature, a list of which is approved by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2. 2. The authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration or the relevant diplomatic mission or consular office, which processes the application on citizenship issues, shall issue its reasoned and substantiated opinion on it.

3. The authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration, diplomatic missions or consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic submit their conclusions on citizenship applications and other necessary materials coordinated with national security agencies and internal affairs bodies to the Commission on Citizenship Affairs under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

National security agencies, internal affairs bodies send their motivated proposals on citizenship within 90 days according to the general procedure and 30 days according to the simplified procedure.

In case of a negative response from the national security bodies or internal affairs bodies, the application is returned to the territorial division of the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the sphere of population registration for sending a response to the applicant. 4.

The total period of time for reviewing applications on citizenship issues by the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration and by diplomatic missions or consular offices should not exceed 120 days under the general procedure and 60 days under the simplified procedure.

The conclusion on the application for renunciation of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall include information on the unfulfilled obligations of the applicant to the state or his property obligations that are related to the essential interests of citizens or enterprises, institutions and organizations, public associations; information on his involvement in criminal proceedings as a defendant or on his serving a sentence under a sentence that has entered into legal force, or on the fact that the renunciation of this person is contrary to the interests of the state; information on the fact that his renunciation of the citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic is contrary to the interests of the Kyrgyz Republic and that he has been subjected to criminal prosecution under a sentence that has entered into legal force.

Article 35. Collection of state duty and funds charged for the provision of consular services

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1. When applying for citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic, restoration of citizenship or renunciation of citizenship in the Kyrgyz Republic, a state duty shall be charged, and outside the Kyrgyz Republic - funds charged for the provision of consular services as prescribed by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Ethnic Kyrgyz, when acquiring citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic, shall be exempt from state fees and funds charged for the provision of consular services.

Article 36. Nationality Commission under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. For preliminary consideration of citizenship issues specified in the present Law, the President of the Kyrgyz Republic shall establish on a permanent basis a Commission on Citizenship Issues (hereinafter referred to as the Commission). The composition and procedures of the Commission shall be determined by the Regulations approved by the Decree of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2. When considering citizenship applications, the Commission shall comprehensively examine the applicant's arguments, conclusions of state bodies and attached documents specified in Article 33 of the present Law.

3. 3. The Commission shall submit for consideration by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic proposals on each application individually.

4. The Commission's decision shall be formalized in the minutes signed by all the members of the Commission participating in the meeting.

5. 5. Within fourteen days of the Commission's decision, the Office of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic prepares a draft Presidential Decree on the granting or withdrawal of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Decree of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on granting or relinquishing citizenship within three days of its signing is to be published on the official website of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

In case of refusal to grant or relinquish citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Presidential Apparatus shall notify the applicant in writing within three days specifying the grounds for refusal.

Article 37. Procedure and terms for making decisions on issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

1. Applications on issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be considered and decisions on them shall be taken according to the general procedure within up to one year from the date of submission of the application with duly executed documents attached.

2. The President of the Kyrgyz Republic shall review applications for citizenship or renunciation of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic under the simplified procedure and take decisions on them

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within six months from the date of submission of the application with duly executed documents attached.

A change in citizenship comes into effect upon the issuance of a decree by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Persons referred to in Article 26 of the present Law lose their citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic on the date of registration of the decision of the Commission on Citizenship Affairs under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

4. Repeated applications on issues of citizenship shall be considered upon the expiration of one year after the previous decision on this issue. In case of essential circumstances for the case, which were not and could not have been known to the applicant, the repeated application may be considered earlier.

Article 38. Procedure for execution of the decrees of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on the issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

The execution of the Presidential Decrees on citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic with regard to applicants residing in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be entrusted to the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic for population registration, and with regard to persons residing outside the Republic - to the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic for foreign affairs, diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2. Information on the granting and termination of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be entered into the automated information system.

3. The procedure for maintaining the automated information system shall be determined by the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration.

Article 39. Issuance of passports and residence permits

Persons who have acquired citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic as prescribed by this Law shall be issued a passport of a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic by the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in charge of population registration or by diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Persons residing in the Kyrgyz Republic who are not citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic shall be issued residence permits for foreign citizens or stateless status by the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of population registration.

Article 40. Control over execution of decisions on issues related to citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic

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Control over execution of decisions on the issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic is carried out by the Commission on Citizenship Issues under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Article 41. Appeal against decisions on citizenship issues

1. Decisions on citizenship issues may be appealed in the court. 2.
2. 2. An appeal may be lodged within six months from the date of the relevant decision. The deadline for appealing against a decision on citizenship issues, which has been missed for good reason, may be reinstated by a court of law.

Chapter 6

Final Provisions

Article 42. Appealing against the actions of officials on citizenship issues

The refusal to consider applications on issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic and other actions of officials, who violate the procedure and terms for delivery of conclusions on citizenship applications and decisions on issues of citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic, may be appealed to the official higher in the order of subordination or to the court.

Article 43. Application of provisions of international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party

If international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party that have entered into force in accordance with the procedure established by law establish norms other than those contained in this Law, the norms of international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party shall apply.

Article 44. Entry into force of this Law

1. The present Law shall come into force from the date of its official publication. 2.
2. To declare the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic" No. 1333-XII of December 18, 1993 (Vedomosti of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, 1994, No.1, Art.1) to be void.

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3. To request the President of the Kyrgyz Republic within three months to bring his normative legal acts in compliance with this Law.

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic:

1) within three months to submit to the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic draft laws arising from this Law;

2) bring its normative legal acts into compliance with this Law.

President

President of the Kyrgyz Republic

K.S. Bakiev