

**REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI**

**CITIZENSHIP ACT 1979**

(No. 1 of 1979)

**CITIZENSHIP REGULATIONS 1980**

The Minister of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12 of the Citizenship Act 1979, makes the following regulations:-

**PART I  
PRELIMINARY**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Citizenship Regulations 1980.

**PART II  
NATURALIZATION**

2. An application under section 3(1) of the Act shall be made in writing to the Commission and shall contain such particulars as the Commission may from time to time require.

3. (1) Before considering an application for naturalization under section 7(1) of the Act the Commission shall cause to be published in the Atoll Pioneer and to be broadcast on Radio Kiribati a notice specifying the name of the applicant and the period during which any citizen objecting to such application may make representations to the Commission.

(2) The applicant shall reimburse the Commission any costs arising out of publication and broadcasting of a notice under sub-regulation (1).

4. An applicant for naturalization shall renounce his citizenship in accordance with section 7(2) (h) of the Act by subscribing to and lodging with the Commission a declaration in the form set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

5. (1) As soon as practicable after granting or refusing an application under section 7(2) (h) of the Act by subscribing to and lodging with the Commission shall cause to be published in the Gazette a notice to that effect.

(2) An applicant whose application has been refused by the Commission under section 7(2) of the Act shall not make any further such application during the period of six months commencing on the date of such refusal.

6. Upon the grant of an application and the payment of a fee of \$5 a certificate of naturalization shall be issued under section 7(5) of the Act in the form set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

**PART III**

**RENUNCIATION AND REGAINING OF CITIZENSHIP**

7. Renunciation of a person's citizenship under section 9 of the Act shall take effect on the

registration by the Commission of a declaration in the form set out in the Third Schedule to these Regulations which has been subscribed by him.

8. As soon as practicable after the registration of a declaration under Regulation 7 the Commission shall cause to be published in the Gazette a notice to that effect.

9. An application by a woman to regain her citizenship under section 10(2) of the Act shall be made in writing to the Commission and shall contain such particulars as the Commission may from time to time require and shall be accompanied by a declaration subscribed to by the applicant in the form set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

### FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 4)

#### DECLARATION OF RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF A COUNTRY OTHER THAN KIRIBATI upon the acquisition of citizenship of Kiribati.

1. I, ..... (full name)  
of ..... (address)  
am of full age and capacity and was born at ..... (City/Town/Village and Country of birth) on ..... (date of birth day and month in words).
2. To the best of my knowledge and belief I am a Citizen of ..... (country) under the law of that country by reason of the fact that .....  
.....  
..... (state grounds on which you believe you are a citizen of that country).
3. I, hereby renounce my citizenship of ..... (country) I, the said ..... (full name) do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this declaration are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

.....  
Signature of Declarer

Declared at ..... (place) this ..... day of ..... 19... before me and I certify that the declaration was read over in the English/Kiribati language to the declarant who seemed fully to understand the meaning thereof.

Signed: .....  
Office held: .....

NOTE:-

This declaration may be made

(a) In Kiribati before:

- (i) the Chief Registrar
- (ii) a magistrate
- (iii) a barrister or solicitor
- (iv) a justice of the peace
- (v) the Secretary for Home Affairs
- (vi) any other fit and proper person appointed by the Minister

(b) In any other place, before an overseas representative or a notary public.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**  
(Regulation 6)

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Whereas ..... (full name of applicant) has applied for a certificate of naturalization and has satisfied the Citizenship Act 1979 are fulfilled for the grant of such a certificate.

The Citizenship Commission, in exercise of the powers granted by the said Act, hereby grants the said ..... this certificate of naturalization and declares that he/she shall be a citizen of Kiribati as from the date of this certificate.

Date this ..... day of ..... 19....

.....  
Chairman  
Citizenship Commission

Naturalization No.

**THIRD SCHEDULE**  
(Regulation 7)

DECLARATION OF RENUNCIATION, OF CITIZENSHIP OF KIRIBATI

1. I, ..... of ..... am of full age and capacity and was born at ..... on the ..... day of ..... 19....

2. I am a citizen of Kiribati by reason of the fact that:-

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.....

3. I am also a citizen or national of .....  
I intend to obtain citizenship or nationality of ..... by reason of the fact that .....

I hereby renounce my citizenship of Kiribati.

I, the said ..... (full name) do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this declaration are true and I make

this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

.....  
(Signature of Declarer)

Declared at ..... (place) this ..... day of  
..... 19.... before me and I certify that the declaration was read over in the  
English/Kiribati language to the declarant who seemed fully to understand the meaning  
thereof.

Signed: .....

Office held: .....

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1980.

TEATAO TEANNAKI  
Minister for Home Affairs

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