

LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN ON CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Citizenship in the Republic of Uzbekistan

Citizenship in the Republic of Uzbekistan determines the permanent political and legal relationship between an individual and the State which is embodied in their mutual rights and obligations.

Every person has the right to citizenship in the Republic of Uzbekistan. No one can be denied citizenship or the right to change citizenship.

The Republic of Uzbekistan represented by its bodies and officials shall be accountable to the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be accountable to the State.

The Republic of Uzbekistan shall protect the rights, freedoms and interests of its citizens within its boundaries and beyond its borders.

Article 2. Equal Citizenship

Citizenship in the Republic of Uzbekistan is equal for all, regardless of the bases on which it was acquired.

Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan are equal before the Law, regardless of their origin, of birth, social standing, material status, racial or national identity, sex, education, language, religious, political and other convictions, type of occupation or other circumstances.

Equality for the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan is ensured in all spheres of economic, political, social and cultural life.

A citizen of the Republic of Karakalpakstan is simultaneously a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 3. Legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Citizenship

Legislation for the Republic of Uzbekistan on citizenship consists of this Law, which was adopted on the basis of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and other legislative Acts, issued in conformity with it.

Article 4. Possessing Citizenship in the Republic of Uzbekistan

The following are entitled to be citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- 1) individuals, who abide by the authority of this Law, and are permanently residing in the Republic of Uzbekistan, regardless of their origin of birth, social standing and material status, racial and national identity, sex, education, language, political views, religious convictions, or

type of occupation, and who are not the citizens of other States, and who expressed a wish to become citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

2) individuals working by State order, in the military service or studying beyond the boundaries of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the condition, they were born or proved that they permanently lived in this territory and are not citizens of other States, and express a desire to become a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan not later than a year after this Law becomes enacted;

3) individuals, who acquire citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan in conformity with this Law.

Article 5. Documents Certifying Citizenship for the Republic of Uzbekistan

Documents certifying citizenship for the Republic of Uzbekistan include a passport of citizenship for the Republic of Uzbekistan as well as a birth Certificate or other documentation indicating citizenship, which are necessary for obtaining a passport.

Samples of the passport and birth Certificate for the citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, its order and conditions of their issuance shall be defined by the Cabinet of Ministers under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 6. Preservation of Citizenship in the Event of Marriage and Divorce

Marriage of a man or woman who are the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan to a person of a foreign citizenship, or a person without citizenship, as well as dissolution of such marriage shall not alter the spouses' citizenship.

The alteration of citizenship by one spouse shall not alter the other spouse's citizenship.

Article 7. Preservation of Citizenship for the Republic of Uzbekistan by Individuals Residing Abroad

Residence of a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan abroad shall not involve the cancellation of citizenship for the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 8. State Protection of Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan Who are Living Abroad

Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan who are living abroad enjoy the protection and patronage of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Republic of Uzbekistan, its diplomatic representations and consular institutions, as well as their officials shall be obliged to take measures to provide its citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the opportunity to enjoy full rights granted to them by the legislation of the country they are in and international agreements. The participants of those are the Republic of Uzbekistan, the State of sojourn, and international agreements, which protect their rights

and lawful interests in the order established by legislation, and when necessary to take actions for the restoration of violated rights of the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 9. Prohibition against the Extradition of a Citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan to a Foreign State

A citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan cannot be extradited to a foreign State unless stipulated by an international agreement of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Article 10. Non-recognition of Foreign Citizenship for Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan

A person, who is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan cannot be recognized as a citizen of a foreign State.

In exclusive cases compatriots - citizens of a foreign State by their request and the resolution of the special Deputy Commission of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan and by the decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan may be also adopted in the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, if they or their parents, grandfather or grandmother had been compelled to leave their homeland due to the regime which existed then.

Article 11. Persons Without Citizenship

Persons residing in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and who are not the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan and have no proof of possessing a foreign State's citizenship shall be considered persons without citizenship.

II. ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Article 12. Reasons for the Acquisition of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan is acquired:

- 1) upon birth;
- 2) as a result of being granted citizenship in the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 3) by reasons stipulated by the international agreements of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 4) by other reasons as stipulated by this Law.

Article 13. Citizenship of Children Whose Parents are Both Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan

A child, whose both parents at the time of his birth were citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regardless of the fact was he born in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan or beyond the boundaries of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 14. Citizenship for Children Whose Parents are Not Both Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan

With different citizenship of parents, if one is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan when the child is born, the child shall be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- 1) if he was born in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 2) if he was born beyond the boundaries of the Republic of Uzbekistan but the parents or one of them at that time had a permanent place of residence in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

With different citizenship of parents, one of whom at the moment of child's birth was a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, if at that time both parents had a permanent place of residence beyond the boundaries of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the child's citizenship, born beyond the boundaries of the Republic of Uzbekistan, shall be defined by the consent of the parents expressed in writing.

A child, one of whose parents at the moment of the child's birth was a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the other one was a person without citizenship, or was unknown, shall be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regardless of the birthplace.

In the case of ascertainment of a child's fatherhood, whose mother is a person without citizenship and father is recognized as a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the child, under the age of 14, shall become a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, regardless of his birthplace.

Article 15. Acquisition of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by the Children Whose Parents are Without Citizenship

A child whose parents are without citizenship, who have a permanent place of residence in the Republic of Uzbekistan, born in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, shall be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 16. Citizenship of Children Whose Parents are Unknown

A child, who is in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan and whose parents are unknown shall be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 17. Granting Citizenship in the Republic of Uzbekistan

Foreign citizens and persons without citizenship, by their petitions, may be granted citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan in conformity with this Law, regardless of their origin and national identity, sex, education, language, religious, political and other convictions.

The conditions for granting citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan are the following:

- 1) refusal of foreign citizenship;
- 2) permanent residence in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan within the last five years.

The present regulation shall not be applied towards persons, who expressed their desire to become citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, provided that they were born and have proved that at least one of their parents, grandfather or grandmother were born in its territory, and are not the citizens of another State;

- 3) availability of lawful sources of livelihood;
- 4) recognition and adherence to the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The requirements, stated in points 1, 2, and 3 of this Article may be abrogated in exclusive cases by the decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan with respect to individuals, who have outstanding merits before the Republic of Uzbekistan or remarkable achievements in the field of science, technology and culture, as well as profession or qualification, which are of interest for the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The petition on granting the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be declined if a person:

endorses the violent alteration of the constitutional system of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

belongs to parties and other organizations, the activities of which are incompatible with constitutional principles of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

is sentenced and serving a prison term for actions prosecuted by the Laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 18. Restoration of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

A person, who was earlier a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, may, by his petition, be restored to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan in conformity with the requirements of this Law.

III. DISCONTINUATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Article 19. Reasons for Discontinuation of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan will be discontinued:

- 1) due to the secession from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 2) due to the forfeiture of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

- 3) by reasons as stipulated by the international agreements of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 4) by other reasons as stipulated by this Law. The discontinuation of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan involves the discontinuation of citizenship of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.

Article 20. The Secession from Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The secession from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan is permitted upon submitting a person's petition in the order, stipulated by this Law.

The secession from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan may be refused, if a person, submitting the petition about the secession, has unfulfilled obligations before the State or material

obligations, which are connected with vital interests of citizens or State and public organizations.

The secession from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall not be admissible, if criminal proceedings are instituted against a person submitting the petition requesting secession from citizenship or the sentence which is in effect and is subject to application in relation to him, or if the secession of a person from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan contradicts the interests of State security of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 21. Forfeiture of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan is forfeited:

- 1) as a result of person's enlistment, joining security service bodies, police, bodies of justice or any other bodies of State government and administration in a foreign State;
- 2) if a person, permanently residing abroad, is not registered with his consulate without valid reasons for five years;
- 3) if the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan was acquired as a result of submitting deliberately false information or forged documents.

The citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan is considered forfeited from the day the Decree by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan is issued.

IV. CITIZENSHIP OF CHILDREN WHILE ALTERING PARENTS' CITIZENSHIP AND IN ADOPTION

Article 22. Alteration of Children's Citizenship While Altering Parents' Citizenship

In the case of alteration of parents' citizenship whereas both become the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, or both renounce the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, then correspondingly the citizenship of their children, under the age of 14, is altered.

If one of child's parents is known, then in the case of alteration of that parent's citizenship, the child's citizenship, under the age of 14, shall also be correspondingly altered.

Article 23. Reservation of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan
by a Child under the Wardship

In the case of both parents or a sole parent of the child, residing in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, renounce the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan and do not participate in child's upbringing, who is under the wardship of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, then the child by the petition of the parents or a tutor shall reserve the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 24. Acquisition of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Children in the Case
of Acquisition
of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by One
of the Parents

If one of the parents becomes the citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the other one remains the foreign citizen, then the child may acquire the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by the petition of the parent, acquiring the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

If one of the parents becomes the citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the other one remains a person without citizenship, then a child, residing in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall become the citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

If one of the parents becomes the citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the other one remains a person without citizenship, then the child, residing beyond the boundaries of the Republic of Uzbekistan may acquire the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by the petition of the parent, acquiring the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 25. Reservation of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Children in the Case
of Secession
from Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by One
of the Parents

If one of the parents renounces citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the other one remains the citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, then the child shall retain the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

By the petition of the parent, who renounces citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan the child may be granted permission for secession from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 26. Acquisition of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Children in the Case
of Their Adoption

A child, who is a foreign citizen or a person without citizenship, adopted by the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall become a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A child, who is a foreign citizen, adopted by spouses, one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the other one is a person without citizenship, shall become the citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A child, who is a person without citizenship, adopted by spouses, one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, shall become a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A child, who is a foreign citizen, adopted by spouses, one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the other one is a foreign citizen, shall become a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan by the consent of the spouses.

Article 27. Reservation of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Children in the Case of Their Adoption

A child, who is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, adopted by foreign citizens, or spouses, one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the other one is a foreign citizen, shall retain citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan. By the petition of adopting persons such a child may be granted the permission for the secession from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A child, who is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, adopted by persons without citizenship, or spouses, one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the other one is a person without citizenship, shall retain citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 28. Necessity of Children's Consent in the Case of Their Citizenship Alteration

The alteration of children's citizenship at the age from 14 to 18 in the case of the alteration of their parents' citizenship, as well as in the case of adoption,

can ensue only upon the consent of the children in the order as stipulated by Article 34 of this Law.

V. STATE BODIES DEALING WITH AFFAIRS OF CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN AND THEIR AUTHORITIES

Article 29. State Bodies of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Dealing with Affairs of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

State bodies dealing with the affairs of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan are:

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 30. Authorities by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan makes decisions:

- 1) on granting the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan to foreign citizens and persons without citizenship, permanently residing in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 2) on granting the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan to foreign citizens and persons without citizenship, residing abroad, and who submitted corresponding petitions to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 3) on the restoration of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 4) on the secession from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 5) about the forfeiture of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 31. Authorities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and its subordinate bodies, provided with respective authority:

- 1) accept the applications concerning the issues of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan from persons residing permanently in the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 2) examine facts and documents submitted to substantiate the applications concerning the issues of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 3) dispatch the application concerning the issues of citizenship with necessary documents to the Commission on the issues of citizenship under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 4) define the criteria for citizenship for those, permanently residing in the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 5) register the forfeiture of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by persons, permanently residing in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 32. Authorities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Diplomatic Representations and Consular Institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- 1) accept the applications concerning the issues of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan from persons, permanently residing abroad;
- 2) examine facts and documents, submitted to substantiate the applications concerning the issues of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 3) dispatch the applications concerning the issues of citizenship with necessary documents to the Commission on the issues of citizenship under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

- 4) define the criteria for citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan for those, permanently residing abroad;
- 5) register the forfeiture of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by persons, permanently residing abroad:
- 6) register citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, permanently residing abroad.

VI. PROCEDURE OF EXAMINING THE APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS ON THE ISSUES OF CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Article 33. Order of Submitting the Applications on the Issues of Citizenship

The applications on the issues of citizenship shall be submitted addressed to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan through the bodies of internal affairs according to the place of residence

of the applicants; and persons, permanently residing abroad - through respective diplomatic representations or consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A person, having his citizenship in a foreign State, shall be obliged to submit a document, describing the attitude of that State towards the intention of the citizen to alter his citizenship.

Article 34. Form of Applications on the Issues of Citizenship

Petitions for granting citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, restoration of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan or secession from it shall be examined upon the written request of the applicant. Petitions, concerning persons, under the age of 18, shall be examined by the request of their lawful representatives, certified by a notary, and abroad - certified by the diplomatic representation or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

When the application for granting the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, restoration of the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan or the secession from it for children at the age from 14 to 18 is submitted, then it is necessary to have their consent, which should be expressed in writing and certified by a notary, and abroad - by the diplomatic representation or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

When the petition is submitted for the secession from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan for an under age child, one of the parents of whom remains the citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the application of that parent should also be submitted with the expression of parent's attitude towards the child's secession from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Such an application should be certified by a notary, and abroad - by the diplomatic representation or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

If the applicant cannot sign the application due to illiteracy or physical disability, the application, upon his request, shall be signed by another person, which should be certified in

the application by the body of internal affairs, and abroad - by the diplomatic representation or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 35. Definition of Being a Citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The application for being a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be submitted to the body of internal affairs in the place of permanent residence of that person, and a person, permanently residing abroad, to the respective diplomatic representation, or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Acts of the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the regulations of international agreements of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which act at the time a person applies for citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, shall be applicable.

Article 36. Order of Registration of Applications Concerning the Issues of Citizenship

The registration of applications concerning the issues of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be made upon the applicant's personal visit to the body of internal affairs as the place of his permanent residence, and regarding persons permanently residing abroad, - by respective diplomatic representations or consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In the case of availability of valid reasons, the bodies of internal affairs, respective diplomatic representations and consular institutions shall be obliged to register materials on citizenship by the applications, dispatched through other persons or by mail.

A State fee, the amount of which is fixed by the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, shall be paid upon submitting the application concerning the issues of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 37. Conclusions on Applications Concerning the Issues of Citizenship

The body of internal affairs or respective diplomatic representation, or consular institution, registering applications concerning the issue of citizenship, shall draw reasonable conclusions from them.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall dispatch their conclusions by applications or documents concerning the issues of citizenship and other necessary materials to the Commission on the issues of citizenship under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Conclusions by applications about the secession from the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall contain the information concerning the unfulfilled obligations of the applicant before the State or his material obligations, which are connected with the vital interests of citizens or State, cooperative, and other public organizations, about criminal proceedings against him or a court's sentence, which is in effect and is subject to execution, or that the secession of the given person from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan contradicts the interests of State security of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 38. Preliminary Examination of Applications and Documents in the Commission on Issues of Citizenship
under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

For preliminary examination of issues of citizenship, stated in Article 30 of this Law, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall appoint the Commission on issues of citizenship.

During the examination of applications and recommendations concerning the issues of citizenship, the Commission shall thoroughly appraise the arguments of the applicant, the content of recommendations, conclusions of State bodies and public organizations, other documents and properly registered evidence.

The Commission shall also take into account the opinion of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, in the case of a person's intention to settle there, about the expediency of granting him the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan or the restoration of it, including the possibilities for labour, housing and other settlements in the Republic.

The Commission has the right to demand and obtain materials and documents, concerning the executed case, from respective State bodies and public organizations, which should submit the necessary information in terms, fixed by the Commission.

The Commission shall submit the proposals on every application and recommendation for examination by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The decision by the Commission shall be registered in protocol and signed by all the members of the Commission taking part in the session.

Article 39. Reaching Decisions on the Issues of Citizenship
by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan releases decrees on the issues of citizenship.

The alteration of citizenship comes into effect from the day the Decree by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan is issued, if another is not stipulated by the Decree.

Subsequent applications on the issue of citizenship shall be examined, as a rule, upon the expiration of one year after the previous decision. In the case of discovering important circumstances for the case, which were not and could not have been known to the applicant, the reiterated application may be examined earlier.

Article 40. Term of Examining Applications on the Issues of Citizenship

The term of examining applications or recommendations on the issues of citizenship should not exceed one year.

VII. EXECUTION OF DECISIONS ON THE ISSUES OF CITIZENSHIP
OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Article 41. Bodies Executing the Decisions on the Issues of Citizenship

The execution of decisions on the issues of citizenship concerning persons, permanently residing in the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be placed upon the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and its respective bodies, civil registry offices; and concerning persons, residing abroad, - upon the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, respective diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 42. Issuing Passports and Residence Permits

Bodies of internal affairs, or diplomatic representations or consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall issue the passports of the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan to persons who have acquired the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the order established by the Law. Records about being a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be made in the documents of children, under the age of 16.

Bodies of internal affairs shall issue residence permits for persons without citizenship to those who reside in the Republic of Uzbekistan, and whose citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan was discontinued, and they are not the citizens of another State.

Article 43. Control of the Execution of Decisions on the Issues of Citizenship

Control of the execution of decisions on the issues of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be implemented by the Commission on the issues of citizenship under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and other plenipotentiary organs in conformity with their authority.

VIII. APPEALING AGAINST ILLEGAL ACTIONS OF OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE ISSUES OF CITIZENSHIP

Article 44. Appealing against Illegal Actions of Officials Concerning the Issues of Citizenship

Unsubstantial refusal to accept applications on the issues of citizenship, violation of terms of examining the application, as well as other illegal actions of officials, which violate the manner of examining the affairs of citizenship and the order of execution of decisions on the issues of citizenship, may be appealed in accordance with the Law, to the higher official in the order of subordination or to the court.

IX. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Article 45. Application of International Agreements

If the international agreement of the Republic of Uzbekistan establishes other regulations than those, which are contained in this Law, then the regulations of the international agreement shall apply.

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