



Ministry for
Citizenship

Citizenship, Nationality, and Immigration

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The rules and definitions that the Ministry for Citizenship will impose on itself to define the various stages of relationship to Southshire and how these shall be represented and reflected over time.

Disclaimer

The purpose of this document is to define and standardise the various stages of association to Southshire that a player may or may not have, and how that shall be represented and reflected over time. It shall not however attempt to define or describe such things as Citizen's rights or privileges.

Immigration

Except for the rare occasion where a new-friend randomly spawns within the boundaries of Southshire, there is no cause for what could be referred to as a *native* Southshian, and so such a term shall not hold any legal significance or legitimacy. And therefore, anyone who wishes to naturalise into Southshire and gain citizenship must go through the immigration process.

Nationality

When a player becomes a citizen, they gain nationality of Southshire, which in of itself does nothing but describe that they are or were affiliated with Southshire at a citizen's level. It does not reflect the level of trust towards that person or other such measurements, nor should it. It's a recognition of one's heritage and connection to Southshire and its community and history, regardless of that person's current standing.

Explorer

This is the diplomatic term to describe someone with little to no affiliation with Southshire, on par with other such terms such as visitor, foreigner, outsider, and undocumented immigrant, which can also be used legitimately for their respective meanings. At most an Explorer may have setup a shop in Southshire, or have donated time, material, or defence to Southshire, but otherwise live, labour, and leisure elsewhere.

Yoahtlan

This describes someone who has citizenship of Yoahtl, which does not necessarily mean someone living within a homestead or autonomous town of Yoahtl. Nonetheless, if their citizenship of Yoahtl is revoked for any reason, it shall be reflected with the removal of their Yoahtlan descriptor.

Diplomat

Players and bots from external political entities will be described as diplomats to Southshire, which may cover such situations as an ambassador from our federal government Yoahtl, or delegates from foreign nations like the Commonwealth, for example.

Trusted

The definition of trusted in this case is when a player can be trusted with confidential government *and* personal information without fear of leaks or '*whistleblowing*', without them necessarily being part of the government of Southshire.

Legendary

Legendary status is given to players who have an undeniable reputation, good or bad.

Other descriptors are permitted to be created if and only if they derive or branch off from an existing descriptor, such as how Alcuahlt branches from and therefore requires the Yoahtlan descriptor.

Citizen

The Citizen role is given and kept only while one's citizenship of Southshire is maintained. Citizenship is granted when one has been an active and contributing member of the community for at least a week, has constructed a house, and has renounced all other citizenships*. Such requirements are to ensure that prospective citizens have already settled themselves in Southshire as to reduce the number of empty plots, and abandoned buildings from phantom citizens. In addition, while one's meta activity will be taken into account, it is considered far less important than having an in-game presence, as to reduce the amount of meta-exclusive citizens.

Citizenship may only be stripped by one of two ways, renouncement and revocation. Players may at any time renounce their citizenship of Southshire for any reason by formal declaration, at which they will be asked to confirm their decision. However, if someone has committed a serious crime or has unexplainably disappeared from the server for a significant period, that person's citizenship may not be guaranteed and can be removed at the discretion of the Minister for Citizenship.

Southshian, pronounced South-shy-un is to be the official demonym for citizens of Southshire.

[1] Citizenship of Yoahltl is an exception, one may hold full citizenship of Southshire and Yoahltl simultaneously.

While it is required to renounce all other citizenships to become a citizen of Southshire, one may hold onto their heritage through similar means as to what our nationality descriptor provides.

These news rules shall be applied both to new-friends and current members of the community as to organise our ranks and our roles. If you have found that your roles have been removed please contact the Minister for Citizenship.

This document is hereby ratified by

Orinnari, the Minister for Citizenship