

# OBTAINING CITIZENSHIP

## ► WHO CAN APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP?

BASIS FOR APPLICATION	RESIDENCY	KNOWLEDGE OF ARMENIAN LANGUAGE	KNOWLEDGE OF ARMENIAN CONSTITUTION
Ethnicity	No	No	No
Marriage	365 days in the last two years, unless have a common child	No	Yes
Residency	Three years	Yes	Yes
Exception	No	No	No

Any person 18 years or older can apply for Armenian citizenship. Terms of acquiring or terminating Armenian citizenship are settled upon the Law of the Republic of Armenia on "Citizenship of the Republic of Armenia" and Governmental Decision N 1390-N (23 November, 2007). Armenian citizenship can be awarded without any requirement to persons who have provided exceptional service to the Republic of Armenia. Citizenship of Armenia is granted upon a decree of the President of the Republic of Armenia. You cannot buy citizenship through investment, like in most countries.

## ► WHAT FEES WOULD I BE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR CITIZENSHIP?

- Government fees include:
- Application: 1,000 AMD
- Regular passport: 1,000 AMD
- Biometric passport: 25,000 AMD
- Address registration: 1,000 AMD
- ID Card: 3,000 AMD

**NOTE:** You do not need to grab a passport. It is entirely up to you, once you receive citizenship.  
Fast passport or ID issuance:

- One business day: 20,000 AMD
- Two business days: 10,000 AMD
- Three business days: 5,000 AMD

For more information, please click [here](#).

If you live **outside Armenia**, use this section to find handy information on the fees to be paid to diplomatic representations/consular offices of the Republic of Armenia abroad:

- Issuance or replacement of biometric passport – 65,000 AMD
  - Issuance or replacement of biometric passport for citizens under 16 years– 30,000 AMD
  - Issuance or replacement of passport, valid for foreign countries – 65,000 AMD
  - Issuance or replacement of passport for citizens under 16 years of age, valid for foreign countries – 30,000 AMD
  - Extension of validity of passport for foreign countries up to two years – 10,000 AMD
  - Extension of validity of passport for foreign countries for more than two years – 20,000 AMD
- For more information, please refer to [here](#).

## ► WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR CITIZENSHIP?

The list of the documents and requirements for acquiring Armenian citizenship is determined by the 1st part of the 2nd appendix of the 2nd subparagraph of the 1st paragraph of N1390 decree of the RA government from November 23, 2007.

- ◊ Application
- ◊ Passport and its copy, translated by a notary
- ◊ 6 color photographs of 35x45mm in size
- ◊ Birth certificate and its copy, translated by a notary
- ◊ Marriage certificate and its copy, notary translated (in case of spousal citizenship)
- ◊ Passport of the spouse and its copy or a reference of citizenship of the spouse, translated by a notary (in case you apply based on spousal citizenship)
- ◊ The birth certificate of the child and its copy or certificate of citizenship of the Republic of Armenia and its copy; or the passport of the Republic of Armenia and its copy
- ◊ One of the documents of proof of Armenian nationality, verified by legal entities in your country of citizenship
- ◊ Document of baptism given by religious institutions with a note of Armenian nationality of the applicant or their parent. **NOTE:** If you don't have a certificate, your church may be able to confirm your Armenianess, certified by the embassy in your country of citizenship. This must also be attested/apostilled. **NOTE:** Please see the list of the churches ([Annex 4 of the Decisions of the RA Government](#)) issuing baptism documents which confirm Armenian national origin of the baptized person considered as documents attesting the Armenian national origin
- ◊ Document stating Armenian nationality given by the competent authorities of the foreign country apostilled or with consular authentication.
- ◊ Other supporting documentation of Armenian nationality, authenticated
- ◊ The birth certificate or other identification of a parent /grandfather, grandmother, sister of brother/, which has a note of Armenian nationality. Birth certificates of brothers and sisters from common parents may be accepted as proof of Armenian nationality, if their nationality is due to the nationality of their common parents. There must also be a supporting document of relation issued by the competent state authorities. Passports, birth certificates, certificates of residence, travel documents, documents stating residency for non-citizens in RA are also considered supporting documents if stating having Armenian nationality.

- ◊ The residency document of non-citizens and its copy, or travel documents and documents of residency in the Republic of Armenia and their corresponding copies
- ◊ Proof of payment of state fees (1,000 AMD)

**NOTE:** Persons of Armenian ethnicity from a country of origin in a state of war are exempt from the payment of the state duty.

These documents must be submitted to the Migration and Citizenship Service of Armenia via