

# Citizenship Application – Settlement

## Overview

People who have settled in Botswana immediately before 30 September 1966 and meet the eligibility requirements can apply for citizenship in Botswana.

## Who is eligible?

All foreign nationals who have settled in Botswana immediately before 30 September 1966 and have lived as members or been customarily accepted as members of a particular tribe or community.

## How do I get this service?

In order to access this service, applicants must complete the following steps.

- Complete and Submit **Form A “Declaration concerning citizenship of Botswana by Settlement”** along with required documents and fees listed below.
- After the application is received, the office will send a letter to the applicant notifying him/her of the outcome
- The applicant is then required to go to the office where the application was lodged to collect a Certificate of registration by Settlement.
- Take oath of allegiance and complete personal declaration forms
- Certificate of settlement will be issued to the applicant after taking oath
- Two witnesses and copies of their identity documents (Botswana citizens)

## What supporting documents are required?

- Two coloured passport sized photos.
- Certified copy of valid birth certificate or affidavit in lieu of birth certificate.
- Personal declaration to establish nationality (Form obtained from Immigration Offices).
- Certified copy of valid residence permits if available.
- Proof that the applicant has been in Botswana for such a period (i.e. letter from tribal authority).

## How long will this service take?

Approximately one month.

## How much does it cost?

The cost is BWP200.00

## Where can I obtain this service?

All Regional Immigration Offices, District Immigration Offices and Missions Abroad.

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