

L.N. 26 of 2000

**MALTESE CITIZENSHIP ACT
(CAP. 188)**

Citizenship (Amendment) Regulations, 2000

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Maltese Citizenship Act, the President of Malta has made the following regulations:—

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Citizenship (Amendment) Regulations, 2000, and shall be read and construed as one with the Citizenship Regulations, 1989, hereafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Citation and
commencement.
L.N. 106 of 1989.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 11th February, 2000.

2. For regulation 4 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

Substitutes
regulation 4 of the
principal
regulations.

“Prescribed
declaration
form.

4. A declaration regarding renunciation of citizenship of Malta under subsection (1) of section 13 of the Act shall be in the relative form set out in the Second Schedule hereto, and shall be signed by the declarant before a Commissioner for Oaths:

Provided that, where the declarant resides abroad and the declaration is made in a foreign country, it may be signed by him before any person who under the law of that country is empowered to administer oaths.”.

3. For the words “section 9” wherever they occur in regulation 5 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the words “section 14”.

Amends
regulation 5 of the
principal
regulations.

4. For the First and Second Schedules to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the First and Second Schedules contained in the Schedule to these regulations.

Substitutes First and
Second Schedules
to the principal
regulations.

5. Item 11 in the Third Schedule to the principal regulations shall be deleted.

Amends
the Third Schedule
to the principal
regulations.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 4)

FIRST SCHEDULE

APPLICATION FORMS

(Regulation 3)

FORM A

APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA

(Under section 10(4) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

1. I,
of
being a citizen residing in
..... whose access to is restricted, hereby apply
to be naturalized as a citizen of Malta on the grounds that I am the descendant of a person born
in Malta.

Dated at this day of 20....

.....

Signature

PART II - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Place, name of country and date of birth of applicant
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3. Father's full name
4. Mother's name and maiden surname
5. Descent of applicant from person born in Malta:
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6. Applicant's address/addresses for the last ten years:

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7. Evidence of citizenship held and of limitation of right of access:

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PART III - CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORS

8. I,
 of
 being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the applicant
 herein is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he would be a suitable
 citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowl-
 edge and belief. I have known him/her* for years.

Dated this day of 20....

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Witness to signature

.....

Signature of Sponsor

.....

Name in Block Letters

I.D./Passport No.

I.D./Passport No.

* Delete as applicable.

9. I,
of
being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the applicant
herein is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he would be a suitable
citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowl-
edge and belief. I have known him/her* for years.

Dated this day of 20....

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Witness to signature

.....
Signature of Sponsor

.....
Name in Block Letters

I.D./Passport No.

I.D./Passport No.

PART IV - DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

10. I,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars
stated in this application are true, and in the event of my application being granted I undertake
to do all things necessary to evidence my new allegiance.

.....
Signature of Applicant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at
this day of 20.....

.....
Signature
(Commissioner for Oaths)

* Delete as applicable.

FORM B

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA
BY A PERSON MARRIED TO A CITIZEN OF MALTA**
(Under section 4, or section 6 of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

1. I,
of
hereby apply for registration as a citizen of Malta under section 4/6* of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188 on the grounds that I am:

- *(a) married to a citizen of Malta; or
- *(b) the widow/widower* of a person who was a citizen of Malta at the time of his or her death, or
- *(c) the widow/widower* of a person who would, but for his or her death, have become a citizen of Malta.

AND

- *(i) I have been so married for at least five years and am still living with my spouse; or
- *(ii) I am separated from my spouse with whom I had lived for at least five years after the celebration of marriage; or
- *(iii) I had lived with my spouse for at least five years after the celebration of marriage; or
- *(iv) I was still living with my spouse at the time of his/her* death and a period of at least five years has elapsed from the date of our marriage.

Dated at this day of 20....

.....
Signature

* Delete as applicable.

PART II - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Place and date of marriage
3. Place and date of birth
4. Father's full name
5. Present nationality
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6. Name of spouse (or late spouse)
7. Place and date of birth of spouse
8. Spouse's present address(or last address if deceased)
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9. How spouse's citizenship was acquired (by birth, descent, registration, naturalization *).
10. Applicant's address/addresses for the last ten years:
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PART III - DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

11. I,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars
stated in this application are true.

.....
Signature of Applicant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at
this day of 20.....

.....
Signature
(Commissioner for Oaths)

* Delete as applicable.

PART IV - APPLICANT'S UNDERTAKING

12. I,
undertake, for the purpose of the registration as a citizen of Malta, to do all things necessary to
evidence my new allegiance.

.....
Signature of Applicant

FORM C

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA

(Under section 4(4) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

1. I,
of
hereby apply for registration as a citizen of Malta under section 4(4) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188 on the grounds that:

- *(a) I have been a citizen of Malta by virtue of section 3/5(1)* of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188 and have ceased to be such a citizen after emigrating from Malta;
- *(b) I have emigrated from Malta before 21st September, 1964, and I would have become a citizen of Malta by virtue of section 3(1) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188, but for my having ceased to be a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies before that day;

and have returned to, and taken up permanent residence in, Malta.

Dated at this day of 20....

.....
Signature

PART II - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Place and date of birth of applicant
.....
and father's full name
3. Evidence of facts stated
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* Delete as applicable.

4. Details of any other citizenship
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PART III - DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

5. I,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars
stated in this application are true.

.....
Signature of Applicant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at
this day of 20.....

.....
Signature
(Commissioner for Oaths)

PART IV - APPLICANT'S UNDERTAKING

6. I,
undertake, for the purpose of the registration as a citizen of Malta, to do all things necessary to
evidence my new allegiance.

.....
Signature of Applicant

FORM D

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA

(Under section 8 of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

1. I,
of
being a citizen of
hereby apply for registration as a citizen of Malta under section 8 of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188, on the grounds that I have been a citizen of Malta and have ceased to be such a citizen.

Dated at this day of 20....

.....
Signature

PART II - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Place and country of birth
3. Date of birth
4. Father's Full Name
5. Mother's Name and Maiden Surname
6. How Maltese citizenship was previously acquired:
 *(i) By Birth ; or
 *(ii) By Registration:
 Certificate No Date: ; or
 *(iii) By Naturalization:
 Certificate No Date:

* Delete as applicable.

7. How Maltese citizenship was lost:
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PART III - DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

8. I,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars
stated in this application are true, and I undertake to do all things necessary to evidence my new
allegiance.

.....
Signature of Applicant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at
this day of 20.....

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Signature
(Commissioner for Oaths)

FORM E

APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA

(Under section 10(1) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

1. I,
of
being a citizen of.
hereby apply to be naturalized as a citizen of Malta. I have resided in Malta throughout the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of this application, and, during the six years immediately preceding the said period of twelve months, I have resided in Malta for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than four years. I am of good character. I have an adequate knowledge of Maltese/English.*

Dated at this day of 20....

.....
Signature

PART II - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Place and date of birth of applicant
.....
3. Nationality at birth
4. Evidence of citizenship held
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5. Occupation
6. State if single, married or widowed
7. Father's full name and address (if living)
.....
8. Father's nationality
(if dead give nationality at time of death)

* Delete as applicable.

9. Mother's full name and address (if living)
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10. Mother's nationality
(if dead give nationality at time of death)
11. Date of any previous application for naturalization
12. If original name has been changed give particulars
13. If nationality has been changed since birth give particulars
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14. If now of no nationality, give circumstances in which lost
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15. Give particulars of all criminal proceedings taken against the applicant at any time and in any country
16. If married give date and place of marriage
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17. Husband's or wife's full name before marriage
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18. If husband or wife is dead, give place and date of death
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19. Evidence of previous residence in Malta
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PART III - CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORS

Please use block letters

20. I,
of
being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he/she* would be a suitable citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have known him/her* for years.**

* Delete as applicable.

** Applicant must have been known to sponsor for at least 2 years.

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Dated this day of 20....

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Witness to signature

.....

Signature of Sponsor

.....

Name in Block Letters

I.D. Number

I.D. Number

(Note:- The sponsor in the case of paragraph 20 must be a member of the House of Representatives, a Judge, a Magistrate, an advocate, a notary public, a legal procurator, a medical practitioner, a public officer not below the rank of principal, a police officer not below the rank of inspector, an officer of the Armed Forces of Malta not below the rank of captain, a parish priest.)

21. I,
of
being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he/she* would be a suitable citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have known him/her* for years.**

Dated this day of 20....

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Witness to signature

.....

Signature of Sponsor

.....

Name in Block Letters

I.D. Number

I.D. Number

(Note:- The sponsor in the case of paragraph 21 need not be in the class mentioned in the note to paragraph 20.)

* Delete as applicable.

** Applicant must have been known to sponsor for at least 2 years.

PART IV - DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

22. I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars stated in this application are true, and in the event of my application being granted I undertake to do all things necessary to evidence my new allegiance.

.....
Signature of Applicant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at
this day of 20.....

.....
Signature
(Commissioner for Oaths)

FORM F

APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA

(Under section 10(2) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

1. I,
of
being a citizen of
hereby apply to be naturalized as a citizen of Malta on the grounds that I was born on
..... and my father/mother*

*(a) became a citizen of Malta by virtue of subsection (2) of section 3 of the Maltese
Citizenship Act, Cap. 188; or

*(b) would but for his death have become a citizen of Malta by virtue of subsection (2) of
section 3 of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188; or

*(c) was at the time of my birth a citizen of Malta by virtue of subsection (2) of section 5 of
the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188; or

*(d) would but for his death have been at the time of my birth a citizen of Malta by virtue of
subsection (2) of section 5 of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188.

Dated at this day of 20....

.....
Signature

PART II - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Place, name of country and date of birth of applicant
.....
and father's/mother's* full name
3. Place and date of birth of
(a) applicant's father or mother*
(b) applicant's grandparent through whom claim is being made (stating whether paternal or
maternal)

* Delete as applicable.

(c) applicant's great-grandparent through whom claim is being made (being the father or mother of grandparent in paragraph (b))

4. Details of applicant's claim that his father or mother was on the 20th September, 1964 a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies

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5. Details of any other citizenship

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PART III - CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORS

6. I,
 of
 being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he would be a suitable citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have known him/her* for years.**

Dated this day of 20....

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Witness to signature

.....

Signature of Sponsor

.....

Name in Block Letters

I.D. Number

I.D. Number

(Note:- The sponsor in the case of paragraph 6 must be a member of the House of Representatives, a Judge, a Magistrate, an advocate, a notary public, a legal procurator, a medical practitioner, a public officer not below the rank of principal, a police officer not below the rank of inspector, an officer of the Armed Forces of Malta not below the rank of captain, a parish priest.)

* Delete as applicable.

** Applicant must have been known to sponsor for at least 2 years.

7. I,
of
being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the applicant
herein is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he would be a suitable
citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are correct to the best of my
knowledge and belief. I have known him/her* for years. **

Dated this day of 20....

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Witness to signature

.....

Signature of Sponsor

.....

Name in Block Letters

I.D. Number

I.D. Number

(Note:- The sponsor in the case of paragraph 7 need not be in the class mentioned in the note to
paragraph 6.)

PART IV - DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

8. I,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars
stated in this application are true, and in the event of my application being granted I undertake
to do all things necessary to evidence my new allegiance.

.....

Signature of Applicant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at

this day of 20.....

.....

Signature
(Commissioner for Oaths)

* Delete as applicable.

** Applicant must have been known to sponsor for at least 2 years.

FORM G**APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA**

(Under section 10(3) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

1. I,
 of
 hereby apply to be naturalized as a citizen of Malta on the grounds that:

- *(a) I have been a citizen of Malta by virtue of section 3/5 (1) * of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188 and have ceased to be such a citizen after emigrating from Malta;
- *(b) I emigrated from Malta before the 21st September, 1964, and I would have become a citizen of Malta by virtue of section 3 (1) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188, but for my having ceased to be a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies before that day.

Dated at this day of 20....

.....
 Signature

PART II - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Place and date of birth of applicant

 and father's full name
3. Evidence of facts stated

4. Details of any other citizenship held

* Delete as applicable.

PART III - CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORS

5. I,
of
being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he would be a suitable citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have known him/her* for years.**

Dated this day of 20....

.....
Witness to signature

.....
Signature of Sponsor

.....
Name in Block Letters

I.D. Number

I.D. Number

(Note:- The sponsor in the case of paragraph 5 must be a member of the House of Representatives, a Judge, a Magistrate, an advocate, a notary public, a legal procurator, a medical practitioner, a public officer not below the rank of principal, a police officer not below the rank of inspector, an officer of the Armed Forces of Malta not below the rank of captain, a parish priest.)

6. I,
of
being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character, that in my opinion he would be a suitable citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have known him/her* for years.**

* Delete as applicable.

** Applicant must have been known to sponsor for at least 2 years.

Dated this day of 20. . . .

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Witness to signature

.....

Signature of Sponsor

.....

Name in Block Letters

I.D. Number

I.D. Number

(Note:- The sponsor in the case of paragraph 6 need not be in the class mentioned in the note to paragraph 5.)

PART IV - DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

7. I,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars stated in this application are true, and in the event of my application being granted I undertake to do all things necessary to evidence my new allegiance.

.....

Signature of Applicant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at

this day of 20.

.....

Signature

(Commissioner for Oaths)

FORM H

APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA

(Under section 10(6) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

1. I,
of
hereby apply to be naturalized as a citizen of Malta on the grounds that:
 - (a) I am and I have always been a stateless person;
 - (b) *I was born in Malta;
my father was a citizen of Malta at the date of my birth by virtue of the provisions of subsection (2) of section 3/5 of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188;
*my mother was at the date of my birth a citizen of Malta;
 - (c) I am ordinarily resident in Malta and have been so resident for a period of years, namely from to

Dated at this day of 20....

.....

Signature

PART II - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Place, name of country and date of birth of applicant
.....
and father's/mother's* full name
3. Place, name of country and date of birth of applicant's father/mother*
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4. Evidence in regard to statements made under 1(a) and (b), above
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* Delete as applicable.

5. Particulars of all criminal proceedings taken against the applicant at any time and in any country
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PART III - DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

6. I,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars
stated in this application are true and I undertake to do all things necessary to evidence my new
allegiance.

.....
Signature of Applicant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at
this day of 20.....

.....
Signature
(Commissioner for Oaths)

FORM I

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA

(Under section 5(2) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

1. I,
of
being a citizen of
hereby apply for registration as a citizen of Malta under section 5(2) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188 on the grounds that I was born outside Malta on or after the 21st September 1964 and before the 1st August 1989 and that at the date of my birth my mother was a citizen of Malta otherwise than by section 3(2) or 5(2) of the said Act.

Dated at this day of 20....

.....
Signature

PART II - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Place and country of birth
3. Date of birth
4. Father's Full Name

PART III - PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT'S MOTHER

5. Name and Maiden Surname
6. Place and country of birth
7. Date of birth

8. Place and date of marriage
9. How her Maltese citizenship was acquired:
 - * (i) By Birth ; or
 - * (ii) By Registration:
 - Certificate No Date: ; or
 - * (iii) By Naturalization:
 - Certificate No Date:

PART IV - DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

10. I,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars
stated in this application are true, and I undertake to do all things necessary to evidence my new
allegiance.

.....
Signature of Applicant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at
this day of 20.....

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Signature
(Commissioner for Oaths)

* Delete as applicable.

FORM J

**APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION AS A CITIZEN OF MALTA
OF A MINOR CHILD**

(Under section 11(1) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

PART I - APPLICATION

(Complete either (a) or (b) of this portion of the application and delete
whichever section is inappropriate)

1. *(a) The father/mother* who is a citizen of Malta:

I,
of
am a citizen of Malta and the father/mother* of
.....
.....
to whom the following particulars relate. I hereby apply on behalf of my child for his/her*
naturalization as a citizen of Malta.

- *(b) the tutor:

I,
of
am the tutor of
.....
who is the son/daughter* of a citizen of Malta and to whom the following particulars relate.
Being duly authorized by the Court, whose authorization is attached, I hereby apply on behalf
of for his/her* naturalization as a citizen of Malta.

Dated at this day of 20....

.....
Signature

* Delete as applicable.

PART II - PARTICULARS OF MINOR CHILD

2. Full name
3. Place and date of birth
4. Present address
5. Occupation
6. Nationality at birth
7. Present nationality if now different
8. If now of no nationality, give circumstances in which lost
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9. Father's full name and address (if living)
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.....
10. Father's nationality
(if dead, give nationality at time of death)
11. Mother's full name and address (if living)
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.....
12. Mother's nationality
(if dead, give nationality at time of death)
13. Give details of the minor child's residence in Malta and other countries since birth:

Malta	Date		Years	Months
	From	To		
.....				
.....				
.....				
Other Countries				
.....				
.....				

14. The minor's knowledge of Maltese/English* is Slight/Fair/Good/Excellent.*
15. Date of any previous application for naturalization

PART III - CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORS

(Required only when minor is fourteen years old or over)

16. I,
of
being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the minor on
whose behalf this application is made is a person known to me and of good character, that in my
opinion he would be a suitable citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are
correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have known him/her* for years.**

Dated this day of 20....

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Witness to signature

.....

Signature of Sponsor

.....

Name in Block Letters

I.D. Number

I.D. Number

(Note:- The sponsor in the case of this paragraph must be a member of the House of Representatives, a Judge, a Magistrate, an advocate, a notary public, a legal procurator, a medical practitioner, a public officer not below the rank of principal, a police officer not below the rank of inspector, an officer of the Armed Forces of Malta not below the rank of captain, a parish priest.)

17. I,
of
being a citizen of Malta, otherwise than by naturalization, hereby certify that the minor on
whose behalf this application is made is a person known to me and of good character, that in my

* Delete as applicable.

** The minor must have been known to sponsor for at least 2 years.

opinion he would be a suitable citizen of Malta and that the particulars in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have known him/her * for years.**

Dated this day of 20....

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Witness to signature

.....

Signature of Sponsor

.....

Name in Block Letters

I.D. Number

I.D. Number

(Note:- The sponsor in the case of this paragraph need not be in the class mentioned in the note to paragraph 16.)

PART IV - DECLARATION BY FATHER OR MOTHER OR TUTOR

18. I,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars stated in this application are true. I undertake to inform the Minister immediately if, before the naturalization now applied for is effected, the particulars given above require amendment in consequence of any change in the circumstances of the minor child.

.....

Signature

Sworn/Affirmed before me at

this day of 20.....

.....

Signature

(Commissioner for Oaths)

* Delete as applicable.

** The minor must have been known to sponsor for at least 2 years.

SECOND SCHEDULE
APPLICATION FORM

(Regulation 4)

FORM D1

DECLARATION OF RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF MALTA

(Under section 13(1) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188)

I,
of
born at on the
day of, 19..... being a citizen of Malta and
also a citizen of
and being of full age and capacity, do hereby renounce my citizenship of Malta.

.....
Signature of declarant

Sworn/Affirmed before me at
this day of 20.....

.....
Signature
(Commissioner for Oaths)