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- The third amendment of 2080 (2023) to the Nepal Citizenship Regulations, 2063 (2006) (the "Regulations"), published on 4 Ashoj 2080 (21 September 2023) has for the first time in the history of Nepal, paved a clear pathway for Non-Resident Nepalese ("NRN") to acquire Non-Resident Nepalese Citizenship.
- This new provision has brought applicability and feasibility to the economic, social, and cultural rights guaranteed to the NRNs by Article 14 of the Constitution of Nepal.









- 3. The Non-Residents have to prove that either their father, mother, grandfather or grandmother at some point was a citizen of Nepal and later acquired citizenship of a foreign country other than a member of the South Asian Association of Regional
- Co-operation ("SAARC"). (Section 7A added after Section 7 of the Citizenship Act, 2063 (2006) through the First Amendment to the Nepal Citizenship Act, 2079 (2023) and Section 8A added after Section 8 of the Regulations)
 - These NRNs can enjoy their economic, social and cultural rights through this NRN Citizenship. [Section 7A added to the Citizenship Act, 2063 (2006)]









- 5. Pursuant to Section 8A added through the Third Amendment after Section 8 of the Regulations, the applicants have to submit the following documents either to the concerned Chief District Officer of the District Administration Office that had issued the Citizenship of their ancestors or to the Embassy in their respective countries covering the scope of Nepal or to the Consulate General:
 - 5.1. Proof that their father, mother, grandmother or grandmother had been a Nepali Citizen in the past.
 - 5.2. If they have acquired Nepali Citizenship in the past, proof of relinquishing the Nepali Citizenship.
 - 5.3. Proof of Citizenship of a foreign country.
 - 5.4. Proof of residence in a foreign country except in a member country of SAARC.
 - 5.5. Copy of their current passport acquired as a Citizen of the respective foreign country.
 - 5.6. Commitment letter to abide by the Constitution and prevailing laws of Nepal.
- Furthermore, a relative of the applicant or a person who can identify the applicant who
 is a Nepali Citizen has to present themselves for verification before the concerned Chief
 District Officer or an officer appointed by them pursuant to amended Section 8A(2).









- The applicant will also be required to take an oath that they will remain loyal to the Constitution and the prevailing laws of Nepal as a Non-Residential Nepali Citizen as per amended Section 8A(7).
- 8. These applications and documents can also be submitted through an electronic medium prescribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs pursuant to amended Section 8A(8).







- Subsequently, pursuant to amended Section 8A (4), the applicants who have successfully applied for their NRN Citizenship will receive the same in the format attached in Annexure A.
- 10. Though not in practice at the moment of publication of these slides, this Amendment has opened the gateways for NRNs to directly invest in businesses in Nepal through their newly acquired Citizenship.









ANNEXURE A NON-RESIDENTIAL NEPALI CITIZENSHIP

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