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Revised Written Laws Act 2021 No 7	1 June 2021	1 June 2021
Anti-Money Laundering and Targeted Financial Sanctions Act 2023 No 2	7 June 2023	s 140: 7 June 2023
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An Act to repeal the *Naoero Citizenship Act 2005* and to make provision with respect to the status of Naoero citizenship and for related purposes.

[Long title am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

Enacted by the Parliament of Naoero as follows:

[cl am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

PART 1 — PRELIMINARY

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Naoero Citizenship Act 2017.*

2 Commencement

This Act commences upon certification by the Speaker and came into effect on 21 December 2017.

3 Definitions

(1) In this Act:

'child of a Naoero citizen' includes a child adopted under the *Adoption of Children Act 1965*;

[def am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

'citizen' refers to a citizen of the Republic of Naoero;

[def am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

'Court' means the Supreme Court;

'honorary citizenship' means citizenship granted by the Cabinet to a foreign individual whom the Cabinet considers deserving of distinction;

'Minister' for the purposes of this Act shall be the Minister for Justice;

'Naoero citizen' for the purposes of this Act means a citizen of the Republic of Naoero as defined in Section 4;

[def am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

'Naoero Community' shall only include:

(a) persons who were or were deemed to be aboriginal natives of the Republic by virtue of institutions, customs and usages of the aboriginal natives of the Republic;

(b) Pacific Islanders married before 1 January 1954 to persons who were or were deemed to be aboriginal natives of the Republic by virtue of institutions, customs and usages of the aboriginal natives of the Republic;

(c) Pacific Islanders who were admitted to the Naoero community before 31 January 1968; and

(d) persons who, either one or both parents, fall within subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) above;

[def am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

'Pacific Islander' means:

(a) a person who was ordinarily resident in the Republic and is a descendant of the aboriginal natives of an island or archipelago in the Pacific Ocean other than:
  (i) the Republic; or
  (ii) an island or archipelago which appertains geographically to Asia, the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, India or Japan; or
(b) a person partly descended from those aboriginal natives who followed, adhered to or adapted the customs of those aboriginal natives before residing in the Republic but does not include a Naoero citizen;

[def am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

'Register' means the Register of Naoero citizens established and maintained by the Secretary under Section 5; and

[def am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

'Secretary' means the Secretary for Justice.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a person is ordinarily a resident of the Republic if he or she:
(a) is domiciled in the Republic;
(b) has a permanent domicile in the Republic, despite he or she being temporarily absent from the Republic; or
(c) has evidence to indicate his or her intention to return to the Republic, despite his or her extended absence.

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PART 2 — CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC

4 Persons who are citizens

For the purposes of the laws in force in the Republic, the following persons are citizens:

(a) persons who on 31 January 1968 were included in one of the classes of persons who constituted the Naoero community as prescribed in Article 71 of the *Constitution*;

(b) persons born on or after 31 January 1968 whose one or both parents were members of the:

(i) Naoero community; or

(ii) citizens;

(c) persons born on or after 31 January 1968 of a marriage between a citizen and a Pacific Islander and neither parent had exercised any rights within 7 days after the birth of that person to determine that such person is not a citizen;

(d) a person born in the Republic on or after 31 January 1968 is a citizen if, at the date of his or her birth, he or she would not but for the provisions of Article 73 of the *Constitution*, have the nationality of any country;

(e) persons who were admitted or recognised as members of the Naoero community after 31 January 1968;

(f) persons granted citizenships under any former laws of the Republic; and

(g) persons granted citizenships under this Act.

[s 4 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

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PART 3 — REGISTER OF CITIZENSHIPS

5 Register of Citizenships

(1) The Secretary shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining a Register of Citizenships under this Act.

(2) The Register shall contain the details of the:
  (a) grant of citizenships;
  (b) deprivation of citizenships; and
  (c) renunciation of citizenships.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the Register shall contain the following details of a person:
  (a) name;
  (b) address;
  (c) age;
  (d) gender;
  (e) in case of children, the details of the legal guardian;
  (f) date of granting, deprivation or renunciation of citizenship; and
  (g) in case of the granting of citizenship:
    (i) the date of the conferment of the Certificate of Citizenship; and
    (ii) when the oath of allegiance or affirmation is taken or made.

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6 Power to grant citizenship

The Minister in consultation with the Cabinet may grant citizenship to a person applying for citizenship under this Act.

7 Application for citizenship

(1) An application for citizenship shall be made to the Secretary in the prescribed form.

(2) The applicant shall pay the prescribed fee when making an application for citizenship.

(3) An applicant shall be over the age 20 of years or in the case of children, the principal applicant shall be over the age of 20 years.

(4) In considering the application, the Secretary shall:
(a) cause any investigation as may be necessary;
(b) prepare a report; and
(c) submit the report to the Minister with his or her recommendations.

(5) The Minister shall provide the report to the Cabinet for its consideration before making a decision.

(6) Where the Minister in consultation with the Cabinet is satisfied that the applicant should be granted citizenship, the Minister may:
(a) grant citizenship to the applicant; and
(b) publish in the Gazette that the applicant has been granted citizenship.

(7) Where the Minister or the Minister in consultation with the Cabinet does not accept the recommendations of the Secretary, the application shall be returned to the Secretary for such action as may be necessary.

8 No appeal or review of decision

A decision of the Minister or the Minister acting in consultation with the Cabinet shall:
(a) be final and conclusive; and
(b) not be subject to any appeal or review by a court.

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PART 5 — ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP

9 Citizenship by birth

A person born in the Republic is a citizen by birth, provided that at the time of the person's birth, either one or both parents of that person, is a citizen.

10 Person born aboard a vessel or aircraft

(1) Subject to subsection (3), a person born aboard a vessel or aircraft from or to the Republic shall not be deemed to be born in the Republic.

(2) The Minister in consultation with the Cabinet, may grant citizenship to a person born aboard a vessel or aircraft, where the person as a result of subsection (1):
   (a) becomes stateless; or
   (b) is unable to obtain citizenship of any other country.

(3) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a person whose either one or both parents are citizens.

11 Citizenship by birth in the Republic and residency

(1) A person may apply for citizenship if the person:
   (a) is born in the Republic to parents who are not citizens; and
   (b) has for a continuous period of 20 years resided in the Republic.

(2) Any temporary absence from the Republic shall not affect the requirement of subsection (1)(b).

12 Citizenship by descent

(1) A person born outside the Republic shall be deemed to be a citizen, if at the time of the person's birth, either one or both parents were citizens.

(2) A person, whose parents have renounced citizenship, shall be eligible to apply for citizenship if at the time of the person's application for citizenship at least one or more of the maternal or paternal grandparents of the person were citizens.

13 Citizenship by marriage

(1) A person may apply for citizenship by virtue of a marriage to a citizen.

(2) A person applying for citizenship under this Section shall fulfil the following conditions:
   (a) was at the time of the application lawfully married and residing with his or her spouse in the Republic for a continuous period of 7 years;
   (b) is committed to residing permanently in the Republic;
   (c) is of good health and character;
   (d) is willing to fulfil the duties, responsibilities and privileges of being a citizen; and
   (e) has no criminal convictions.

(3) The applicant shall pay the prescribed fee when making an application.

(4) The Cabinet in considering an application under this Section, may waive the requirement under subsection (2)(a).

14 Children from previous relationships

(1) Where a foreigner, who has a child from a previous relationship or marriage, marries a citizen, such child is not eligible to be registered as a citizen by virtue of that marriage.

(2) The child under subsection (1) may apply for citizenship, if after the marriage between the foreigner and the citizen, the child is adopted under the *Adoption of Children Act 1965* by the spouse who is the citizen.

15 Citizenship by adoption

A child, who is not a citizen, becomes a citizen on the day an Adoption Order is made by the court under the *Adoption of Children Act 1965*, where the child is:

(a) adopted by one or more citizens;
(b) present in the Republic; and
(c) prior approval for the adoption was given by the Minister in consultation with the Cabinet.

16 Dual citizenship

(1) A person who is a citizen of the Republic may also be a citizen of another country.

(2) A person who is a citizen of or acquires the citizenship of another country shall not lose his or her citizenship of the Republic.

(3) A person who acquires citizenship under this Act by virtue of marriage or adoption shall not lose his or her citizenship of a foreign country.

17 Citizenship applications by former citizens after renunciation of citizenship

(1) Where a person has renounced citizenship, he or she may reapply to be granted citizenship.

(2) An application under this Section shall be made and determined in accordance with Section 7.

18 Special grant of citizenship on fiftieth anniversary

(1) The President may, in consultation with the Cabinet, grant citizenship to persons who:
  (a) did not qualify or were not eligible to apply for citizenship on or after 31 January 1968 or under any other subsequent laws;
  (b) have demonstrated long term commitment, service, dedication and adapted to the culture, tradition, community and development of the Republic;
  (c) desire to be citizens of the Republic; or
  (d) have resided in the Republic for a cumulative period of not less than 30 years.

(2) The grant of citizenship under this Section shall not be made before 31 January 2018 or after 30 June 2018.

(3) The children of a person granted citizenship under this Section shall not be eligible to apply for citizenship by descent.

19 Honorary Citizenship

(1) The President may, in consultation with the Cabinet, grant honorary citizenship to any person.

(2) The Cabinet may prescribe the terms and conditions for the grant of honorary citizenship.

19A Citizenship of minors

(1) Where one or both parents of a minor or dependant are granted citizenship under this Act, the minor or dependant shall be eligible to apply for citizenship concurrently or after the grant of citizenship to either one or both of his or her parents.

(2) For the purposes of this Section:
(a) a *minor* is a person under the age of 20 years; and
(b) a *dependant* is a person wholly dependent on his or her parents for financial, psychological or physical support.

[s 19A insrt Act 14 of 2019 s 4, opn 14 June 2019]

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PART 6 — OATH OF CITIZENSHIP

20 Oath of allegiance

(1) A person who is granted citizenship under this Act shall take an oath of allegiance or make an affirmation as contained in the Schedule.

(2) Unless exempted by the Minister, the oath or affirmation of citizenship shall be taken or made at a public ceremony.

(3) The oath or affirmation shall be administered before the Chief Justice or in his or her absence, a Judge of the Supreme Court.

21 Certificate of Citizenship

(1) Where the Minister in consultation with the Cabinet grants citizenship to any person, the President shall under his or her hand confer a Certificate of Citizenship in the prescribed form.

(2) The Certificate of Citizenship shall be conferred to a person after he or she has taken the oath of allegiance or has made an affirmation.

(3) A certificate issued under this Section is conclusive evidence that the person is a citizen.

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22 Renunciation of Naoero citizenship

(1) A person of full age and capacity may make a declaration of renunciation of his or her citizenship in writing to the Minister.

(2) The Minister may cause every declaration made under subsection (1) to be registered in the Register and from the date of that registration, the person shall cease to be a citizen.

(3) The Minister may decline to register a declaration for renunciation where the person provides no evidence that he or she is a citizen of another country.

[s 22 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

23 Cancellation of citizenship

(1) A person granted citizenship under Section 10, 11 or 13 may have his or her citizenship cancelled if the Cabinet is satisfied, that the citizenship was obtained by means of:
  (a) fraud;
  (b) bribery;
  (c) misrepresentation; or
  (d) concealment of any material fact.

(2) The Minister in consultation with the Cabinet may cancel the citizenship granted to a person where the person after being granted citizenship:
  (a) engages in terrorism and international financing of terrorist related activities;
  (b) fails to return to or reside in the Republic continuously for a period of 3 years;
  (c) is convicted of an offence against the *Anti-Money Laundering and Targeted Financial Sanctions Act 2023*;
  (d) is convicted of an offence against the *Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime Act 2004*; or
  (e) is convicted of a sexual offence involving a child.

[subs (2) am Act 2 of 2023 s 140, opn 7 June 2023]

(3) Before a decision is made to cancel the citizenship of a person, the Secretary shall:
  (a) serve a notice in writing to the person informing him or her of the grounds or reasons on which the cancellation is to be considered; and
  (b) request the person to show cause why the citizenship should not be cancelled.

(4) Where within 7 days after the service of the notice under subsection (2) the person fails to show cause, the Cabinet shall proceed to making its decision.

(5) The Cabinet, in the cancellation of citizenship, shall take into account whether the person would become stateless.

(6) A person ceases to be a citizen on the date that the Cabinet makes its decision.

(7) On the cancellation of citizenship, the:
   (a) Certificate of Citizenship is deemed to be annulled and is of no effect; and
   (b) person shall forthwith return the Certificate of Citizenship to the Secretary.

(8) The Secretary shall require the person to deliver the Certificate of Citizenship where the certificate is not returned within 30 days of the cancellation of the citizenship.

24 Deprivation of citizenship

[s 24 rep Act 21 of 2024 s 4, opn 26 Nov 2024]

25 Naoero travel documents

(1) Where a person has been deprived of, has renounced or has his or her citizenship cancelled, the person shall not be eligible to obtain or retain a travel document issued under the *Passports Act 2011*.

(2) Any travel document issued to a person in subsection (1) shall be seized or cancelled immediately by the Secretary under the *Passports Act 2011*.

[s 25 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

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PART 8 — OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

26 Offences and penalties

(1) A person commits an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding $100,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or to both, if he or she:

(a) for the purposes of procuring anything to be done or not to be done under this Act:

(i) makes any statement that he or she knows to be false in a material particular; or

(ii) recklessly makes a statement that is false in a material particular;

(b) knowingly or recklessly submits false or forged documents to support a citizenship application;

(c) knowingly or recklessly alters, defaces or fails to deliver a document; or

(d) knowingly resists, obstructs or deceives any person who is exercising or attempting to exercise any function or power imposed or conferred under this Act.

(2) A person commits an offence and upon conviction is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding $100,000 or to both, who knowingly or without reasonable cause:

(a) records, deletes or alters any entry in the Register;

(b) removes a citizenship document; or

(c) issues a citizenship document to a person who has no entitlement to the document.

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PART 9 — MISCELLANEOUS

27 Service of notices

A notice or document required to be served to a person under this Act shall be served by:

(a) personal delivery;

(b) leaving the notice at the address nominated by the person in his or her application for citizenship; or

(c) electronic means.

28 Jurisdiction of the court

The District Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all offences under this Act and shall have power to impose the penalty or punishment in respect of the offences under this Act.

29 Evidence

An entry in the Register made under this Act shall be received as sufficient evidence of the matters stated in the entry, in the absence of proof to the contrary.

30 Transitional

All applications submitted to the Secretary under the provisions of the *Naoero Citizenship Act 2005* shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of that Act as if this Act had not commenced, and all other matters shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

31 Repeal and savings

(1) The *Naoero Citizenship Act 2005* is repealed.

(2) Despite the repeal of the *Naoero Citizenship Act 2005*, all citizenships granted under that Act remain valid.

32 Regulations

(1) The Cabinet may make regulations prescribing all matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the regulations may provide for:

(a) any forms that are required under this Act;

(b) the fees for any applications or services that are required to be paid under this Act; and

(c) any other matters.

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SCHEDULE

[Section 20(1)]

OATH AND AFFIRMATION

[Sch 1 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

Oath of Allegiance

I, **(FULL NAME),** swear by the Almighty God that I will faithfully bear true allegiance, and will fulfil my duties as a lawful citizen of the Republic of Naoero. So help me God!

Affirmation

I, **(FULL NAME),** affirm that I will faithfully bear true allegiance, and will fulfil my duties as a lawful citizen of the Republic of Naoero.

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Amending Legislation	Notified	Date of Commencement
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Revised Written Laws Act 2021 No 7	1 June 2021	1 June 2021
Constitution (Amendment) (No 2) Act 2026 No 21	12 May 2026	s 5: 12 May 2026

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The Cabinet makes the following Regulations under Section 32 of the *Naoero Citizenship Act 2017*:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Naoero Citizenship (Forms and Fees) Regulations 2019*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations come into effect on the day they are notified in the Gazette.

3 Register of Citizenships

For the purpose of Section 5 of the Act, the Register established and maintained by the Secretary may be kept as set out in Schedule 1:

(a) in writing; and

(b) in electronic form that is readily retrievable.

4 Public access to Register

(1) Subject to subregulation (2), information from the Register may be disclosed:

(a) only in respect of a named individual; and

(b) on request, in a manner specified by the Secretary, by:

(i) the individual concerned;

(ii) a person who has authorisation of the named individual;

(iii) a person who needs confirmation of the citizenship status of a parent or grandparent to establish a claim to citizenship; or

(iv) a person who satisfies the Secretary that he or she requires the information for a genuine and proper purpose that is related to the relevant part of the Register.

(2) Information from the Register may be disclosed for any of the following purposes:

(a) to avoid prejudice to the maintenance of the law by a public sector agency;

(b) for the conduct of any proceedings before any court or tribunal; or

(c) for the purpose of the *Electoral Act 2016*.

5 Application

An application for the grant of citizenship:

(a) by birth and residency under Section 11 of the Act, shall be in Form 1 of Schedule 2;

(b) by descent under Section 12 of the Act, shall be in Form 2 of Schedule 2;

(c) by marriage under Section 13 of the Act, shall be in Form 3 of Schedule 2;

(d) by virtue of adoption under Sections 14 and 15 of the Act, shall be in Form 4 of Schedule 2;

(e) by former citizens under Section 17 of the Act, after renunciation of citizenship, shall be in Form 5 of Schedule 2; or

(f) by a parent or parents of a minor or dependent under Section 19A of the Act, shall be in Form 8 of Schedule 2.

[reg 5 am SL 6 of 2021 reg 4, opn 23 Apr 2021]

6 Particulars required for application for citizenship

(1) For the purpose of an application for citizenship under Section 11 of the Act, the applicant shall provide:

(a) surname and forenames;
(b) date of birth;
(c) gender;
(d) telephone number;
(e) email address;
(f) usual residential address or correspondence address;
(g) his or her nationality and if that nationality is not the nationality of origin, the nationality of origin;
(h) his or her recent passport size photograph;
(i) original or certified true copy of the original birth certificate;
(j) evidence of means of support;
(k) evidence that the applicant is a resident of the Republic and has been a resident for a continuous period of 20 years;
(l) sworn character references based on personal knowledge of the applicant from 2 citizens of good standing in the community in which the applicant resides; and
(m) police clearance by the Naoero Police Force or any other country the applicant has resided for some time other than just short duration of stay.

[subreg (1) am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

(2) For the purposes of an application for citizenship under Section 12 of the Act, the applicant shall provide:

(a) surname and forenames;
(b) date of birth;
(c) gender;
(d) telephone number;
(e) email address;
(f) usual residential address or correspondence address;
(g) his or her recent passport size photograph;
(h) original or certified true copy of the original birth certificate;
(i) evidence of means of support;
(j) evidence that at least one or more of the maternal or paternal grandparents of the applicant were citizens;
(k) sworn character references based on personal knowledge of the applicant from 2 citizens of good standing in the community in which the applicant resides; and
(l) police clearance by the Naoero Police Force or any other country the applicant has resided for some time other than just short duration of stay.

[subreg (2) am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

(3) For the purposes of an application for citizenship under Section 13 of the Act, the applicant shall provide:

(a) surname and forenames;

(b) date of birth;
(c) gender;
(d) telephone number;
(e) email address;
(f) usual residential address or correspondence address;
(g) his or her nationality and if that nationality is not the nationality of origin, the nationality of origin;
(h) his or her recent passport size photograph;
(i) original or certified true copy of the original birth certificate;
(j) marriage certificate;
(k) evidence of means of support;
(l) police clearance from country of origin and by the Naoero Police Force;
(m) medical report;
(n) details of spouse;
(o) length of residency in the Republic;
(p) evidence that the applicant is a resident of the Republic and has been a resident for a continuous period of 7 years with his or her spouse; and
(q) sworn character references based on personal knowledge of the applicant from 2 citizens of good standing in the community in which the applicant resides.

[subreg (3) am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

(4) For the purposes of an application for citizenship under Section 15 of the Act, the applicant shall provide:
(a) full name of the child;
(b) original or certified true copy of the original birth certificate of the child;
(c) original or certified true copy of the original of the adoption order;
(d) evidence that the applicant is a citizen;
(e) original or certified true copy of the applicant's marriage certificate;
(f) original or certified true copy of the applicant's birth certificate;
(g) evidence of means that the applicant is able to and will support the child; and
(h) evidence that the child is present in the Republic.

(5) For the purpose of an application for citizenship under Section 19A of the Act, the applicant shall provide:
(a) full name of minor or dependent;
(b) original or certified true copy of the original birth certificate of the minor or dependent;
(c) evidence that one or both parents are citizens;
(c) original or certified true copy of the applicant's birth certificate; and
(e) evidence that the minor or dependent is present in the Republic; or
(f) evidence that the dependent is wholly dependent on the applicant.

[subreg (5) insrt SL 6 of 2021 reg 5, opn 23 Apr 2021]

7 Certificate of Citizenship

For the purposes of Section 21 of the Act, a certificate attesting to the grant of citizenship to any person, shall be in Form 6 of Schedule 2.

8 Declaration for renunciation of Naoero citizenship

For the purposes of Section 22 of the Act, a declaration for renunciation of citizenship, shall be in Form 7 of Schedule 2.

[reg 8 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

9 Fees

The fees set out in Schedule 3 are payable in respect of the matters set out in that schedule.

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SCHEDULE 1

[Section 5; Regulation 3]

REGISTER OF CITIZENSHIPS

[Sch 1 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

(Section 5(2)(a) and Regulation 3)

A REGISTER OF CITIZENSHIPS								
Name of Applicant for citizenship	**Date of birth**	**Gender**	Parents or Legal guardians *(if applicable)*	**Country of origin**	Nature of Application *(State relevant Section of the Act)*	**Date citizenship approved by Cabinet**	**Date oath of allegiance or affirmation taken or made**	**Grant No.**

(Section 5(2)(b) and Regulation 3)

B REGISTER OF DEPRIVATION OF CITIZENSHIP						
Name	**Date of birth**	**Gender**	**Reason for deprivation of citizenship**	**Date of deprivation of citizenship**	**Date of return of Certificate of Citizenship**	**Date of return of Naoero passport**

(Section 5(2)(c) and Regulation 3)

C REGISTER OF RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP						
Name	**Date of birth**	**Gender**	**Reason for renunciation of citizenship**	**Date of renunciation of citizenship**	**Date of return of Certificate of Citizenship**	**Date of return of Naoero passport**

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SCHEDULE 2

FORM 1

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

NAOERO CITIZENSHIP ACT 2017

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP BY BIRTH IN THE REPUBLIC AND RESIDENCY

[Section 11; Regulation 5(a)]

Application Reference No: CB..... **/ 20**.....

PERSON WHO MAY APPLY	
☐ **Section 11 (1)(a) – person is born in the Republic to parents who are not citizens;** ☐ **Section 11(1)(b) – has for a continuous period of 20 years resided in the Republic.**	***Recent passport sized photo of applicant***

PART 1: PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT ***Provide Birth Certificate, Passport and Police Clearance***

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .
Date of birth:. . . . . .Gender:. . . . . Nationality: . . . . . .
Marital status: . . . . . .Address:. . . . . .
Telephone contact:. . . . . Email: . . . . . .
Have you ever been convicted for a criminal offence?: □ Yes □ No *If yes, provide details:*. . . . . .
. . . . . .
Have you during a continuous period of 20 years resided in the Republic??: □ Yes □ No

PART 2: EMPLOYMENT DETAILS – ***Evidence of means of support***

Are you currently gainfully employed?: □ Yes □ No *If yes provide details below*:
Occupation: . . . . . Name of employer:. . . . . .
Address of employer:. . . . . Telephone contact of employer:. . . . . .
Email contact of employer:. . . . . .

If no, provide details if you are self-employed:
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If you are neither gainfully employed or self-employed, explain how you are able to maintain living in the Republic

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PART 3: NAOERO WAY OF LIFE

Are you familiar with the culture and ways of life in the Republic? □ Yes □ No. Explain your answer:

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Do you have reasonable knowledge and understanding of the rights, privileges, responsibilities and duties of citizens of the Republic?□ Yes □ No. Explain your answer:

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PART 4: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I, ... (*name of applicant*) do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars and details stated in this application and the attachments are true and correct to the best of knowledge and belief and that I have not wilfully suppressed any material fact of mistake.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976* conscientiously believing in the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

. . . . . Date: [DD/MM/YYYY]

Declared at . . . . . this. . . . . day of. . . . . .20. . . . . .

Before me: . . . . . .

(Signature) . . . . . .

(Title) . . . . . .

PART 5: OFFICIAL PURPOSES

Date application lodged by applicant: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Receiving officer: . . . . . Date: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Identification sighted: [Passport / Drivers licence / Other]

Fee paid. Receipt no:. . . . . .

Date application submitted to Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Date applicant informed of decision by Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

[Form 1 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

FORM 2

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

NAOERO CITIZENSHIP ACT 2017

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

[Section 12; Regulation 5(b)]

Application Reference No: CD..... **/ 20**.....

PERSON WHO MAY APPLY	
☐ **Section 12 (1) – person born outside the Republic, if at the time of the person's birth either or both parents were citizens.** ☐ **Section 12(2) – at least one or more of the maternal or paternal grandparents of the person were citizens.**	***Recent passport sized photo of applicant***

PART 1: PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT ***Provide Birth Certificate, Passport and Police Clearance***

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .

Date of birth: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]Gender:. . . . . Country of birth: . . . . . .

Passport Number: . . . . . .Address:. . . . . .

Email:. . . . . Telephone contact: . . . . . .

PART 2: PARTICULARS OF NAOERO PARENT / GRANDPARENT - ***Provide Birth Certificate***

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .

Date of birth: . . . . . Place of birth:. . . . . Passport Number *(if available)*: . . . . . .

Address: . . . . . Telephone:. . . . . Email: . . . . . .

PART 3: EMPLOYMENT DETAILS – ***Evidence of means of support***

Are you currently gainfully employed?: □ Yes □ No *If yes provide details below*:

Occupation: . . . . . Name of employer:. . . . . .

Address of employer:. . . . . Telephone contact of employer:. . . . . .

Email contact of employer:. . . . . .

If no, provide details if you are self-employed:

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If you are neither gainfully employed or self-employed, explain how you are able to maintain living in the Republic

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PART 4: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I, ... (*name of applicant*) do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars and details stated in this application and the attachments are true and correct to the best of knowledge and belief and that I have not wilfully suppressed any material fact of mistake.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976* conscientiously believing in the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

. . . . . Date: [DD/MM/YYYY]

Declared at . . . . . .this. . . . . .day of. . . . . .20. . . . . .

Before me: . . . . . .

(Signature) . . . . . .

(Title) . . . . . .

PART 5: OFFICIAL PURPOSES

Date application lodged by applicant: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Receiving officer: . . . . . Date: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Fee paid. Receipt no:. . . . . Identification sighted: [Passport / Drivers licence / Other]

Date application submitted to Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Date applicant informed of decision by Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

[Form 2 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

FORM 3

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

NAOERO CITIZENSHIP ACT 2017

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE

[Section 13; Regulation 5(c)]

Application Reference No: CM..... / 20.....

PERSON WHO MAY APPLY ☐ **Section 13 (1) – person married to a citizen; and** ☐ **Section 13(2) – person:** ☐ **was at the time of the application lawfully married and residing with his or her spouse in the Republic for a continuous period of 7 years;** ☐ **is committed to residing permanently in the Republic;** ☐ **is of good health and character;** ☐ **is willing to fulfil the duties, responsibilities and privileges of being a citizen; and** ☐ **has no criminal convictions.**	***Recent passport sized photo of applicant***

PART 1: DETAILS OF APPLICANT – ***Provide Birth Certificate, Passport, Marriage Certificate, Police clearance and medical report***

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .
Address:. . . . . District:. . . . . .
Telephone:. . . . . Email:. . . . . .
Date of birth:. . . . . Place of birth:. . . . . .
Nationality:. . . . . Citizenship:. . . . . .
Passport number:. . . . . Date of first entry into the Republic: *[DD/MM/YYYY]*
Type of visa granted:[*Visitor/Business/Exemption*]. . . . . .

PART 2: DETAILS OF MARRIAGE

Date of marriage: . . . . . Place of marriage:. . . . . .
Marriage officer who conducted wedding ceremony:. . . . . .
Witnesses to wedding ceremony:. . . . . and. . . . . .
Length of time spent living continuously in the Republic prior to application: . . . . . .
Have you ever been convicted for a criminal offence? □ Yes □ No. If yes, provide details:. . . . . .

Do you intend on residing permanently in the Republic? . . . . . .

PART 3: DETAILS OF SPOUSE

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .

Address: . . . . . Date of birth:. . . . . Gender:: . . . . . .

Telephone:. . . . . Email: . . . . . .

PART 4: EMPLOYMENT DETAILS – ***Evidence of means of support***

Are you currently gainfully employed?: □ Yes □ No *If yes provide details below*:

Occupation: . . . . . Name of employer:. . . . . .

Address of employer:. . . . . Telephone contact of employer:. . . . . .

Email contact of employer:. . . . . .

If no, provide details if you are self-employed:

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If you are neither gainfully employed or self-employed, explain how you are able to maintain living in the Republic

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PART 5: NAOERO WAY OF LIFE

Are you familiar with the culture and ways of life in the Republic?□ Yes □ No. Explain your answer:

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Do you have reasonable knowledge and understanding of the rights, privileges, responsibilities and duties of citizens of the Republic?□ Yes □ No. Explain your answer:

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PART 6: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I, ... (name of applicant) do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars and details stated in this application and the attachments are true and correct to the best of knowledge and belief and that I have not wilfully suppressed any material fact of mistake.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976* conscientiously believing in the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

. . . . . Date: [DD/MM/YYYY]

Declared at . . . . . this. . . . . day of. . . . . .20. . . . . .

Before me: . . . . . .

(Signature) . . . . . .

(Title) . . . . . .

PART 7: OFFICIAL PURPOSES

Date application lodged by applicant: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Receiving officer: . . . . . Date: [*DD/MM/YYYY*] Fee paid. Receipt no: . . . . . .

Identification sighted: [Passport / Drivers licence / Other]

Date application submitted to Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Date applicant informed of decision by Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

[Form 3 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

FORM 4

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

NAOERO CITIZENSHIP ACT 2017

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP BY ADOPTION

[Sections 14 and 15; Regulation 5(d)]

Application Reference No: CB..... **/ 20**.....

PERSON WHO MAY APPLY (parent may apply on behalf of child) ☐ **Section 14 (2) – child of foreigner adopted by citizen;** ☐ **Section 15(a) – child is adopted by one or more citizens;** ☐ **Section 15(b) - child is present in the Republic; and** ☐ **Section 15(c) - prior approval for the adoption was given by the Cabinet.**	***Recent passport sized photo of applicant***

PART 1: PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT – ***Provide Passport and Marriage Certificate***

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .

Date of birth:. . . . . Gender:. . . . . Nationality: . . . . . .

Address:. . . . . .

Telephone:. . . . . Email:. . . . . .

Passport No. *(if applicable):*. . . . . .

Occupation:. . . . . Employer: . . . . . .

PART 2: PARTICULARS OF ADOPTIVE PARENT(S) - ***Provide Passport and Marriage Certificate***

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .

Date of birth: . . . . . Place of birth:. . . . . Nationality: . . . . . .

Address: . . . . . Telephone:. . . . . Email: . . . . . .

PART 3: PARTICULARS OF CHILD -***Provide Certified Copy of Adoption Order, Child's birth certificate and Child's Passport***

(i) Before Adoption Order:

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .

Gender:. . . . . Date of birth: [*DD/MM/YYYY*] Nationality: . . . . . .

Place of birth. . . . . .

(ii) *Name(s) after making of Adoption Order:*

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .

PART 4: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I, ... (name of applicant) do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars and details stated in this application and the attachments are true and correct to the best of knowledge and belief and that I have not wilfully suppressed any material fact of mistake.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976* conscientiously believing in the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

. . . . . Date: [DD/MM/YYYY]

Declared at . . . . . this. . . . . day of. . . . . .20. . . . . .

Before me: . . . . . .

(Signature) . . . . . .

(Title) . . . . . .

PART 5: OFFICIAL PURPOSES

Date application lodged by applicant: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Receiving officer: . . . . . Date: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Identification sighted: [Passport / Drivers licence / Other]

Fee paid. Receipt no: . . . . . .

Date application submitted to Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Date applicant informed of decision by Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

[Form 4 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

FORM 5

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

NAOERO CITIZENSHIP ACT 2017

CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION BY FORMER CITIZEN AFTER RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP

[Section 17; Regulation 5(e)]

Application Reference No: CF...../ 20.....

PART 1: DETAILS OF APPLICANT – ***Provide Police clearance***

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .

Address: . . . . . Date of birth:. . . . . .. Gender:. . . . . .

Telephone contact:. . . . . Email:. . . . . .

Have you ever been convicted for a criminal offence? □ Yes □ No. If yes, provide. . . . .

. . . .

PART 2: PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT'S CURRENT CITIZENSHIP

Country of citizenship:. . . . . . Date obtained: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

How citizenship obtained: . . . . . .

PART 3: PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT'S PREVIOUS NAOERO CITIZENSHIP

-Provide proof of Naoero citizenship [Passport/Birth Certificate]

How citizenship obtained:. . . . . Date obtained: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Date Naoero citizenship renounced: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

PART 4: EMPLOYMENT DETAILS – Evidence of means of support

Are you currently gainfully employed?: □ Yes □ No*If yes provide details below:*

Occupation: . . . . Name of employer: . . . . . .

Address of employer:. . . . . Telephone contact of employer:. . . . . .

Email contact of employer:. . . . . .

If no, provide details if you are self-employed:

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If you are neither gainfully employed or self-employed, explain how you are able to maintain living in the Republic:

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PART 5: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I, ... (*name of applicant*) do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars and details stated in this application and the attachments are true and correct to the best of knowledge and belief and that I have not wilfully suppressed any material fact of mistake.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976* conscientiously believing in the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

. . . . . Date: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Declared at . . . . . this. . . . . day of. . . . . .20. . . . . .

Before me: . . . . . .

(Signature) . . . . . .

(Title) . . . . . .

PART 6: OFFICIAL PURPOSES

Date application lodged by applicant: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Receiving officer: . . . . . Date: [*DD/MM/YYYY*] Fee paid. Receipt no:. . . . . .

Identification sighted: [Passport / Drivers licence / Other]

Date application submitted to Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

Date applicant informed of decision by Minister: [*DD/MM/YYYY*]

[Form 5 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

FORM 6

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

NAOERO CITIZENSHIP ACT 2017

CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP

[Section 21; Regulation 7]

.....*(insert Surname)* ..... *(insert Forenames)*

born on *(insert date of birth)*

I,..... (*name*), President of the Republic of Naoero hereby declare that the abovenamed having satisfied the conditions pursuant to Article 74 of the *Constitution of Naoero* and the *Naoero Citizenship Act 2017* and, having undertaken to fulfil the responsibilities of a citizen, the Cabinet has approved the grant of citizenship to the abovementioned who is a Naoero citizen on ..... of ..... 20.....

.....

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

AND

CHAIRPERSON OF THE CABINET

Seal:

Certificate No: .....

[Form 6 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

FORM 7

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

NAOERO CITIZENSHIP ACT 2017

DECLARATION FOR RENUNCIATION OF NAOERO CITIZENSHIP

[Section 22; Regulation 8]

I, ..., solemnly declare that:

1. It is my intention to renounce my Naoero citizenship and elect ..... citizenship.
2. I am Naoero citizen by [*birth/descent/marriage/adoption/residency*].
3. I fully understand that after I renounce all allegiance to the Republic of Naoero, I will no longer be entitled to all civil and political rights and privileges accorded to the citizens of Naoero.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature this .....day of ..... 20..... at .....

.....

Declarant

SWORN before me this ..... day of ..... 20....., by (declarant) presenting to me his or her Naoero Passport No: ..... issued at ..... and valid until ..... and Certificate of Naoero Citizenship No. .....

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Commissioner for Oaths

[Form 7 am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

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FORM 8

REPUBLIC OF NAOERO

NAOERO CITIZENSHIP ACT 2017

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP OF A MINOR OR A DEPENDENT

[Section 19A and Regulation 5]

Documents to be submitted: • **birth certificate of minor / dependent** • **marriage certificate of parent / parents**	***Recent passport size photo of minor / dependent***

PART 1 – PARTICULARS OF MINOR OR DEPENDENT

Surname:. . . . . Forenames:. . . . . .

Date of birth:. . . . . Gender:. . . . . .

Nationality: . . . . . Place of residence:. . . . . .

PART 2 – PARTICULARS OF PARENT / PARENTS

Full name of father:. . . . . .

Date of birth of father: . . . . . .

Nationality of father: . . . . . .

Full name of mother:. . . . . .

Date of birth of mother: . . . . . .

Nationality of mother: . . . . . .

PART 3 – DECLARATION OF PARENT OF MINOR OR DEPENDENT

I. . . . . .*(state full name)* of. . . . . *(residential address)*,. . . . . *(occupation)*, do solemnly and sincerely declare that *(set out matter declared, using numbered paragraphs if it is lengthy)*:

□ That the applicant is a minor / dependent.

□ That the information given in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

□ That I have not lost the status of Naoero citizenship.

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And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976* conscientiously believing in the statement contained therein to be true in every particular.

Signed by the parent of the minor or dependent:. . . . . .

Name of person filing this form:. . . . . .

Declared at . . . . . this. . . . . day of. . . . . .20. . . . . . Before me: (Signature) (Title) **NOTE**: Under the *Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976*, any person making a false statement is guilty of an offence and is liable to imprisonment for 5 years.
Payment receipt:. . . . .
OFFICIAL PURPOSES Received by: . . . . . . *(Full name of officer)* Date: . . . ./ . . . ./20 . . . .

[Form 8 insrt SL 6 of 2021 reg 6, opn 23 Apr 2021; am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

SCHEDULE 3

NAOERO CITIZENSHIP ACT 2017

[Regulation 9]

FEES

[Sch 3 am SL 6 of 2021 reg 7, opn 23 Apr 2021]

Item	Description	Fees ($)
1	Application for citizenship:	
	• by birth or residency in the Republic	250
	• by descent	100
	• by marriage	250
	• by adoption	250
	• by former citizens	500
	• for a minor or dependent	250
2	Grant of citizenship	100
3	Citizenship Certificate	100
4	Replacement Certificate	150
5	Access to Register	25

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Naoero Citizenship (Oaths and Affirmations) Regulations 2026

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Naoero Citizenship (Oaths and Affirmations) Regulations 2026

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

The Naoero Citizenship (Oaths and Affirmations) Regulations 2026 No 51 was notified and commenced on 30 October 2026.

Amending Legislation	Notified	Date of Commencement

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The Cabinet makes the following Regulations under Section 32 of the *Naoero Citizenship Act 2017*:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Naoero Citizenship (Oaths and Affirmations) Regulations 2026*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date they are notified in the Gazette.

3 Definitions

In these Regulations:

'audio-visual link' means technology that enables persons at different locations to simultaneously see, hear and communicate with each other in real time; and

'Judge' means a Judge of the Supreme Court.

4 Oath or affirmation before Chief Justice or Judge

For the purposes of Section 20 of the Act, a person who is required to take an oath or make an affirmation before the Chief Justice or a Judge may do so:

(a) in the physical presence of the Chief Justice or Judge using the Form in the Schedule; or

(b) by means of an audio-visual link in accordance with Regulation 5.

5 Administration of oath or affirmation by audio-visual link

(1) The Chief Justice or Judge may administer an oath or affirmation in the form in the Schedule by audio-visual link where he or she is satisfied that:

  (a) the identity of the person taking the oath or making the affirmation has been established; and

  (b) the audio-visual link enables the Chief Justice or Judge and the person to see and hear each other clearly throughout the proceedings.

(2) Immediately after taking the oath or making the affirmation by audio-visual link, the person shall sign the oath or affirmation in the form in the Schedule before:

  (a) a notary public authorised to practise in the country in which the person is physically present; or

  (b) any other person approved in writing by the Chief Justice.

(3) The notary public or approved person shall certify that the:

  (a) person appeared before him or her and signed the oath or affirmation in his or her presence;

  (b) identity of the person was verified; and

  (c) signature was affixed on the date specified in the Certificate of Citizenship.

(4) The signed and certified oath or affirmation shall be transmitted to the Chief Justice or Judge in the manner directed by the Chief Justice or Judge.

(5) An oath or affirmation administered by audio-visual link has the same force and effect as if it had been administered in person.

(6) The Chief Justice or Judge may require the person taking the oath or making the affirmation to produce identification documents before or during the proceedings.

(7) The Chief Justice or Judge may adjourn or discontinue the proceedings where the quality of the audio-visual link is insufficient to ensure the integrity of the administration of the oath or affirmation.

6 Record of oath or affirmation

(1) Where an oath or affirmation is administered by audio-visual link, the Chief Justice or Judge may direct the proceedings be recorded.

(2) Any oath, affirmation, declaration or certificate signed in accordance with these Regulations is valid for the purposes of the Act.

7 Discretion of Chief Justice or Judge

Nothing in these Regulations requires the Chief Justice or a Judge to administer an oath or affirmation by audio-visual link where the Chief Justice or Judge considers that the circumstances require the person to appear in person.

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SCHEDULE

[Regulations 4 and 5]

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF NOTARIAL WITNESS

PART 1

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,. . . . . , swear by the Almighty God that I will faithfully bear true allegiance, and will fulfill my duties as a lawful citizen of the Republic of Naoero. So help me God!

Signature:. . . . . .

Date:. . . . . .

Place:. . . . . .

Administered before:

☐ Chief Justice of Naoero

☐ Judge of the Supreme Court of Naoero

Name:. . . . . .

Signature:. . . . . .

Date:. . . . . .

AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

I,. . . . . , affirm that I will faithfully bear true allegiance, and will fulfil my duties as a lawful citizen of the Republic of Naoero.

Signature:. . . . . .

Date:. . . . . .

Place:. . . . . .

Administered before:

☐ Chief Justice of Naoero

☐ Judge of the Supreme Court of Naoero

Name:. . . . . .

Signature:. . . . . .

Date:. . . . . .

PART 2

CERTIFICATE OF NOTARIAL WITNESS AND IDENTITY VERIFICATION

(*To be completed only where the oath is taken by audio-visual link*)
I,. . . . . ., being a duly authorised Notary Public in. . . . . [Country],

CERTIFY THAT:

1. On the. . . . . day of. . . . . 20. . , the person identified below personally appeared before me:
   Full Name:. . . . . .
   Date of Birth:. . . . . .
   Passport or Identification Number:. . . . . .
   Residential Address:. . . . . .
2. I verified the identity of the above-named person by examination of the identification document specified above.
3. The above-named person informed me that he or she had taken the Oath of Allegiance contained in Part 1 of this Schedule before the Chief Justice or a Judge of the Supreme Court of Naoero by audio-visual link.
4. The above-named person signed Part 1 of this Schedule in my presence.
5. I witnessed the signature and certify that the signature appearing above is the signature of the person identified in this certificate.
6. To the best of my knowledge, the person signed the oath voluntarily and appeared to understand its contents.

PARTICULARS OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Name:. . . . . .

Address:. . . . . .

Telephone:. . . . . .

Email:. . . . . .

Registration or Licence Number (if applicable):. . . . . .

NOTARIAL CERTIFICATION

Signature of Notary Public:. . . . . .

Date:. . . . . .

Place:. . . . . .

Official Seal or Stamp:

[AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL HERE]

Registrar's Use Only

Date Received:. . . . . .

Received By:. . . . . .

Citizenship File Number:. . . . . .