

Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Regulations 2024

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

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Amending Legislation	Notified	Date of Commencement
Law Revision and Consolidation Act 2019 No 10	11 June 2019	s 9: 11 June 2019
Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship (Amendment) Regulations 2025 SL 2	10 January 2025	10 January 2025
Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship (Amendment) Regulations (No 2) 2025 SL 52	18 September 2025	18 September 2025
Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship (Amendment) Regulations 2026 SL 2	29 January 2026	29 January 2026
Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2026 No 13	31 March 2026	s 6: 31 March 2026
Constitution (Amendment) (No 2) Act 2026 No 21	12 May 2026	12 May 2026

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The Cabinet makes the following Regulations under Section 30 of the *Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Act 2024*:

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

PART 1 — PRELIMINARY

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Regulations 2024*.

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Definitions

In these Regulations:

‘**Act**’ means the *Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Act 2024*;

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

‘**administration fees**’ means the fees provided under Schedule 4A of these Regulations payable to the Program Office for an approved application;

[def insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 4, opn 29 Jan 2026]

‘**Agent Fee**’ means the fee prescribed in Schedule 4 of these Regulations that an Agent will be entitled to for an approved application;

‘**approved due diligence firm**’ means an independent professional firm engaged in the business of conducting investigations and checks as to the character, identity and activities of individuals, companies or other entities;

‘**approved form**’ means a form approved by the Program Office;

[def insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 4, opn 29 Jan 2026]

‘**approved in principle**’ means the approval in principle of an application required to be notified under Regulation 16(7);

‘**authenticated translation**’ means a translation done by either a professional translator who is officially accredited to a court of law, a government agency, an international organisation or similar official institution or if done in a country where there are no official accredited translators, a translation done by a company whose role of business is professional translation;

‘**certified copy**’ means a copy of the original document certified by a Notary Public, legal practitioner, or Commissioner of Oaths to be a true copy of the original;

‘**de facto relationship**’ has the same meaning given to it under the *Interpretation Act 2011*.

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PART 2 — ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION OF CITIZENSHIP AND REQUIREMENTS FOR DUE DILIGENCE

4 Eligibility criteria for applying for Citizenship

- (1) The eligibility criteria to be met by an Applicant shall be as follows:
- (a) the Applicant has undergone a background screening by an approved due diligence firm and he or she is verified and approved by such approved due diligence firm;
 - (b) the Applicant has provided a police certificate in the country of residence where the Applicant has resided for a period of more than 6 months within the last 10 years;
 - (c) the Applicant has not been convicted of an offence punishable by an imprisonment term of 12 months or more as confirmed by the police certificate;
 - (d) the Applicant has not been charged or indicted by the International Criminal Court, whether he or she had been found guilty or otherwise by such Court;
 - (e) the Applicant has not been listed with the International Criminal Police Organisation, European Police, or any other international crime agency at the time of application;
 - (f) the Applicant has not engaged in terrorism or terrorist and proliferation financing related activities;
 - (g) the Applicant has not been convicted of a sexual offence involving a child;
 - (h) the Applicant is not a citizen of a country which is listed in the United Nations Security Council Resolution as a high-risk country;
 - (i) the Applicant has not been designated as a person for targeted financial sanctions by the United Nations Security Council or its committees under a resolution;
 - (j) the Applicant is not a shareholder or a beneficial owner of an entity designated for targeted financial sanctions by the United Nations Security Council or its committees under a resolution;
 - (k) the Applicant is not a potential threat to the national security, public interest or public health in Naoero;
 - (l) the Applicant has not at any time been found guilty, charged or indicted, or at the time of the application is being investigated of a crime of terrorism, money laundering, funding of terrorism, crimes against humanity, war crimes or crimes that infringe upon such Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms as established by the United Nations Convention on Human Rights; and
 - (m) the Applicant is not at the time of the application, being investigated or been charged, for an offence punishable by an imprisonment term of 12 months or more.

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

- (2) An Applicant who does not meet any of the requirements under subregulation (1) shall not be approved by the Program Office for consideration for citizenship under the Program.

5 Program Office to appoint approved due diligence firm

- (1) The Program Office shall appoint internationally recognised due diligence firms.
- (2) A firm appointed by the Program Office shall be deemed an approved due diligence firm for the purposes of the Program.
- (3) An Applicant who is aged 16 years or over shall undergo due diligence checks by an approved due diligence firm, the Program Office, the Naoero Police Force and Financial Intelligence Unit, before any decision is made in relation to his or her application.

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

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PART 3 — AGENTS

6 Agent Licence

- (1) A person seeking to act as an Agent shall submit:
 - (a) an application in an Agent Licence Application in the approved form; and
 - (b) all documents referred to in the form.

[subreg (1) subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 5, opn 29 Jan 2026]

- (1A) An approved form under subsection (1)(a) shall comply with the requirements of Item 1 of Schedule 5.

[subreg (1A) insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 5, opn 29 Jan 2026]

- (2) The Program Office shall process the application form and within the scope of such processing, shall undertake appropriate due diligence background checks on the prospective Agent.

[subreg (2) am SL 2 of 2025 reg 3(1), opn 10 Jan 2025]

- (3) A person applying for a licence as an Agent shall meet the requirements of Regulation 4(1)(d) to (m).

[subreg (3) subst SL 2 of 2025 reg 3(2), opn 10 Jan 2025]

- (4) Upon approval of an Agent Licence Application by the Program Office, the Program Office shall:
 - (a) provide an Agent Licence Agreement in the approved form; and
 - (b) grant a licence to the Agent upon receipt of a duly signed copy of the Agent Licence Agreement.

[subreg (4) subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 5, opn 29 Jan 2026]

- (4A) An approved form under subsection (4)(a) shall comply with requirements of Item 2 of Schedule 5.

[subreg (4A) insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 5, opn 29 Jan 2026]

7 Licence Fee

A prospective Agent who has been approved for a licence shall pay to the Program Office the annual licence fee prescribed in Schedule 4 of these Regulations in order to maintain the said licence.

[reg 7 subst SL 2 of 2025 reg 4, opn 10 Jan 2025]

8 Duration of licence

- (1) The duration of a licence shall be for 1 year commencing from the date of its issuance, which shall be the date of confirmation of receipt of the licence fee by the Program Office.
- (2) A licence granted under Regulation 6(4) may be renewed on the application of the Agent for 12 months from the date of the expiry of the current licence.
- (3) An application under subregulation (2) for the renewal of licence shall be made:
 - (a) at least 1 month prior to the expiry date of the licence;
 - (b) in the prescribed form; and
 - (c) on the payment of prescribed fees.

- (4) An Agent shall not be entitled to submit any new application upon expiry of the licence.
- (5) Notwithstanding subregulation (4), the Program Office shall only process an application submitted by the Agent prior to the expiry of such licence.

[reg 8 subst SL 2 of 2025 reg 5, opn 10 Jan 2025]

9 Agent Fee

- (1) Where an Agent has been successful in making an Application for citizenship and the applicant has paid the contribution and all applicable fees prescribed in Schedule 1, the Agent shall be entitled to payment of the Agent Fee prescribed in Schedule 4.
- (2) Within 30 days of submission to the Program Office of a claim for payment of an Agent Fee in the prescribed form, the Program Office shall remit the Agent Fee to the Agent.

9A Payment Structure

The fees payable to the Program Office for processing applications shall be made in accordance with the following, and as further specified in Schedule 1:

- (a) the filing fees shall be payable on submission of an application; and
- (b) the approval fees shall be payable upon issuance of the approval in principle letter.

[reg 9A insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 6, opn 29 Jan 2026]

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PART 4 — APPLICATION PROCEDURE

10 Submission of applications

- (1) An application for citizenship shall be submitted by an Agent to the Program Office, accompanied by proof of payment of the Application and Due Diligence Fees prescribed in Schedule 1.
- (2) An application for citizenship shall comprise of the original documentation or certified copies of the documents required under Schedule 6, which includes:
 - (a) duly completed and signed form containing all the application information;
 - (b) duly completed and signed form containing all of the Applicant's personal information;
 - (c) duly completed and signed form containing all of the Applicant's financial information;
 - (d) duly completed and signed form containing all of the Applicant's medical information;
 - (e) a police certificate of any Applicant aged 16 years or older, issued by each country of the Applicant's citizenship and any other country where the Applicant has resided for six months or longer within the past 10 years;
 - (f) evidence obtained under the due diligence process required by the Act or regulations, that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold citizenship;
 - (g) an undertaking by the Principal Applicant to remit to the Program Office:
 - (i) the filing fees specified in Schedule 1 upon submission of the application; and
 - (ii) the approval fees specified in Schedule 1 upon receipt of the letter of approval in principle from the Program Office; and
 - (h) such other document or information as may be required by notice issued by the Program Office.

[subreg (2) subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 7, opn 29 Jan 2026]

- (2A) The forms required under subregulation (2)(a) to (d) shall comply with the requirements provided under Item 1 to Item 4 of Schedule 6.

[subreg (2A) insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 7, opn 29 Jan 2026]

- (3) Subject to subregulation (4), an application form and other accompanying documents shall be completed in the English language.
- (4) Where the original language of any accompanying document is not in the English language, the document shall be accompanied by an authenticated translation.
- (5) Where a legal practitioner, Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths certifies a document to be a true copy of the original, such document shall:
 - (a) include an authentication of the certification of the legal practitioner, Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths by the appropriate judicial authority, statutory authority, government department or other authority; or

- (b) be accompanied by evidence of the current and valid licence or registration of the legal practitioner, Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths issued by the appropriate government department or other government authority.

11 Additional applications subsequent to submission of application by Principal Applicant

Where a Principal Applicant has submitted an application and subsequently requests to submit additional Dependent applications, the fees and contribution payable for the additional Dependents shall be as provided under Schedule 2.

12 Acceptance and rejection of an application by the Program Office

- (1) An application shall only be accepted and processed by the Program Office where all forms are duly completed, dated, signed and accompanied by all required documents, fees and undertakings.
- (2) Where an applicant is found to have made a false statement on any of the forms, the application shall not be processed by the Program Office, which shall be conveyed to the applicant.

[subreg (2) subst SL 2 of 2025 reg 7, opn 10 Jan 2025]

- (3) The Program Office shall not process any application where an Applicant fails or refuses to attend an interview under Regulation 14.

13 Processing of Applications by the Program Office

- (1) An application submitted to the Program Office in accordance with these Regulations shall be examined and processed by the Program Office.
- (2) The Program Office upon receiving an application, shall:
 - (a) carry out due diligence checks independently on every Applicant;
 - (b) instruct an approved due diligence firm to perform due diligence checks on all Applicants who are aged 16 years or over; and
 - (c) refer the name of the Applicant to the Naoero Police Force and Financial Intelligence Unit to perform their respective due diligence checks on such Applicant.

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

- (3) The Program Office shall verify within 90 days of the submission of an application to the Program Office, whether:
 - (a) the application has been certified as correct;
 - (b) all relevant information provided by the Applicant has been verified by an approved due diligence firm;
 - (c) all required application fees, due diligence fees and related charges in Schedule 1, have been paid;
 - (d) the source of all funds of the Applicant has been verified; and
 - (e) an appropriate risk assessment has been carried out.

14 Interview by Program Office

- (1) In examining and processing an Application, the Program Office may require a Principal Applicant and a dependent of a Principal Applicant aged 16 years or over, to attend to an interview conducted by an approved due diligence firm to be undertaken:

- (a) virtually; or
- (b) in person, at a location approved by the Program Office.

[subreg (1) am SL 2 of 2025 reg 8, opn 10 Jan 2025]

- (2) The interview under subregulation (1) shall be conducted within the scope of the requirements of Regulation 4(1).

15 Other requirements relating to Dependents

(1) [subreg (1) rep SL 2 of 2026 reg 8, opn 29 Jan 2026]

- (1) Where a parent or legal guardian has sole or joint custody of a Dependent child who is below the age of 18 and where a person other than the parent has legal guardianship of the child, such parent or legal guardian shall provide to the Program Office the appropriate documentation to demonstrate that custody or guardianship was granted by a court of law or other relevant authority.

[subreg (2) subst SL 2 of 2025 reg 9, opn 10 Jan 2025; renum as subreg (1) SL 2 of 2026 reg 8, opn 29 Jan 2026]

- (2) Where a parent or legal guardian has sole or joint custody of a Dependent child under the age of 18 is not included in the application, that parent or legal guardian shall submit his or her consent for the Principal Applicant to apply for Naoero citizenship under the Program.

[subreg (3) insrt SL 2 of 2025 reg 9, opn 10 Jan 2025; renum as subreg (2) SL 2 of 2026 reg 8, opn 29 Jan 2026; am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

- (3) For a Dependent aged 18 years or over, who lacks capacity to sign the application forms due to a mental or physical impairment, the person with the legal right to act on behalf of that Dependent shall:
 - (a) sign the application form on behalf of that Dependent; and
 - (b) provide to the Program Office the appropriate documentation to demonstrate that person's authority to do so.

[subreg (3) renum as subreg (4) SL 2 of 2025 reg 9, opn 10 Jan 2025; as subreg (3) SL 2 of 2026 reg 8, opn 29 Jan 2026]

16 Recommendation and notification

- (1) The Program Office shall make recommendations to the Minister based on its findings on whether to approve or reject each completed application under consideration and submit them to the Registrar.
- (2) The Registrar shall review the application and recommendation of the Program Office and notify the Program Office that the recommendation is:
 - (a) endorsed by the Registrar; or
 - (b) not endorsed by the Registrar.
- (3) The Registrar shall prepare the documents for consideration by the Minister for applications which have been endorsed by the Registrar.
- (4) Where the Minister endorses the applications, the applications are submitted to Cabinet for final consideration.
- (5) For applications which were not endorsed by the Registrar, the Registrar shall submit this to the Minister to review the recommendation and non-endorsement and direct the Registrar in writing to notify the Program Office that the application has been refused.

[subreg (5) subst Act 13 of 2026 s 6, opn 31 Mar 2026]

- (6) Where the Minister has made a decision under subregulation (5), the Registrar shall for the purpose of Section 5(2) of the Act, inform the Program Office that the Minister has rejected the application for citizenship.

[subreg (6) subst Act 13 of 2026 s 6, opn 31 Mar 2026]

- (7) The Registrar shall inform the Program Office of the Cabinet's decision.
- (8) Where Cabinet has considered the application pursuant to the Act and these Regulations it may:
- (a) approve an application; or
 - (b) reject an application.
- (9) Where the Cabinet has approved an application and the contribution provided under Schedule 1 has been remitted, the Minister shall in accordance with Section 20(1) of the Act and Item 1 of Schedule 7 of these Regulations grant the citizenship.

[subreg (9) am Act 13 of 2026 s 6, opn 31 Mar 2026]

- (10) The Program Office shall notify the relevant Agent that the application has been:
- (a) approved;
 - (b) refused; or
 - (c) delayed for cause.
- (11) Where an application is approved under subregulation (8)(a), the Agent shall:
- (a) provide a letter to the Principal Applicant that the application has been approved in principle; and
 - (b) enclose a copy of the contribution remittance advice provided to it by the Program Office.

[reg 16 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 9, opn 29 Jan 2026]

17 Requirements subsequent to the issuance of the approval in principle letter

- (1) Within 5 days of the letter of approval in principle being issued, the Principal Applicant shall be instructed by the Agent to remit the approval fees to the Program Office, within 30 days of the date of the letter of approval in principle.
- (2) Upon receipt of the approval fees from the Principal Applicant, the Program Office shall deduct:
 - (a) the Agent fee; and
 - (b) the Program Office administration fee;
 from the contribution and remit the remainder of the contribution fee to the Treasury Fund prior to the conferment of the Certificate of Citizenship.

[reg 17 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 10, opn 29 Jan 2026]

18 Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance not taken in person

- (1) For the purposes of Section 20(1) of the Act, an Applicant, whose citizenship has been granted by the Minister shall take an oath or affirmation of allegiance under Section 21 and in accordance with Item 2 of Schedule 7.

[subreg (1) am SL 2 of 2026 reg 11, opn 29 Jan 2026]

- (2) Where the Applicant takes an oath or affirmation under Section 21(2)(a) of the Act, the Program Office shall coordinate with the Registrar on the taking of such oath and affirmation.

- (3) Where the Applicant takes an oath or affirmation under Section 21(2)(b) of the Act, the oath shall be stamped and certified and provided to the Program Office.
- (4) The record of an oath or affirmation taken under subregulation (2) or (3) shall be provided by the Program Office to the Registrar.

19 Certificate of Citizenship

- (1) Upon receipt by the Registrar of an oath or affirmation undertaken under Regulation 18, the Registrar shall facilitate, pursuant to Section 20 of the Act the conferment of the Certificate of Citizenship by the President, and deliver the Certificate of Citizenship to the Program Office.

[subreg (1) subst SL 2 of 2025 reg 11, opn 10 Jan 2025]

- (2) The Certificate of Citizenship shall be in accordance with Item 3 of Schedule 7.

[subreg (2) subst SL 2 of 2025 reg 11, opn 10 Jan 2025; am SL 2 of 2026 reg 12, opn 29 Jan 2026]

- (3) Upon receipt of the Certificate of Citizenship, the Program Office shall deliver the Certificate of Citizenship to the Agent.

[subreg (3) insrt SL 2 of 2025 reg 11, opn 10 Jan 2025]

- (4) The Agent shall deliver the Certificate of Citizenship to the Principal Applicant.

[subreg (4) insrt SL 2 of 2025 reg 11, opn 10 Jan 2025]

- (5) The Program Office shall advice the Registrar that the requirements under subregulations (3) and (4) have been complied and the successful applicant has received the certificate of citizenship.

[subreg (5) insrt SL 2 of 2025 reg 11, opn 10 Jan 2025]

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PART 4A — FILING METHODS AND FORMS

[Pt 4A insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 13, opn 29 Jan 2026]

20 Forms

- (1) The Program Office may approve, revoke or amend forms for the purposes of the Act.
- (2) A form approved under subregulation (1) shall comply with the minimum requirements for format, layout and content prescribed by these Regulations.
- (3) The Program Office may make the forms available in such manner as the Program Office or Registrar considers appropriate.

21 Minimum format and layout requirements for forms

- (1) Each form shall:
 - (a) clearly identify:
 - (i) the Schedule and form number;
 - (ii) the title of the form; and
 - (iii) the purpose of the form;
 - (b) display the Naoero emblem;
 - (c) clearly identify the Program Office or the Registrar as the receiving authority;
 - (d) provide a space for the applicant's full name and contact details;
 - (e) provide a space for the date on which the form is completed;
 - (f) provide a space for the signature or approved electronic authentication of the person completing the form;
 - (g) contain any warnings, declarations or acknowledgements required by these Regulations; and
 - (h) any extra information should be added in the Annex: Additional Information form.

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

- (2) The Program Office may determine:
 - (a) the arrangement and order of fields;
 - (b) headings and subheadings;
 - (c) typography, design and visual presentation; and
 - (d) such other additional fields, notes or instructions,provided that the form continues to comply with the minimum requirements in subregulation (1) and any other requirements prescribed by these Regulations.

22 Minimum Content Requirements for Scheduled Forms

- (1) Without limiting Section 31(2)(c) of the Act, the regulations may require that each form or class of forms include:
 - (a) information sufficient to identify the applicant and any dependants;
 - (b) information relating to eligibility criteria applicable to the form;

- (c) information necessary to conduct due diligence, including disclosure of any matters relevant to security, criminal, financial or reputational risk, where applicable;
 - (d) declarations as to the accuracy and completeness of the information provided; and
 - (e) any consents or acknowledgements required under the Act or these Regulations.
- (2) The Program Office may require additional information or documents to accompany a particular application, provided that:
- (a) the additional information or documents are reasonably related to the purpose of the form; and
 - (b) the requirement is consistent with the Act and these Regulations.

23 Approved electronic document systems and authentication

- (1) The Program Office may approve one or more electronic systems or platforms for:
- (a) the electronic completion and lodgement of forms;
 - (b) the electronic payment of fees; and
 - (c) the electronic issue of notices, certificates and other documents under the Act.
- (2) The Program Office shall publish a notice identifying each approved electronic system or platform and the date on which its approval takes effect.
- (3) An electronic system or platform approved under this regulation may be varied, suspended or revoked by a further notice published by the Program Office.

24 Electronic lodgement and deemed time of receipt

- (1) An application, notice or other document may be lodged electronically using an approved electronic system or platform.
- (2) An electronic lodgement is taken to have been received by the Program Office or the Registrar:
- (a) at the date and time recorded by the approved electronic system or platform as the date and time of successful submission; or
 - (b) if there is a discrepancy between system records, at the date and time certified by the Chief Executive Officer of the Program Office or the Registrar in accordance with Regulation 28.
- (3) Where an electronic lodgement is made after 11:59pm local time in Naoero on a day, it is taken to have been received on the next business day.

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

- (4) Where an electronic lodgement fails or is incomplete due to a malfunction of an approved electronic system or platform, the Program Office shall:
- (a) treat the document as not having been received; or
 - (b) treat the document as having been received at such later date and time as is reasonable in the circumstances.
- (5) The Program Office shall notify the person who attempted the lodgement as soon as practicable upon receipt.

25 Electronic signatures and authentication

- (1) For the purposes of Section 30(2) and (3) of the Act, a method of electronic authentication is an approved method where it:
 - (a) is specified as an approved method by the Program; or
 - (b) is a method of electronic signature or authentication built into, or natively supported by, an approved electronic system or platform.
- (2) Without limiting subregulation (1), an approved method of electronic authentication may include:
 - (a) a secure user account and password;
 - (b) multi-factor authentication;
 - (c) a cryptographic or digital signature; or
 - (d) such other method as the Program Office or the Registrar considers appropriate.
- (3) A document that is authenticated by an approved method of electronic authentication is taken to be signed, sealed, stamped, certified, endorsed or otherwise authenticated, as the case may be, for the purposes of the Act.

26 Electronic notices and communications

- (1) The Program Office or the Registrar may give any notice, certificate or other communication under the Act by electronic means:
 - (a) to the email address or electronic account nominated by the person; or
 - (b) through an approved electronic system or platform.
- (2) An electronic notice or communication is taken to have been received:
 - (a) on the day on which it is sent, where it is sent by email, unless the sender receives a delivery failure message; or
 - (b) on the date and time recorded by that system as the time the notice or communication became available to the recipient, where it is given through an approved electronic system or platform.
- (3) Subregulation (2) does not apply where the recipient proves that, through no fault of his or her own, the notice or communication could not reasonably have been accessed at that time.

27 Electronic records and retention

- (1) The Program Office and the Registrar may create and keep records in electronic form for the purposes of the Act.
- (2) An electronic record shall:
 - (a) be stored in a secure manner that protects it against unauthorised access, alteration or loss;
 - (b) be retained for at least the minimum period prescribed by any applicable law or, if no such period is prescribed, for such period as the Program Office or the Registrar considers appropriate; and
 - (c) be capable of being retrieved and reproduced in a legible form.
- (3) An electronic copy of a document has the same legal effect as the original document where:
 - (a) it accurately reproduces the content of the original; and
 - (b) there is a reliable system for ensuring the integrity of the electronic record.

28 Certificates as to electronic records and receipt

- (1) The Chief Executive Officer of the Program Office or the Registrar may issue a certificate stating:
 - (a) that a specified electronic record was made or kept in the ordinary course of the operations of the Program Office or the Registrar;
 - (b) the manner in which that record was made or kept; and
 - (c) the date and time shown by the record as the date and time an application, notice or other document was received.
- (2) A certificate issued under subregulation (1) is admissible as evidence in any legal proceedings, and, in the absence of proof to the contrary, is proof of the matters stated in it.

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PART 5 — POST APPROVAL APPLICATIONS FOR DEPENDENTS

29 Post Approval Additions

- (1) A Principal Applicant who has obtained Naoero citizenship under the Act may make one or more subsequent applications for Dependents in accordance with Part 4 which shall apply *mutatis mutandis* subject to subregulation (2).

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

- (2) The contributions and fees payable for an application made under this Regulation are prescribed in Schedule 3.

[reg 20 renum as reg 29 SL 2 of 2026 reg 14, opn 29 Jan 2026]

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PART 6 — REGISTER OF CITIZENSHIP

30 Register of Citizenship

For the purposes of Section 27 of the Act, the Register established and maintained by the Registrar may be kept as set out in Part A of Schedule 8.

[reg 21 renum as reg 30 SL 2 of 2026 reg 15, opn 29 Jan 2026]

31 Access to the Register

The Register may be accessed by any law enforcement authority including the:

- (a) Naoero Police Force;
- (b) Financial Intelligence Unit;
- (c) Naoero Revenue Office; or
- (d) Director of Public Prosecutions.

[reg 22 renum as reg 31 SL 2 of 2026 reg 15, opn 29 Jan 2026; am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

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PART 7 — MISCELLANEOUS

32 Fees

The Fees and contributions payable under these Regulations shall be provided under Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4 and 4A.

[reg 32 insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 16, opn 29 Jan 2026]

33 Additional Fees

- (1) The Program Office may, from time to time, determine the amount of any additional fees relating to:
 - (a) bank transaction, due diligence or payment processing charges;
 - (b) additional third-party due diligence fees;
 - (c) courier or document handling fees;
 - (d) concierge services; and
 - (e) such other fee required in the operation of the Program Office,that are payable in relation to an application or other service under these Regulations.
- (2) A determination under subregulation (1) shall be:
 - (a) in writing; and
 - (b) published on the Program Office's official website.

[reg 33 insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 16, opn 29 Jan 2026]

34 Special Projects

- (1) Where the Cabinet establishes a special project under Section 9 of the Act, the Program Office shall:
 - (a) publish details of the special project and notify all licenced Agents;
 - (b) implement procedures to ensure applications under the special project comply with the eligibility criteria specified in the notice; and
 - (c) ensure that the allocation of fees and contributions follows the distribution specified in the notice.
- (2) Applications submitted under a special project remain subject to all other requirements of the Act and these Regulations.

[reg 34 insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 16, opn 29 Jan 2026]

35 Record keeping

For the purpose of Section 28(1)(f) of the Act, the Program Office shall keep and maintain a record of an oath or affirmation of allegiance undertaken under Regulation 18.

[reg 24 renum as reg 35 SL 2 of 2026 reg 16, opn 29 Jan 2026]

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SCHEDULE 1

[Regulations 9, 9A and 10]

[Sch 1 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 17, opn 29 Jan 2026]

<i>FILING FEES</i>	
<i>Application Fee</i>	
Single Applicant	5,000
Each additional dependent	2,000
<i>Due Diligence Fee</i>	
Principal Applicant	6,000
Each additional Dependent, aged 16 or above	3,000
Benefactor (that is not the Principal Applicant or a Dependent)	3,000
<i>APPROVAL FEES</i>	
<i>Contribution</i>	
Single Applicant	115,000
Each eligible dependent, aged 16 or above	2,000
For each sibling of a Principal Applicant or of his/her spouse	15,000
<i>Other</i>	
Passport Fee	500 per passport

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SCHEDULE 2

[Regulation 11]

FEES APPLICABLE TO PRE-APPROVAL ADDITIONS TO AN APPLICATION

[Sch 2 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 18, opn 29 Jan 2026]

FILING FEES	
<i>Application Fee</i>	
Each additional dependent	2,000
<i>Due Diligence Fee</i>	
Each additional Dependent, aged 16 or above	3,000
APPROVAL FEES	
<i>Contribution</i>	
Each eligible dependent, aged 16 or above	2,000
For each sibling of a Principal Applicant or of his/her spouse	15,000
<i>Other</i>	
Passport Fee	500 per passport

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SCHEDULE 3

(Regulation 29)

FEES APPLICABLE TO POST-APPROVAL ADDITIONS TO AN APPLICATION

[Sch 3 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 19, opn 29 Jan 2026; am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

<i>FILING FEES</i>	
<i>Application Fee</i>	
Spouse of the Principal Applicant	5,000
Child of the Principal Applicant or of his/her spouse up to 2 years of age	5,000
Adopted child of the Principal Applicant or of his/her spouse who is under the age of 18 who was adopted within 3 years following the Principal Applicant obtaining Naoero citizenship	5,000
Child of the Principal Applicant or his/her spouse between 3 and 18 years of age	5,000
Grandchild of the Principal Applicant or of his/her spouse	5,000
All other eligible Dependents	5,000
<i>Due Diligence Fee</i>	
Each additional Dependent, aged 16 or above	6,000
Benefactor (that is not the Principal Applicant or a Dependent)	6,000
<i>APPROVAL FEES</i>	
<i>Contribution</i>	
Spouse of the Principal Applicant	30,000
Child of the Principal Applicant or of his/her spouse up to 2 years of age	0
Adopted child of the Principal Applicant or of his/her spouse who is under the age of 18 who was adopted within 3 years following the Principal Applicant obtaining Naoero citizenship	0
Child of the Principal Applicant or of his/her spouse between 3 and 18 years of age	25,000
Grandchild of the Principal Applicant or of his/her spouse	25,000
All other eligible dependents	35,000
<i>Other</i>	
Passport Fee	500 per passport

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SCHEDULE 4

[Regulations 6, 7 and 9]

PERSCRIBED AGENT FEES

[Sch 4 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 20, opn 29 Jan 2026]

ITEM	USD
Agent annual licence fee	5,000
Agent fee per approved Principal Applicant application	25,000

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SCHEDULE 4A

(Regulations 3 and 17)

ADMINISTRATION FEES

[Sch 4A insrt SL 2 of 2026 reg 21, opn 29 Jan 2026]

ITEM	USD
Program Office Administration Fee for Principal Applicant application	10,000
Program Office Administration Fee for Post Approval Applications	5,000

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SCHEDULE 5

(Regulations 6, 20, 21, 22)

[Sch 5 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 22, opn 29 Jan 2026; am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

Item 1 — Agent Licence Application Form

An Agent Licence Application Form for the purposes of Regulation 6(1) shall include the following information:

- (a) in the case of a natural person applicant:
 - (i) title and gender;
 - (ii) full name (first, middle and last names) as per passport;
 - (iii) place and date of birth;
 - (iv) passport details, including for multiple passports where held, comprising issuing country, passport number, place of issue, and dates of issue and expiry, with a facility to provide additional passport details in a separate sheet;
 - (v) current residential address and, where applicable, registered office address;
 - (vi) contact telephone number or numbers, email address and website address;
 - (vii) details of any professional associations and professional qualifications;
 - (viii) a description of the applicant's investment migration experience and expertise, including when the applicant became active in the industry;
 - (ix) a description of the applicant's current investment migration program portfolio;
 - (x) details of any due diligence databases or other tools used;
 - (xi) disclosure of any past withdrawal of an agent licence or flagging in relation to any other program; and
 - (xii) a declaration and signature section consistent with paragraph (e);
- (b) in the case of a legal entity applicant:
 - (i) legal entity name, and trading name (where applicable);
 - (ii) date of incorporation or registration or formal constitution;
 - (iii) type of entity and official identification number;
 - (iv) country of incorporation;
 - (v) registered office and mailing address;
 - (vi) principal place of business or operations;
 - (vii) nature of activities and jurisdictional sphere of operations;
 - (viii) a description of the entity's investment migration experience and expertise, including when it became active in the industry;
 - (ix) a description of the entity's current investment migration program portfolio;
 - (x) details of due diligence databases or other tools used;
 - (xi) details of all business websites and any domain names registered or intended for use;
 - (xii) disclosure of any past withdrawal of an agent licence or flagging in relation to any other program; and
 - (xiii) details of at least two authorised individuals to act as Agent Licence Representatives and liaise with the Program Office, including full name, position and email address;
- (c) in respect of directors or partners of a legal entity:
 - (i) full name as per passport;
 - (ii) date of birth;

- (iii) nationality;
- (iv) passport number;
- (v) principal residential address;
- (vi) position held; and
- (vii) time in current role;
- (d) in respect of shareholders and beneficial owners:
 - (i) for each shareholder holding 25% or more of the legal entity, the full name as per passport, address and shareholding percentage; and
 - (ii) for each beneficial owner with a beneficial interest of 25% or more, the full name as per passport (and, where a natural person, full name as per passport), address and beneficial ownership percentage;
- (e) bank account details for fee payments and remittance of the prescribed Agent fee, including account name, account number or IBAN, bank name, bank address and SWIFT/BIC code;
- (f) a data protection statement and a declaration whereby the applicant:
 - (i) acknowledges that personal data will be processed for the purposes of an Agent Licence under the Act and Regulations;
 - (ii) confirms that the information supplied is true, correct and up to date;
 - (iii) consents to the Program Office conducting due diligence and verification, including with third parties and law-enforcement and police authorities, and to disclosure and receipt of information from public authorities and private agencies;
 - (iv) undertakes to protect the integrity of the Regulations and abide by operating conditions and the Agent Licence Agreement and Code of Conduct, and to take responsibility for the conduct of any sub-agents;
 - (v) undertakes to meet all applicable regulatory requirements, including anti-money-laundering and sanctions laws; and
 - (vi) acknowledges that a licence fee applies and that the Program Office may inspect documentation and correspondence;
- (g) signature, printed name, position and date for each authorised signatory of the natural person or legal entity applicant; and
- (h) such other information as may be required for the application form.

Item 2 — Agent Licence Agreement

An Agent Licence Agreement for the purposes of Regulation 6(4) shall:

- (a) identify the Program, the Act, the Regulations and the Program Office and state that the Agreement governs the relationship between the Agent and the Program Office;
- (b) contain definitions of key terms used within the Agreement;
- (c) set out the responsibilities of the Program Office and the grounds on which an Agent's licence may be revoked or suspended;
- (d) specify standards of conduct required of Agents, including ethical and professional obligations, compliance with professional codes of ethics, and restrictions on engaging with unauthorised persons;
- (e) prescribe standards in relation to applications, including the obligation to introduce bona fide applicants, to conduct appropriate background checks and to refrain from lodging dubious applications;
- (f) regulate the appointment and responsibilities of Sub-Agents, including the requirement for written contracts, notification to the Program Office and the Program Office's power to request withdrawal of Sub-Agent arrangements;

- (g) set out rules governing advertising, marketing and promotion of the Program, including restrictions on use of sovereign symbols, prohibitions on suggesting fast-tracking or guaranteed outcomes, and prohibitions on promoting citizenship as a tax-planning tool;
- (h) impose confidentiality obligations on Agents and their personnel, with appropriate exceptions;
- (i) describe the process for investigating suspected breaches of the Agreement and the measures the Program Office may take;
- (j) include provisions on applicable law and jurisdiction, specifying that the Agreement is governed by the laws of Naoero and that the courts of Naoero have exclusive jurisdiction;
- (k) include a signature block for the Agent (including full name, position, company, signature and date) together with an acknowledgment that failure to comply may result in revocation of the licence; and
- (l) such other information as may be required to be included in the Agreement.

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SCHEDULE 6

(Regulations 10, 20, 21 and 22)

[Sch 6 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 23, opn 29 Jan 2026; am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

Item 1 — Application Information Form

An Application Information Form for the purposes of Regulation 10(2)(a) shall include the following information:

- (a) personal particulars of the Principal Applicant, including title, gender, full name (first, middle and last names) as per passport, place of birth (city and country) and date of birth;
- (b) details of each qualifying dependant included in the application, including full name, relationship to the Principal Applicant and date of birth, and a facility to indicate where no qualifying dependants are included and where additional dependants are listed in a supplemental annex;
- (c) a brief written explanation of the reasons for seeking Naoero citizenship for the Principal Applicant and, where applicable, for their dependants;
- (d) a statement of the required contribution amount, application fee, due diligence fee and passport fee, including:
 - (i) contribution bands by reference to the number of dependants;
 - (ii) separate identification of any benefactor paying the contribution or fees;
 - (iii) any per-dependent or per-sibling amounts, and the number of dependants aged 16 or over and, where applicable, the number of siblings of the Principal Applicant or their spouse; and
 - (iv) the total number of passports to be issued and the corresponding total passport fee;
- (e) a brief description of the lawful source of funds to be used to meet the contribution and fees;
- (f) bank account details from which the contribution and passport fee will be remitted, including account name, account number or IBAN, bank name, bank address and SWIFT/BIC code;
- (g) the name and licence number of the licensed Agent submitting the application;
- (h) the full name, signature and date of signature of the Principal Applicant; and
- (i) such other information as may be required for this form.

Item 2 — Personal Information Form

A Personal Information Form for each applicant, dependant and benefactor for the purposes of Regulation 10(2)(b) shall include the following information:

- (a) the role of the following persons in the application (Principal Applicant, spouse, dependant child, dependant parent, dependant sibling, dependant grandparent or benefactor);
- (b) identity particulars, including:
 - (i) title and gender;
 - (ii) full name (first, middle and last names) as per passport;
 - (iii) where applicable, names in ethnic script;
 - (iv) names as per birth certificate where different; and
 - (v) any other names, including maiden, previous married names and aliases, together with the basis of the name change;
- (c) place and date of birth, current nationalities held, and previous nationalities (including dates and an explanation);

- (d) marital status, together with the place and date or dates on which that status was registered;
- (e) details of any current residency permits or visas held, and a facility to provide additional details in an annex;
- (f) passport details, including for multiple passports where held, comprising issuing country, passport number, place of issue, dates of issue and expiry and any indication of no expiry;
- (g) details of any national identity cards or similar documents;
- (h) current full residential address, any alternative address, and tax information including tax registration number and registered tax address;
- (i) contact telephone number or numbers and an email address;
- (j) a complete list of all residential addresses for the previous 10 years, without gaps in time;
- (k) highest or current school or university qualification, including institution name, location, dates and qualification obtained;
- (l) details of family members, including:
 - (i) spouse;
 - (ii) father;
 - (iii) mother;
 - (iv) all biological, adopted and step-children;
 - (v) siblings; and
 - (vi) any other eligible dependants,
 in each case including full name, citizenship, date of birth, place of birth and residential address, with an option to indicate “not applicable” and to provide additional entries in an annex;
- (m) responses to declarations concerning:
 - (i) military service or training and membership of military or paramilitary organisations;
 - (ii) arrests, charges, convictions, detention or probation;
 - (iii) sentenced to a period of detention or placed on probation;
 - (iv) investigations by law-enforcement or government authorities, including the tax authority;
 - (v) involvement in terrorism or criminal organisations;
 - (vi) bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation;
 - (vii) refusals, cancellations or unlawful presence in respect of visas or residence permits;
 - (viii) refusals of citizenship applications;
 - (ix) restrictions on professional or business activities imposed by a state or regulatory body; and
 - (x) status as a politically exposed person, including where such status arises in relation to a family member or close associate;
- (n) a data protection and consent statement explaining the purposes and legal basis for processing personal data under the Act and Regulations;
- (o) a declaration and consent by the person authorising the Program Office and its service providers to conduct due diligence, obtain information from public and private sources, and share data with financial institutions and competent authorities, including tax authorities; and

- (p) signature, printed name and date of signature of the person, and, where required, of each parent or legal guardian in the case of a minor, together with a witnessing section for a notary public or jurisdictional equivalent including name, address, signature, date and, where applicable, official stamp.

Item 3 — Financial Information Form

A Financial Information (Wealth and Income) Form for the Principal Applicant and any benefactor for the purposes of Regulation 10(2)(c) shall include the following information:

- (a) personal particulars, including full name (first, middle and last names) as per passport, gender and date of birth;
- (b) current employment status, including whether self-employed, employed or retired, with the ability to indicate more than one status where applicable;
- (c) where the person is self-employed:
 - (i) annual income (in USD, EUR, GBP or other stated currency);
 - (ii) company or trading name;
 - (iii) country and date of incorporation or registration;
 - (iv) registered office and, if different, mailing address;
 - (v) company telephone number and website;
 - (vi) nature of the business; and
 - (vii) countries of business activities and principal markets;
- (d) where the person is employed:
 - (i) annual income;
 - (ii) employer's name;
 - (iii) position held;
 - (iv) employer's address, telephone number and website; and
 - (v) countries of business activities of the employer;
- (e) a complete employment history for the past 10 years, including all periods of employment, self-employment, unemployment and retirement, with position, employer's details, including full name and country of operation, type of business, and dates for each entry;
- (f) a statement of the person's total net worth, expressed in USD, EUR, GBP or other stated currency;
- (g) a brief description of how the person's net worth was generated, with space for supporting documentation to be referred to;
- (h) a list of all companies in which the person holds shares or directorships, including for each company its name, registered address, position held, shareholding percentage (if applicable) and estimated shareholding value (if applicable);
- (i) declarations that:
 - (i) the person's wealth is not directly or indirectly derived from the proceeds of criminal activities;
 - (ii) the person is fully compliant with their global tax obligations;
 - (iii) to the person's knowledge they are not currently the subject of any criminal investigations; and
 - (iv) the person is not engaged in any business activities that are not disclosed on the form; and
- (j) signature, printed name and date of signature of the person.

Item 4 — Medical Information Form

A Medical Information Form for the purposes of Regulation 10(2)(d) for each person included in the application shall include the following information:

- (a) personal particulars of the person, including full name (first, middle and last names) as per passport, gender and date of birth;
- (b) answers to questions on health status, including whether the person:
 - (i) currently has serious health problems;
 - (ii) suffers, or has ever suffered, from HIV, AIDS, tuberculosis, hepatitis, typhoid or any other communicable disease;
 - (iii) is currently taking prescribed medication;
 - (iv) has been hospitalised in the previous five years; and
 - (v) in the case of a female applicant, is pregnant, with space to state the expected date of birth;
- (c) space to provide further information where any answer in paragraph (b) is “yes”, including diagnoses and dates;
- (d) a declaration by the applicant that:
 - (i) the information provided is correct and up to date;
 - (ii) false or misleading information may result in refusal of the citizenship application;
 - (iii) they consent to the examining physician contacting their medical practitioner and to undergoing further health checks and medical tests if requested by the Program Office; and
 - (iv) they consent to the processing of their health data in connection with the application under the Act and Regulations;
- (e) signature and date of the applicant, and, in the case of a dependant under 18 years of age, the name, relationship, signature and date of a parent or legal guardian;
- (f) a section to be completed by the medical examiner, including:
 - (i) weight (in kilograms) and height (in centimetres);
 - (ii) an assessment as to whether there are signs of communicable disease;
 - (iii) an assessment of general health and other systems and whether there are any abnormalities; and
 - (iv) a final evaluation;
- (g) medical examiner details and declaration, including full name, medical registration number, organisation, position, business address, telephone number, date, signature and professional stamp, together with a statement reading “By signing this medical form, you confirm that you have verified the identity of the individual named herein by reviewing government-issued photographic identification.”; and
- (h) such other information as required to ascertain the medical fitness and history of an applicant.

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SCHEDULE 7

(Section 20, Regulations 16, 18, and 19)

[Sch 7 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 24, opn 29 Jan 2026; am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

Item 1 — Grant of citizenship

For the purposes of Section 20 of the Act and Regulation 16 of these Regulations, the content and format for the Grant of Citizenship shall include the following information:

- (a) the name of the Minister responsible for Citizenship;
- (b) the full name of the person to whom citizenship is granted;
- (c) a statement that the Minister grants citizenship to that person under the *Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Act 2024*;
- (d) the date on which citizenship is granted; and
- (e) the signature, printed name and office of the Minister responsible for Citizenship.

Item 2 — Citizenship Affirmation Form

A Citizenship Affirmation Form for the purposes of Section 20 of the Act and Regulation 18 of these Regulations shall include the following information:

- (a) identity and affirmation:
 - (i) full name (first and last name) of the person making the affirmation;
 - (ii) a statement in the following, or substantially similar, terms: “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.”
- (b) signature and witnessing:
 - (i) the signature of the person making the affirmation;
 - (ii) the full name of the witness;
 - (iii) the capacity in which the witness acts, being Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public, Commissioner of Oaths, or jurisdictional equivalent;
 - (iv) the address at which the affirmation is sworn or affirmed;
 - (v) the date on which the affirmation is sworn or affirmed; and
 - (vi) the signature of the witness and, where applicable, the official stamp or seal of the witness.
- (c) guidance stating that, in the case of minor children (children under 18 years of age), the citizenship affirmation is not required.

Item 3 — Certificate of Citizenship

A Certificate of Citizenship for the purposes of Section 20 of the Act and Regulation 19 shall include the following information:

- (a) the words “Republic of Naoero” and a reference to the *Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Act 2024*;
- (b) the title “Certificate of Citizenship”;
- (c) the full name of the person to whom the certificate is issued;
- (d) the date of birth of that person;
- (e) a statement, in the following or substantially similar terms, that the person is a citizen of the Republic of Naoero under the Act;

I, [Name of current President] President of the Republic of Naoero hereby declare that the abovenamed having satisfied the conditions pursuant to the *Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Act 2024* 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 [Day] of [Month] [Year]

- (f) the effective date of citizenship (if your policy is to state it on the certificate);
- (g) the name and title of the President in office at the time of issue, and a signature block for the “President and Chair Person of Cabinet”;
- (h) a unique certificate number; and
- (i) provision for the official seal.

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SCHEDULE 8

(Regulation 30)

REGISTER OF CITIZENSHIP

[Sch 8 subst SL 2 of 2026 reg 25, opn 29 Jan 2026]

The Register of Citizenship for the purposes of Regulation 30 shall include the following information:

- (a) full name of the applicant for citizenship;
- (b) date of birth;
- (c) gender;
- (d) the names of parents or legal guardians (where applicable);
- (e) country of origin;
- (f) the date on which citizenship is granted under the Act;
- (g) the date on which an oath or affirmation of allegiance is taken, where applicable;
- (h) the date of issue of the certificate of citizenship by the President; and
- (i) the date and reason for any cancellation of citizenship.

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