

# **SAINT LUCIA**

**No. 7 of 2024**

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I Assent

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ERROL CHARLES,  
*Acting Governor-General.*

*June 27, 2024.*

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**No. 7 of 2024**

**AN ACT** to amend the Citizenship of Saint Lucia Act, Cap. 1.04.

[ 27th June, 2024 ]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly and the Senate of Saint Lucia, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Citizenship of Saint Lucia (Amendment) Act, 2024.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act, “principal Act” means the Citizenship of Saint Lucia Act, Cap. 1.04.

**Amendment of section 3**

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and by substituting the following —

“ (2) A person born outside Saint Lucia shall become a citizen on the appointed date, if prior to that date his or her father, mother, grandfather or grandmother becomes or would, but for his or her death or renunciation of the citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies, have become a citizen under subsection (1). ”.

**Substitution of section 4**

4. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 4 and by substituting the following —

“ **Acquisition of citizenship by birth after the appointed date**

**4.—(1)** A person born in Saint Lucia after the appointed date shall become a citizen.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person shall not become a citizen under subsection (1) if —

- (a) his or her father, mother, grandfather or grandmother is a citizen of Saint Lucia, and his or her father or grandfather possesses immunity from legal proceedings as is accorded to the envoy of a foreign country accredited to Saint Lucia;
- (b) his or her father or grandfather is a citizen of a country with which Saint Lucia is at war and his or her birth occurred in a place then under occupation by that country.”.

**Substitution of section 5**

5. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 5 and by substituting the following —

**“ Persons born outside Saint Lucia after appointed date**

5. A person born outside Saint Lucia after the commencement of this Act becomes a citizen at the date of his or her birth if, at that date, his or her father, mother, grandfather or grandmother is a citizen by birth.”.

**Insertion of new section 5A**

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 5, a new section 5A as follows —

**“Application for citizenship by descent**

**5A.—**(1) A person or an attorney-at law on behalf of a person may make an application for citizenship by descent in the prescribed form.

(2) An application under subsection (1) must be accompanied by —

(a) in the case of the person making an application —

- (i) his or her Birth Certificate,
- (ii) his or her passport, whether valid or expired,
- (iii) four passport-sized photographs sized 2cm. by 2cm. and certified by a Notary Royal, within six months after taking the photographs,
- (iv) a Certificate of Character, issued within the last six months of making an application under subsection (1), from —

(A) the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force; or

(B) a country in which the person resided for a continuous period of three years prior to making an application under subsection (1);

- (b) where applicable, the Birth Certificate of the father, mother, grandfather or grandmother of the person making the application;
  - (c) where applicable, a Marriage Certificate or Divorce Decree;
  - (d) a letter of clearance from the Inland Revenue Department;
  - (e) a stamp with a value of —
    - (i) in the case of a child, eleven dollars and fifty cents, or
    - (ii) in the case of a person other than a child, twenty-five dollars;
  - (f) in the case of an application made by an attorney-at-law on behalf of a person under subsection (1), a cover letter of the attorney-at-law and a letter of authorization from the person on whose behalf the attorney-at law is making the application;
  - (g) the prescribed application for citizenship by descent fee;
  - (h) any other documents requested by the Department of Home Affairs to properly consider an application for citizenship by descent, including —
    - (i) in the case of a child, a letter from the principal or headmaster of the school or other educational institution in which the child is registered or enrolled,
    - (ii) a work permit;
    - (iii) a CARICOM Single Market and Economy Certificate,
    - (iv) a Deed Poll or other document that gives legal effect to a change of name.
- (3) Where a document under subsection (2) is in a language other than the English language, the document must be provided with —
- (a) an Apostille to authenticate the information in the document in accordance with the Apostille (Hague Convention) Act, Cap. 2:18;

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(b) a document translated in the English language by a translator recognized by the Department of Home Affairs.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

CLAUDIUS J. FRANCIS,  
*Speaker of the House of Assembly.*

Passed in the Senate this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

ALVINA REYNOLDS,  
*President of the Senate.*