

NATIONALITY RESOLUTION

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PART ONE General Provisions

Interpretation 2 (1)

In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires-

‘Minister’ means the Internal Affairs Minister.

The ‘Ministry’ means the Internal Affairs Ministry.

The ‘Council of Ministers’ means the Council of Ministers of the TRNC,

The ‘National Parliament’ means the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Parliament.

The ‘White Identification Card’ means the Identification card issued by the Registry Office either to permanent residents or to temporary resident permit holders as well as to those holding transmigration permission.

‘Temporary Resident Permit’ refers to the document issued under the Foreign Nationals and Immigration Law; however it was abolished on February 20th 2008 and in this respect means the White Identification Card issued by the Registry Office.

‘Minor’ means a person who is under the age of 18.

‘Foreign National’ is a person who is not a citizen of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

‘Secured income’ refers to salary or monthly earnings or equivalent of a minimum salary for each spouse (for a period of time allowed by law) and for half of the minimum monthly salary per each child; or any bank deposits equivalent to such amounts.

‘Guaranteed Salary’ refers to the minimum wage provided, for a person, his/her partner and children in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus within the time of permission.

‘Residence’ means a house worth or equal to GBP 100,000

(2) Any person born aboard a registered or unregistered ship or aircraft is deemed, for the purposes of this Law, to have been born in the place where the ship or aircraft is registered or in the country concerned.

(3) For the purposes of this Law, completion of the age of 18 requires the attainment of a person's 19th birthday.

The purpose of this Law is to lay down the provisions as to the acquisition and loss of citizenship.

PART TWO GAINING CITIZENSHIP

Acquisition of Citizenship by birth 4

A child born within the borders of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to a parent who is a TRNC citizen is automatically a TRNC citizen by birth.

Acquisition of Citizenship by descent 5

(1) Children born within or outside the borders of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to a Turkish Cypriot father or to a Turkish Cypriot mother are citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, as from their birth.

(2) A child born abroad to TRNC citizen parents acquires TRNC citizenship at birth only by being a resident in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus without interruption for 5 (five) years preceding the date of his/her application.

The aforementioned Section (1) applies to a child born outside the TRNC.

For the purposes of this paragraph, this section refers to residence in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus for more than 6 (six) months regardless of permissions from the Immigration office or not.

Citizenship by Adoption 6

Adoption does not affect the citizenship of the adopted child. Provided that, the 'minor adopted child':

- (1) Has no mother and father and is adopted by a married couple;
- (2) Does not have any citizenship;

A child adopted by a TRNC citizen acquires TRNC citizenship.

For the purposes of this section, "minor" has the same meaning attributed to children who are under the age of 18.

Re-Acquisition of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Citizenship 7

- (1) According to the Article 18 in this Law, those who voluntarily renounced their TRNC citizenship previously for gaining another citizenship should apply to the Immigration Office to reacquire their citizenship and gain the right to acquire TRNC citizenship.
- 2) According to Article 17 in this Law, citizens who wish to reacquire their TRNC citizenships are obliged to complete their Military Service, where applicable, and then are eligible to reacquire their citizenship from the Immigration Office.
- (3) According to the subsections (1) and (2) above, partner and children, including the ones who are over 18, of a person who re-applies for TRNC citizenship, are also eligible to reacquire their citizenship.

The Acquisition of Citizenship by Marriage 8

Foreign Nationals' who have been married to a Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizen can apply for the acquisition of the TRNC citizenship. The applicants shall fulfil the conditions as per below:

- (A) 3 (three) years of marriage should be fulfilled from the application date; 2 (two) years if the couple has been married for 7 (seven) years or more; 1 (one) year if the couple has been married for 10 (ten) years or more.
 - (B) If an 'Foreign National' acquires TRNC citizenship as a result of his/her previous marriage, and in the case where they remarry, and in the event that the age difference between the spouses is 20 years or more, 5 (years) of marriage need to be fulfilled from the application date.
 - (C) Merely by reason of the fact that, the marriage ends as a result of death of the spouse holding a TRNC citizenship, after the application has been lodged the applicant shall not be required to fulfil the condition laid down in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of the first paragraph,
 - D) Living within the unity of marriage
 - E) Abstaining from committing any kind of serious crimes and imprisonment for; falsification, robbery, fraud, sexual abuse, and other crimes correspond to disgraceful offence; buying or selling drugs and imprisonment as a result of these crimes.
2. A person who is stateless is eligible to acquire a citizenship of TRNC upon application.

PART THREE
THE ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP

The Acquisition of Citizenship by Eligibility 9

A Foreign National who wishes to acquire Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizenship shall fulfil the conditions below and shall apply within 2 (two) years of attaining the age of majority (18+).

According to the Article 16 of this Law, the following will be required for acquiring TRNC citizenship:

- (A) To have been a resident in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus for 18 (eighteen) years.
- (B) For either parent of the applicant to be a legal resident in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus for 9 (nine) years.
- (C) Not being abroad for more than 120 (one hundred and twenty) days. However this does not include those citizens who have been abroad for military service or tertiary education.
- (D) Having no offence constituting an obstacle in respect to national security or public order.
- (E) Having no disease constituting an obstacle in respect to public health.
- (F) Being of good moral character.

(2) According to the mentioned in Article (1), applicants who wish to acquire citizenship are required to follow the conditions mention in the subsections (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F).

(3) The spouse and minor children of a Foreign National who have acquired the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) above shall automatically acquire citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and the necessary proceedings shall be completed upon application, following Article 16 of this Law

Application and Acquisition of Citizenship by Working and Business Permit 10.

A Foreign National who is a resident in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus by having a work and/or business permit shall follow the conditions below and shall apply to the Immigration Office. Their eligibility for acquiring the citizenship will be based on Article 16 of this Law.

(A) Having worked and/or having been a permanent resident after acquiring the business permit for 5 years consecutively,

(B) Throughout the 5 (five) year period of work and business permit, the applicant shall not have been abroad for more than 200 (two hundred) days.

(C) Residency for 5 (five) years following the acquisition of the permanent residence permit,

However in the case whereby the permanent resident permit has been acquired and has been repeatedly extended 10 (ten) times, the minimum period referred to in this article is not required. If the working permit exceeds 5 (five) years, the minimum period required for permanent residence applies.

(D) However in the event that the concerned person is outside the TRNC for a period of time exceeding 60 (sixty) days, for citizenship application, based on the minimum number of days allowed to stay outside the country per year (for acquiring the Permanent Resident Permit', multiplied by the number of years, is less than 60 days, the 60 day period shall be ignored.

(E) If the person holds permanent resident permit, their full payments for the Social Security shall be made;

(F) The person should be of good moral character;

(G) The person should have no offence constituting an obstacle in respect to national security or public order,

(H) The person should have no disease constituting an obstacle in respect to public health,

(2) According to the aforementioned Article (1), applicants who wish to acquire citizenship are required to follow the conditions mentioned in the subsections (C), (D), (E), (F), (G) and (H).

(3) The spouse and minor children of a Foreign National who have acquired the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus shall automatically acquire citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and the necessary proceedings shall be completed upon application, following the Article 16 of this Law.

Acquisition of Citizenship based on Purchasing a Property and a Guaranteed Salary 11

A Foreign National who wishes to acquire Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizenship shall fulfil the conditions below and apply to the Immigration Office. According to Article 16 of this Law, the eligibility will be based upon;

- (A) Acquiring a permanent resident permit having been a resident for 5 (five) years based on a property purchased in TRNC and having had a guaranteed salary in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
 - (B) Following subsection (A), applicants shall not have lived abroad for more than 300 (three hundred) days.
 - (C) However in the case whereby 10 (ten) consecutive work permits have been obtained, the period of time referred to by this subsection is not required. Those with permits for 5 years and above, have the right for a reduction as per the rules set for the Permanent Resident Permit.
 - (D) With reference to the duration aforementioned in Subsection (c), applicants shall not have spent more than 90 (ninety) days abroad in one year.
However, in the case where the total number of days spent abroad are fewer than the total number of days necessary for the duration of the Permanent Residency years required for the application for acquiring TRNC citizenship, the 90 (ninety) days spent outside the country within one given year shall not be taken into consideration.
 - (E) Be of good moral character.
 - (F) Have no offence constituting an obstacle in respect to national security and public order,
 - (G) Have no disease constituting an obstacle in respect to public health.
 - (H) Have a health insurance from a private company.
- (2) According to the aforementioned Article (1), applicants who wish to acquire citizenship are required to follow the conditions mentioned in the subsections (D), (E), (F), (G) and (H).
- (3) The spouse and minor children of a Foreign National who have acquired the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in accordance with the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) above shall automatically acquire citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and the necessary proceedings shall be completed upon application, following Article 16 of this Law.

Application and Acquisition of Citizenship by Permanent and Temporary Resident Permit Holders Prior to the Law 12

A Foreign National who has a permanent resident permit and wishes to acquire the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizenship shall fulfil the conditions below and apply to the Immigration Office. According to Article 16 of this Law, the eligibility for acquiring TRNC citizenship is based upon;

(1) Having acquired the permanent resident permit according to the Foreign Nationals and Immigration Law, Article 20, Sections 158/2008 and 205/2009, Clauses 3 and the Temporary Clause 1.

(A) Having worked with working or business permit for or having made the payments for National Security since the acquisition of the permanent resident permit for 10 (ten years) in total.

(B) Not having lived abroad for more than 450 (four hundred and fifty) days in the last 5 years,

(C) Being of good moral character,

(D) Having no offense constituting an obstacle in respect to national security or public order,

(E) Having no disease constituting an obstacle in respect to public health,

(2) Having acquired permanent resident permit by Visitors' Visa,

(A) 5 (five) years of residency in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus after acquiring the permanent residence permit,

(B) Not having lived abroad for more than 450 (four hundred and fifty) days in the last 5 years,

(C) Being of good moral character,

(D) Have no offense constituting an obstacle in respect to national security and public order,

(E) Having no disease constituting an obstacle in respect to public health,

(F) Having a health insurance from a private company

(3) Temporary Resident Permit Holders

(A) The amount of time spent in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus before and after having a temporary resident permit visa should be a minimum length of 10 (ten) years

(B) Not having lived abroad for more than 450 (four hundred and fifty) days in the last 5 years,

(C) Being of good moral character

(D) Having no offense constituting an obstacle in respect to national security and public order,

(E) Having no disease constituting an obstacle in respect to public health,

(F) Having a health insurance from a private company

(4) According to the Clauses (1), (2) and (3) mentioned above, Foreign Nationals who wish to acquire citizenship shall follow the conditions, during the acquisition period, mentioned in Clauses (1) and (3), Sections (B), (C), (D) and (F).

(5) The spouse and minor children of Foreign Nationals who have acquired the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) above shall automatically acquire citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and the necessary proceedings shall be completed upon application, following the Article 16 of this Law.

Acquisition of Citizenship by the Decision of the Council of Ministers 13

(1) A Foreign National who wishes to acquire Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizenship shall apply to the Immigration Office and upon the approval of the competent authority TRNC citizenship shall be awarded. The following are the conditions:

(A) To have invested a minimum amount of € 3.000.000 (three million Euros) or having purchased a business venture worth € 3.000.000 (three million Euros) or through recommendation of the Ministers, or having donated a minimum amount of €100.000 (one hundred thousand Euros) for the development of education or health sectors. However, in a situation where the investor or the buyer is a shareholder, the shareholders must hold a minimum amount of €3.000.000 of the total amount of this investment.

(B) To have bought a business worth €1.000.000 (one million Euros) and having paid €100.000 (one hundred thousand Euros) tax during 3 (three) years.

However, the investor is required to employ 10 (ten) Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizens in order to be excluded from their liability of €100.000 (one hundred thousand Euros) tax payment condition.

- (3) The amounts mentioned in Section (1) above shall be clearly stated in a letter of approval
- (4) from the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance. The TRNC citizenship applicants are required:
 - (3) To have reached the age of 18
 - (4) Be of good moral character
 - (5) To have no offense constituting an obstacle in respect to national security and public order,
 - (6) To have no disease constituting an obstacle in respect to public health,
 - (7) According to this article, the partner and minor children of the applicant are eligible to acquire citizenship from Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Application and Acquisition of Citizenship by the Decision of the Assembly of Republic 14

Foreign Nationals who have extraordinarily contributed to the sports, science, technical, political and/or cultural aspects of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus or who are potentially eligible to do so; parents and children who attended the 1974 Peace Operation; and partners, children and parents of martyrs are eligible to acquire the citizenship of TRNC according to the provided conditions below;

- (A) To have reached the age of 18
- (B) To have been a resident for 3 (three) consecutive years
- (C) To be of good moral character
- (D) To have no offense constituting an obstacle in respect to national security and public order
- (E) To have no disease constituting an obstacle in respect to public health

(2) According to the Section (1) mentioned above, applications for acquiring the TRNC citizenship are sent to the Ministry (of Internal Affairs). After an evaluation by the Ministry, the applications are presented to the Council of Ministers. Approved applications are then sent to the Assembly of Republic for the final approval.

(3) The spouse and minor children of a Foreign National who have acquired the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) above shall automatically acquire the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and the necessary proceedings shall be completed upon application.

PART FOUR

Special Provisions Relating to Acquisition of Citizenship 15

Priorities shall be given to Foreign Nationals who wish to acquire TRNC citizenship only if the conditions below are satisfied;

(1) First priority is for the Foreign Nationals, partners and minor children included in the Section 9 of this Law.

However, Foreign Nationals, partners and minor children included in the temporary Section 5 also have the same rights as above and are evaluated as the same.

(A) According to this clause, the right of priority shall be given to the Foreign Nationals who have been residing the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus for the longest period of time.

(B) In the case where some applicants have equal duration of residence in the TRNC and in the case where some of these are within the quota and some are outside, all applicants shall be considered as within the quota;

(2) Second priority right shall be given to the Foreign Nationals who have permanent resident permit.

However, Foreign Nationals who hold a permanent resident permit shall be evaluated together with their partners and minor children. Therefore, such Foreign Nationals have the second priority.

(A) The right of priority shall be given to the Foreign Nationals who have been residing in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus for the longest period of time.

(B) In the case where some applicants have equal length of residence in the TRNC and in the case some of these are within the quota and some are outside, all applicants shall be considered as within the quota;

In terms of its aims, this article refers to residence with a migration permit, and excludes minor (below 18 years) applicants residing in the TRNC who thereafter (after 18 years) can enter the country upon visitors permit given by the police officer at the TRNC ports;

The Application Procedure and the Eligibility for Acquisition of Citizenship 16

- (1) Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this Law refer to the Temporary Article 5, whereby the Foreign Nationals shall be accepted each year as determined by the High Elections Committee, at a ratio of 1/3. Council Of Ministers however hold the right to alter this quota.
- (2) The Minister, based on this quota, shall decide upon the commencing and finishing dates of the applications to the Immigration Office for the Foreign Nationals who wish to acquire the citizenship. In any case, the application period is not more than 1(one) month.
- (3) Based on the applications, the quota as well the guidelines of this Law, the lists of Foreign Nationals who are given the right to be citizens are published in at least 2 (two) national newspapers. The publishing date shall not exceed 4 months starting from the last day of the applications.
- (4) Persons have the right to object to the lists published within 15 (fifteen) days of the publishing. The objections should be made through the Immigration Office and shall fulfil the following conditions for their objection to be valid;
 - (A) That the person who objects is on the list.
 - (B) That the person is not added to the list
- (5) After an evaluation of the objections, persons who have objected are contacted in writing and given justifications.
- (6) The final publication of the list shall be published in the official newspaper as from the final date of objections and the required procedures shall follow.

PART FIVE

Renunciation of Citizenship, Cancellation of Citizenship and Loss of Citizenship

Loss of Citizenship by People who were born and are living abroad 17

- (1) People who were born abroad and continue to live outside the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus are eligible to renounce their citizenship after the age of 18 according to the Section 4 of this Law.
- (2) According to the Section (1) mentioned above, renunciations of the citizenship shall, in The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, be made to the Directorate of the Migration Office or its sub-offices in countries abroad, at the embassies, consular offices, or the offices of the representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Renunciation of Citizenship in General 18

Renunciation of citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is subject to permission granted by the Council of Ministers subject to the following conditions;

- (1) Applicant should be of full age and capacity;
- (2) They should be exempt from/have completed military service.

The Procedure to be followed for the Renunciation of Citizenship 19

- (1) Applications for the renunciation of citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus shall, in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, be made to the Directorate of the Migration Office or its sub-offices; in countries abroad, they can be made to the embassies, consular offices, or the offices of the representatives of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
- (2) Documents completed by the authorities shall be forwarded with their recommendations to the Ministry for action.
- (3) The applications are presented to the Council of Ministers
- (4) If a person wishing to renounce his citizenship is also a citizen of another state, a certificate of renunciation of citizenship shall be granted to him forthwith.
- (5) The certificate of renunciation of citizenship shall be prepared by the Directorate of the Immigration Office and the endorsement "renounced" shall be entered on the register of census, thereby cancelling the registration.

Cancellation of Citizenship 20

- (1) The decision granting citizenship may be cancelled by the Council of Ministers if its acquisition was the result of false declaration or the concealment of material facts by the person concerned.
- (A) Persons who, are in the service of a foreign state, which is incompatible with the interests of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, who fail to withdraw voluntarily after notice to this effect by the Council of Ministers, shall be allowed a reasonable period for withdrawal which should be of not less than 3 (three) months. The cancellation of citizenship procedure shall be applied outside the country through embassy, consular office, or the office of the representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and within the country, through the Directorate of the Immigration Office.

- (B) Those persons who voluntarily continue in any service of a state, which is at a state of war with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, without permission from the Council of Ministers;
 - C) Those persons outside the country who without excuse, fail to comply within three months with the notice of the competent authority calling upon such persons to perform their compulsory military duty, or being abroad, fail to join the defense of the country upon declaration of war.
- (2) No person can be deprived of the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus which was acquired by birth to a citizen of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, or to a Turkish Cypriot mother or a Turkish Cypriot father.
 - (3) The date of loss of citizenship shall not be taken to be that of service which has been duly affected; the date of loss of citizenship shall be the date of publication of the decision in the official newspaper.
 - (4) The spouse and children of a person who loses his citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus under this clause shall be considered to be of Foreign National status, vis-à-vis benefits accorded to citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Cancellation of Citizenship 21 (1)

- (A) People who are engaged in activities against the internal and external security of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus abroad, and whereby it is not possible to bring criminal proceedings against them in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and who, without excuse, refuse to comply within three months with notice calling upon them to return to the country;
 - (B) People who obtain asylum in a foreign country;
 - C) People who, within the TRNC or abroad, are engaged in activities likely to upset the existing good relations between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and another state or states.
- (2) Service will be affected by way of publication; or in the normal way, upon the person in respect of whom a deprivation decision has been taken.
 - (3) Deprivation proceedings shall be stopped in respect of persons who return to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus before the service of the deprivation decision or before its publication in the Official Newspaper on condition that this will not affect criminal proceedings.
 - (4) Loss of citizenship is valid only in respect of the person who has been deprived of citizenship. Deprivation decision does not affect the citizenship of the spouse and children of the person concerned.

Protecting Citizenship 23

A citizen of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, even though they may acquire the citizenship of another country, will continue to preserve their citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The Results of Losing Citizenship 24

Persons who lose the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus under this Law are subjected to the status of Foreign Nationals as from the date of loss of citizenship, and may enjoy the rights recognized to Foreign Nationals under the laws of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, such as those relating to residence, acquisition and transfer of immovable property, inheritance and work.

PART SIX Transitional and Final Provisions

The Proof of Citizenship 25

(1) Proof of citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus shall not be subject to any particular form of evidence.

(2) The following, and similar, formal entries and documents shall, unless the contrary is proved, constitute a presumption in favour of citizenship:

(A) Certificate of birth;

(B) Identity card of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus;

(C) Passport and other documents of same effect; and

(D) Formal documents issued by embassy, consular office and office of the representative abroad of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Judicial Remedy 26

All persons affected by decisions of administrative authorities as to citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus shall have the right to apply to the court.

Publishing in the Official Newspaper about Judicial Remedy 27

All decisions as to acquisition and loss of citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus shall be published in the Official newspaper.

Crimes and Punishments 28

Any person who knowingly and by fraudulent means misleads the competent authorities by false declaration shall be regarded as guilty of an offence and upon conviction may be liable to imprisonment for 2 (two) years or a **fine of 20 (twenty thousand lira)**, or both.

The Authority of Making the Rules 29

The Council of Ministers shall make rules for the purpose of facilitating the application of this Law relating to the following matters;

- (1) The format of official certificates forms and documents to be regulated under this Law providing for acquisition and loss of citizenship;
- (2) Giving notifications connected to this Law;
- (3) The regulation of matters and documents relating to persons who are to lose the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus;
- (4) Prescribing the procedures relating to inquiry and subsequent matters for the acquisition and loss of citizenship.
- (5) For prescribing and recovery of fees for applications under this Law and for registration, declaration and matters such as issuing of certified copies of entries in the register, not being below 100 TL (one hundred Turkish liras) and not exceeding 1,000 TL (one thousand Turkish liras) for each item.
- (6) The regulation of residence duration for acquiring the TRNC citizenship.
- (7) Any procedures related with investment and taxes and regulation of documents.

(This Section will be discussed) Abolishment 30

The Citizenship Law is hereby repealed as from the coming into operation of this Law, according to 25/1993 Citizenship Law, without prejudice to anything enacted under this Law.

Executive Power 31

This Law shall be put into operation by the Minister in charge of the Internal Affairs.

Temporary Law 1

Temporary Law 1

The condition of citizens who acquired citizenship by marriage prior to the current law

The Citizenship law, No. 2511993, Section 7 shall be put into operation for people who were married prior to this Law.

Temporary Law 2

The condition of citizens who acquired citizenship by decision of the Council of Ministers prior to this Law

The Citizenship Law shall be carried into effect for people who acquired citizenship by the decision of the Council of Ministers

Temporary Law 3 (This will be discussed)

The condition of partners and minor children of citizens who acquired citizenship by decision of the Council of Ministers prior to this Law

The partners and minor children who acquired citizenship by naturalization shall apply for citizenship in 3 (three) years since the commencing date of this Law.

Temporary Law 4

Situation relating to those whose who were minor at the time their parents acquired TRNC citizenship before this Law came into operation and as a result of negligence who are now above the age of 18.

- 1) Not to be outside the country (TRNC) for more than 120 days multiplied by the number of years, between the age of 18 and the time of TRNC citizenship acquisition.
- (2) Not to be married
- (3) Be a of a good moral character
- (4) Have no quality constituting an obstacle in respect of national security and public order
- (5) Have no disease constituting an obstacle in respect of public health

Temporary Law 5

Acquisition of citizenship by people who were minor prior to this Law and who are still residents in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

(1) Those who attained the age of 18 when this Law was put into effect and who are still residents in the TRNC who fulfill the conditions stated below; and those who apply to the Migration Office within 1 (one) year, hold the right to apply to and acquire TRNC citizenship within one year after the Law has been passed according to the eligibility rules stated in Article 16.

- (A) Having lived in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus until the age of 18
- (B) Having had their parents for at least 9 (nine) years in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus until the age of 18
- (C) According to the Section (A) above, not having spent more than 120 (one hundred and twenty) days abroad in one year.
- (D) Be a of a good moral character
- (E) Have no quality constituting an obstacle in respect of national security and public order
- (F) Have no disease constituting an obstacle in respect of public health

(2) According to the Clause (1) mentioned above, people who wish to acquire citizenship shall follow the conditions, during the acquisition period, referred to in Sections (C) and (D), (E) and (F).

(3) The spouse and minor children of an applicant who has acquired the citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in accordance with the provisions Article 16 of this Law shall automatically acquire citizenship of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Temporary Law 6

People who acquired citizenship by working for 11 (eleven) consecutive years prior to this Law

(A) Having acquired the working or business work permit for the last 5 (five) years of the period and not being abroad for more than 200 (two hundred) days

(B) Being a of a good moral character

(C) Having no quality constituting an obstacle in respect of national security and public order

(D) Having no disease constituting an obstacle in respect of public health

(2) The spouse and minor children who acquired citizenship by naturalization shall apply for citizenship within 3 (three) years from the commencing date of this Law.

Temporary Law 7

People who made investments to the TRNC and the acquisition of citizenship by the Council of Ministers

Those who have made an investment or purchased a business with the value of a minimum amount of 10,000,000 (ten million Euros) prior to the enactment of this Law, an action which is certified by the Central Bank or the Ministry of Finance, on condition that they fulfil the following conditions and apply within 6 months following the enactment of this Law can acquire TRNC citizenship based on a decision by the Council of Ministers.

If the investment or the purchased business is on a shareholding basis, the share of the applicant has to be of a minimum value of 10,000,000 Euros.

(A) Being over the age of 18

(B) Being a of a good moral character

(C) Having no quality constituting an obstacle in respect of national security and public order

(D) Having no disease constituting an obstacle in respect of public health

(2) The spouse and minor children who acquired citizenship by naturalization shall apply for citizenship in 3 (three) years as of the date whereby this Law is put into effect.

Enactment and application 32

This Law shall come into operation as from the date of publication in the official newspaper and is not considered as valid after a period of one year following the date of publication as indicated by Article 15 section 1.