

Passed in Parliament this 28th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.

J. A. CARPENTER,
Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Bill.

J. A. CARPENTER,
Clerk of Parliament.

Note: (This Act No. 11 of 2006 supersedes the Act No. 10 of 2006 by the same title published in Government Notice No. 222 as supplement to the Sierra Leone Gazette No. 50 dated Thursday, 26th October, 2006).

ACT

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SIGNED this 26th day of October, 2006

ALHAJI DR. AHMAD TEJAN KABBAH,
President.

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No. 11



Sierra Leone

2006

**The Sierra Leone Citizenship (Amendment)
Act, 2006.**

Short title.

Being an Act to amend the Sierra Leone Citizenship Act, 1973 so as to grant the right of dual citizenship and citizenship by birth directly through the mother.

[] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

Commence-
ment.

1. This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may fix by Order in a statutory instrument.

Amendment
of section 1
of Act No. 4
of 1973.

2. Subsection (1) of section 1 of the Sierra Leone Citizenship Act, 1973 is amended as follows:—

“mother” means a natural but not an adoptive mother”.

“person of negro African descent” means a person whose mother or father and any of the grand parents of the mother or father is or was a Negro of African descent”.

Repeal and
replacement
of proviso to
section 2.

3. The proviso to section 2 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following proviso:—

“Provided that his father, mother or any of his grand parents was born in Sierra Leone and is or was a person of Negro African descent”.

Repeal and
replacement
of section 9
of Act No. 4
of 1973.

4. Section 9 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following section:—

“Conditions
precedent to
grant of
certificate.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, no person applying for citizenship under sections 7 and 8 shall be granted a certificate of naturalization unless-

(a) he is of full age and capacity;

(b) he has taken an oath of allegiance to the Republic of Sierra Leone in accordance with the First Schedule;

(c) he has made and registered a declaration satisfactory to the Minister concerning residence and employment; and

(d) he has paid such fees as may be prescribed”.

5. Section 10 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following section:—

Repeal and
replacement
of section 10
of Act No. 4
of 1973.

“Dual
citizenship.

10. A citizen of Sierra Leone may hold a citizenship of another country in addition to his citizenship of Sierra Leone”.

6. Section 16 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following section:—

Repeal and
replacement
of section 16
of Act No. 4
of 1973.

“Deprivation
of citizenship
in the public
interest.

16. The Minister may by Order, deprive any person, who is a citizen by naturalization, of his citizenship if he is satisfied that it would not be conducive to the public good that such person, being of full age and capacity, should continue to be a citizen of Sierra Leone”.

7. The principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 19 of the following new section:—

Insertion of
new section
19A in Act
No. 4 of
1973.

“Resumption of citizenship-ship. 19A. Where any citizen of Sierra Leone, being of full age and capacity, has at any time-

- (a) acquired the citizenship of any foreign country-
 - (i) by birth; or
 - (ii) by any voluntary or formal act; or
- (b) done any act or thing the sole or primary purpose of which or the effect of which was or is to acquire the citizenship of a foreign country,

and that person ceased to be a Sierra Leonean citizen by reason thereof, he may, if he so wishes resume his Sierra Leonean citizenship.”

Insertion of new section 22A in Act No. 4 of 1973.

8. The principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 22 of the following new section:-

“Appeal against decision of Minister.

22A Where the Minister deprives a person of his citizenship under sections 16 and 19, the person may appeal to a committee comprising-

- (a) a judge of the Superior Court of Judicature to be appointed by the Chief Justice, who shall be chairman;

(b) the Ombudsman;

(c) the chairman of the Human Rights Commission;

(d) a representative each of the Christian Council of Sierra Leone and the Sierra Leone Council of Imams.

(2) An appeal against deprivation of citizenship shall be supported by an affidavit setting out the grounds of the appeal.

(3) The Committee, after considering an appeal under subsection (1) may uphold or reverse the decision of the Minister, in which latter case the appellant’s citizenship shall be restored”.

9. Sections 6, 11 and 23 of the principal Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of sections 6, 11 and 23 of Act No. 4 of 1973.

10. The Third Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the repeal of paragraph (e) thereof.

Amendment of Third Shedule to Act No. 4 of 1973.