

**Law on Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia**  
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**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1**

This Law regulates the manner and the conditions for acquisition and termination of the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, establishing the citizenship, competent state body for resolving such cases, proving citizenship and keeping records of citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia.

Citizenship is a legal bond between persons and the state and does not denote the ethnic origin of persons.

**Article 2**

A citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia may also hold a citizenship of another state. A citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia holding a citizenship of another state, in the Republic of North Macedonia shall be considered exclusively as a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, unless otherwise determined by an international agreement.

**II. ACQUIRING CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

**Article 3**

The citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be acquired by:

- 1) origin,
- 2) birth on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia,
- 3) naturalization, and
- 4) international agreements.

**1. By Origin**

**Article 4**

A child shall acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by origin, provided that:

- 1) at the time of the child's birth, both parents are citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- 2) at the time of the child's birth, one of the parents is a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia and the child is born in the Republic of North Macedonia, unless the parents have mutually agreed that the child shall acquire the citizenship of the other parent, and
- 3) at the time of the child's birth, one of the parents is a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia and the other parent is unknown or holds unknown citizenship, that is without a citizenship, and the child is born abroad.

An adopted child shall also acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by origin in the event of full adoption when both of the adoptive or one of the adoptive parents is a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia.

#### Article 5

A child born abroad whose one parent at the time of the child's birth is a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, and the other is a foreign citizen, shall acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by origin, provided that before reaching the age of 18 years the child is reported for registration as a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, or if before reaching the age of 18 years the child has become, together with the parent who is a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, a permanent resident of the Republic of North Macedonia. In the case of a legal dispute over custody of the child, citizenship shall be acquired after the legal validity of the court's decision.

Under the conditions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, a person that is not registered by both of the parents, having reached the age of 18, can acquire the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia provided that he/she submits a registration form for acquiring the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia before reaching the age of 23 years.

The registration form referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be submitted to the body competent for keeping registers wherein additional child birth registration is performed or to the diplomatic and consular office of the Republic of North Macedonia abroad.

A child acquiring citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, in terms of Article 4 of this Law and paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, shall be considered a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia from the moment of birth.

### **2. By Birth on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia**

#### Article 6

Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be acquired by a child found or born on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia whose parents are unknown, or hold unknown citizenship or no citizenship.

The child referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall lose the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia if before reaching the age of 15 years it is determined that the child's parents are foreign citizens, and provided that the child shall not be left without a citizenship.

### **3. By Naturalization**

#### Article 7

Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization can be acquired by a foreigner who has personally submitted a request for admission to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, provided that he/she meets the following requirements:

- 1) is at least 18 years of age;
- 2) until the submission of the request, legally and continuously resides on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia for at least 7 years;

- 3) has secured housing and a permanent source of income in the amount enabling material and social security in accordance with the requirements determined by law;
- 4) has not been sentenced to imprisonment for at least one year in the Republic of North Macedonia, or in the state whose citizen he/she is for crimes prosecuted *ex officio* which are punishable in accordance with the regulations in the Republic of North Macedonia;
- 5) criminal procedure has not been initiated against him/her in the Republic of North Macedonia and the state whose citizen he/she is;
- 6) has knowledge of the North Macedonian language to the level that he/she can communicate with the environment;
- 7) is not sentenced a measure prohibition on residence in the Republic of North Macedonia;
- 8) his/her admission to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia does not endanger the national security or defense of the Republic of North Macedonia,
- 9) signs an oath to be a loyal citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, and
- 10) renounces the previous citizenship or proves that the renunciation shall be granted to him/her provided that he/she is admitted to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia.

Fulfillment of the requirement referred to in paragraph 1 item 6 of this Article shall be determined by a special commission established by the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia.

The requirement referred to in paragraph 1 item 10 of this Article shall be considered met if the foreigner proves that he/she is without a citizenship or if he/she proves that he/she shall lose the citizenship under the law of his/her country by the act of nationalization into the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia.

As an exception to paragraph 3 of this Article, provided that the foreign country does not give renunciation or in order to give renunciation it stipulates conditions that cannot be met by the foreigner, not causing existential or security problems for him/her and his/her family, he/she shall be accepted in the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, provided that he/she gives a statement that he/she renounces the foreign citizenship.

In the decision rejecting the request for admission to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization according to paragraph 1 item 8 of this Article, the body shall state the reasons due to which the decision has been adopted, taking into consideration the protection of the public interest.

The deciding body from paragraph 1 item 8 of this Article, adopts a decision within six months after the submission of the request from the foreigner.

The authorized official from the Ministry of Interior, who conducts the procedure, shall be obliged within 30 days from the day of receiving the request from paragraph 1 of this Article, *ex officio*, to request the evidence and data necessary to prove the fulfillment of the conditions from paragraph 1 items 1), 2), 6), 7) and 8) of this Article.

An authorized official from the competent public body from whom the evidence and data referred to in paragraph 7 of this Article have been requested shall be obliged to submit the requested evidence and data within 90 days from the day of receipt of the request.

#### Article 7-a

Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization can be acquired by a person without a citizenship or a person with a recognized refugee status, provided that within the period from the determination that he/she has no citizenship, that is the recognition of refugee status to the submission of the application for admission to citizenship, he/she legally and permanently resides on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia for at least six years, has not been

sentenced to imprisoned for at least one year in the Republic of North Macedonia, for crimes prosecuted *ex officio* and are punishable in accordance with the regulations in the Republic of North Macedonia, a criminal procedure is not initiated against him/her in the Republic of North Macedonia and he/she meets the requirements referred to in Article 7 paragraph 1 item 1, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this Law.

#### Article 7-b

The content of the oath referred to in Article 7 paragraph 1 item 9 of this Law shall state:  
“I solemnly declare upon my honor that I will be loyal to the Republic of North Macedonia and will respect the Constitution and the laws and will fulfill the obligations of a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia.”

#### Article 7-c

A foreigner who has submitted a request for acceptance in the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be issued a guarantee that he/she shall be accepted in the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia provided that he/she meets the requirements referred to in Article 7 paragraph 1 items 1 to 9 of this Law.

Provided that the foreigner referred to in paragraph 1 of this Law within a period of two years as of the day of handing in of the guarantee does not submit a proof in terms of Article 7 paragraph 1 item 10 of this Law, it shall be considered that he/she has withdrawn from his/her request.

The guarantee referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued by the Ministry of Interior. The foreigner has the right to file an objection against the guarantee referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article to the organizational unit in the Ministry of Interior within whose scope the issuance of the guarantee is within 15 days from the day of receipt of the guarantee.

Following the objection from paragraph 4 of this Article, the head of the immediately higher organizational unit in the Ministry of Interior, whose scope is to decide on the objection, shall make a decision within 15 days from the day of receipt of the objection.

#### Article 8

An emigrant from the Republic of North Macedonia, as well as his/her descendants up to the first line can acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization although he/she does not meet the requirements referred to in Article 7 paragraph 1 items 2, 6 and 10 of this Law. An emigrant, in terms of this Law, shall be a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia who moved out of the Republic of North Macedonia in another country, regardless of the sex, race, skin color, national and social background, political and religious conviction, property and social status.

#### Article 9

A foreigner that is married to a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia for at least three years and has a continuous stay on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia for at least one year up to the day of submission of the request, can acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization although he/she does not meet the requirements referred to in Article 7 paragraph 1 items 2, 3, 6 and 10 of this Law.

A foreigner that is married to a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia for at least eight years, who legally and continuously lives abroad and has a firm and effective bond with the Republic of

North Macedonia, can acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization although he/she does not meet the requirements referred to in Article 7 paragraph 1 items 2, 3, 6 and 10 of this Law.

#### Article 10

The request for admission to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, in terms of Article 8 of this Law, shall be rejected if following the loss of the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by renouncing or in accordance with an international agreement, and the submission of the request for re-admission to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, have not passed at least three years.

#### Article 11

A foreigner who meets the requirements referred to in Article 7 paragraph 1 items 1 and 8 of this Law can acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization if this is of special scientific, economic, cultural, sports or other national interest.

The Government of the Republic of North Macedonia shall, by a decree, determine the criteria for special scientific, economic, cultural, sports and other national interest for the purpose of acquiring citizenship, in terms of paragraph 1 of this Article.

The Government of the Republic of North Macedonia shall give an opinion regarding the existence of the special interest in terms of paragraph 1 of this Article.

The marital partner of the foreigner referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article can also acquire citizenship by naturalization under the conditions referred to in Article 9 of this Law.

#### Article 12

Provided that both parents have acquired citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization, their child under 18 years of age shall also acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia.

Provided that one of the parents has acquired citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization, his/her child under 18 years of age shall also acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, if that parent has requested so, and the child lives in the Republic of North Macedonia, or if both parents have requested this, regardless of where the child lives.

In the case of full adoption, if at least one of the adoptive parents has acquired citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization, citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization shall also be acquired by the adoptee who is under 18 years of age and who lives in the Republic of North Macedonia together with the adoptive parent.

The child's consent shall also be necessary for the acquisition of citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, in terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article, provided that the child has reached the age of 15 years.

#### Article 13

The person shall acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by naturalization as from the date of handing in of the decision for admission to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia.

#### Article 14

The decision for admission to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia can be revoked following its handing in, provided that it is determined that the foreigner upon the submission of the request for admission to citizenship by naturalization, has given false or incorrect information, or has used forged documents.

The decision referred to in paragraph 1 shall be revoked within the period anticipated for time barring of the criminal prosecution for the crime referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

In the case referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the decision for admission to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia of minors who have acquired citizenship simultaneously with their parents shall also be revoked, in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

#### Article 15

A minor whose citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia has been lost by renunciation, can reacquire citizenship if he/she has legally and continuously resided in the Republic of North Macedonia for at least one year by the age of 25, and has submitted a request for readmission to citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia.

### III. LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP

#### Article 16

The citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be lost:

- 1) by renouncing, and
- 2) in accordance with international agreements.

#### Article 17

Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be lost by renunciation, provided that the person who has submitted the request for renunciation, meets the following requirements:

- 1) is at least 18 years of age;
- 2) he/she has regulated all property relations towards the state bodies;
- 3) he/she has regulated all property relations and other legal obligations arising from the marital relation and the relation between parents and children towards persons living in the Republic of North Macedonia;
- 4) he/she submits a proof from a competent body that a bankruptcy procedure is not initiated against him/her, that is a procedure for termination of a trade company whose owner or cooperator he/she is, that is a sole proprietor;
- 5) criminal procedure for a crime prosecuted has not been initiated against him/her or if sentenced to an imprisonment, he/she has served the sentence, and
- 6) he/she holds a foreign citizenship or has proved that he/she shall be given a foreign citizenship.

The competent state body shall refuse the request for renunciation of the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, even in the case when the requirements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article have been met, provided that reasons for security and defense of the Republic of North Macedonia or the reasons for reciprocity or other reasons in regard to the foreign state require so.

The body shall explain the reasons upon which the decision refusing the request for renunciation from the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, in terms of paragraph 2 of this Article, has been adopted, taking into consideration the protection of the public interest.

The person shall lose the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia as from the day of handing in the decision for renunciation from the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia. The authorized official from the Ministry of Interior who conducts the procedure shall be obliged within 30 days from the day of receipt of the request from paragraph 1 of this Article, ex officio, to request the evidence and data necessary to prove the fulfillment of the conditions from paragraph 1 items 1), 2), 3), 4) and 5) of this Article.

An authorized official from the competent public body from whom the evidence and data referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article have been requested, shall be obliged to submit the requested evidence and data within 90 days from the day of receipt of the request.

#### Article 18

The decision for renunciation from citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be revoked if the person who has been granted renunciation has continued living in the Republic of North Macedonia, that is has moved abroad and within a period of one year as of the day of handing the decision for renunciation has not acquired foreign citizenship.

A person who has been granted renunciation from citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, shall submit the request for revocation of the decision to the diplomatic and consular office of the Republic of North Macedonia abroad or the competent state body in the Republic of North Macedonia.

#### Article 19

Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia of a child under 18 years of age shall be lost upon a request of both parents whose citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia has been lost by renunciation or if citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia has been terminated in this manner for one of the parents, and the other parent has given consent to that.

Provided that the child's parents have been living separately, the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be lost for the child by renunciation upon a request by the parent with whom the child lives, that is the one to whom the child has been given to educate and raise, and who has submitted the request for renunciation of the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, or in the case when the parent with whom the child lives is a foreigner. In both cases consent from the other parent shall be necessary.

The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall also apply to an adopted minor.

Provided that the other parent does not give consent to the child's renunciation from citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, the child shall be granted renunciation, provided that a consent for renunciation has been given by the responsible guardianship body bearing in mind child's interests.

Provided that the child has reached the age of 15 years, the child's consent shall also be necessary for the loss of the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, in terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article.

#### Article 20

Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia of an adopted minor being a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, in the event of full adoption when the adoptive parents are foreign citizens, shall be lost by a renunciation upon a request of the adoptive parents.

Provided that adoptee has reached the age of 15 years, the adoptee's consent shall also be necessary for the loss of the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, in terms of paragraph 1 of this Article.

### IV. RESPONSIBLE STATE BODY FOR DETERMINING, KEEPING RECORDS AND AFFIRMING THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

#### Article 21

The request for acquisition, loss or determination of the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be submitted to the Ministry of the Interior according to the place of residence of the person, or if the person lives abroad, to the diplomatic and consular office of the Republic of North Macedonia abroad.

The decision regarding the acquisition, loss or determination of the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be adopted by the Ministry of Interior.

The decision referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be submitted in accordance with the regulations on compulsory delivery in person.

The applicant can initiate administrative dispute against the decision referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article with the Administrative Court.

#### Article 22

The records of the citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia and foreign citizens born on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be kept by the Ministry of Interior.

The records of the acquisition and loss of citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be kept by the Ministry of Interior.

The records from paragraph 1 of this Article contain the following data:

- an ordinal number,
- surname,
- name of one of the parents and first name,
- place and date of birth,
- unique identification number,
- address and place of residence,
- basis and date of registration in the register,
- basis and date of deletion from the records and
- note.



The records from paragraph 2 of this Article contain the following data:

- an ordinal number,
- first name, surname and first name of one of the parents,
- date and place of birth,
- residence,
- nationality,
- sex,
- adult group,
- former citizenship, i.e. citizenship that is acquired and
- name, number and date of the decision and date of delivery of the decision and
- note.

The records referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be kept according to prescribed standards and in accordance with the Law on General Administrative Procedure.

#### Article 23

Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be proven by a valid identity card or travel document, or with the certificate for contained personal data in the Central Population Register within procedures determined by law.

The citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be also proven by a certificate for citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia issued by the Ministry of the Interior on the basis of the records in terms of Article 22 paragraph 1 of this Law. The certificate of citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia may be issued in the form of an electronic document that is submitted to the profile of the applicant on the National portal of electronic services or through qualified electronic registered mail to the e-mail address specified by the applicant, in accordance with regulations in the field of electronic governance and electronic services and in the field of electronic documents, electronic identification and confidential services.

Citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia have the right to file an objection against the certificate referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article to the organizational unit in the Ministry of Interior whose scope of work includes issuance of the certificate is within 15 days from the day of receipt of the certificate. The objection against the certificate may also be submitted in electronic form using a means of electronic identification through the National portal for electronic services, in accordance with the regulations in the field of electronic governance and electronic services.

Following the objection from paragraph 3 of this Article, the head of the immediately higher organizational unit in the Ministry of Interior, whose scope of work include the decision on the objection, shall decide within 15 days from the day of receipt of the objection.

#### Article 24

Provided that a person is not registered in the records of citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia, the Ministry of the Interior shall determine the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia and shall additionally record information in the records of the citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia. Provided that a person's birth is not registered, the information concerning the person's birth and citizenship shall be simultaneously registered in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Personal Identification Records.

#### Article 25

The responsible state bodies and organizations authorized by law to record citizenship information shall be notified in regard to the acquisition or loss of the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia.

### **IV-a. MISDEMEANOR PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 25-a**

Fine in the amount of 15 to 30 euros in denar counter-value shall be imposed for a misdemeanor on an authorized official from the Ministry of Interior if they do not request the evidence and data ex officio within the deadline set in Articles 7 paragraph 6 and 17 paragraph 5 of this Law.

A fine in the amount of 15 to 30 euros in denar counter-value shall be imposed for a misdemeanor to the authorized official from the competent public body from which the evidence and data are requested if they do not deliver the required evidence and data within the deadline specified in Articles 7 paragraph 7 and 17 paragraph 6 of this Law.

#### **Article 25-b**

For the misdemeanors determined in Article 25-a of this Law, a misdemeanor procedure shall be conducted and a misdemeanor sanction shall be delivered by a competent court.

### **V. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### Article 26

A person who, in accordance with the present regulations, has held citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia shall be considered a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia in terms of this Law.

The procedures for acquisition or loss of citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia commenced before this Law has entered into force shall be concluded in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

The citizens of other republics of the former SFR Yugoslavia and the citizens of the former SFR Yugoslavia who have reported a place of residence in the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia can acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia provided that they have submitted a request within a year after this Law has entered into force, and provided that they have a permanent source of income, are adults and before the submission of the request they have been legally residing on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia for at least 15 years.

#### Article 27

The Minister of Interior shall adopt the by-laws for keeping records of the citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia, the citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia living abroad, the form of the request for acquiring citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia, the form of the guarantee for admission in the citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia and the form of the oath and the certificate's form for citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia.

#### Article 27-a

The by-laws anticipated by this Law shall be adopted within a period of six months as of the day this Law enters into force.

#### Article 27-b

As of the day this Law starts to apply, the commenced procedures for acquisition or termination of a citizenship in the Republic of North Macedonia in accordance with the Law on Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no. 97/93) shall continue in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

#### Article 28

The provision referred to in Article 23 paragraph 1 of this Act shall be applied following the replacement of identity cards and travel documents issued up until the day this Law enters into force.

#### Article 29

The by-laws anticipated by this Law shall be adopted within a period of six months as of the day this Law enters into force.

Until the adoption of the by-laws referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the existing by-laws shall apply unless they are contrary to the provisions of this Law.

#### Article 30

As of the day this Law enters into force, the Law on Citizenship of the Socialist Republic of Macedonia ("Official Gazette of SRM" no. 19/77) shall cease to be valid, and the Law on the Citizenship of the SFR Yugoslavia ("Official Gazette of SFRY" no. 58/76) shall not be applied on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia.

#### Article 31

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day of its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia."

### **APPLICABLE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FROM THE REFERENCES TO THE LAW**

#### **I. "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 158/11**

##### **Article 2**

Procedures initiated before the day of entry into force of this Law shall be completed in accordance with the Law on Citizenship of the Republic of Macedonia ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 67/92, 8/04 and 98/08), until the beginning of the application of the Law on

Establishment of the State Commission for deciding in administrative procedure and employment procedure in the second instance.

## **II. “Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia” No. 55/16**

### **Article 8**

Procedures initiated before the beginning of application of this Law shall be completed in accordance with the law according to which they were initiated.

## **III. “Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia” No. 174/21**

### **Article 7**

Within three years from this Law’s day of entry into force, a citizen of another Republic of the former SFRY and a citizen of the former SFRY, who lived on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia until 8 September 1991, i.e. until the declaration of independence of the Republic of Macedonia, shall acquire citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia by virtue of this Law, if they submit a request to the competent authority and attach to the request at least one of the following documents in original or a notarized copy issued by a body or legal entity in the Republic of Macedonia in the period specified in this paragraph as follows:

- 1) birth certificate;
- 2) proof of completed school year (certificate or diploma);
- 3) proof of established employment with M1/M2 form;
- 4) workbook;
- 5) proof of paid tax in accordance with the legal regulations valid in the Republic of Macedonia at that time, i.e. proof of paid:
  - personal income tax of workers,
  - personal income tax from performing agricultural activity,
  - personal income tax from independent performance of economic and professional activity,
  - tax on royalties, patents and technical innovation,
  - property income and property rights tax,
  - property tax and
  - inheritance and gift tax,
- 6) the decision of the taxpayer by the Public Revenue Office;
- 7) proof of paid bill for the following services:
  - electric energy,
  - heating,
  - water,
  - telephone services;
- 8) passport issued by the former SFRY or the Republic of Macedonia;

- 9) ID card issued by the former SFRY or the Republic of Macedonia;
- 10) ID card for foreigners;
- 11) medical book;
- 12) report, confirmation, discharge letter or other document proving performed treatment in public health institutions in the Republic of Macedonia;
- 13) possession or property list in the name of the applicant;
- 14) savings book for depositing savings in a bank (legal entity) established by the Republic of Macedonia in accordance with law;
- 15) other evidence issued by competent state bodies which confirm permanent residence on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia and
- 16) certificates issued from 1991 to 1998 for persons born between 1984 and 1991.

#### **Article 8**

Procedures for acquiring or terminating citizenship of the Republic of Macedonia initiated in accordance with the Law on Citizenship of the Republic of Macedonia ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 67/92, 8/04, 98/08, 158/11 and 55/16), from the day of entry into force of this Law, shall be decided in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

### **IV. "Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia" No. 67/22**

#### **Article 2**

Bylaws adopted pursuant to the Law on Citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 67/92, 8/04, 98/08, 158/11 and 55/16 and "Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia" No. 174/21), shall be harmonized with the provisions of this Law within three months from the day of entry into force of this Law.

#### **Article 3**

This law ceases to be valid on the day of accession of the Republic of North Macedonia to the European Union.

#### **Article 4**

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day from the day of its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia", and shall enter into force on January 1, 2023.