

L.N. 58 of 1974

## CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATION

### Nigerian Citizenship Regulations 1974

*Commencement : 21st October 1974*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 16 of the Constitution of the Federation (as amended by the Constitution (Amendment) Decree 1974) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Kam Selem, Federal Commissioner for Internal Affairs, with the approval of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) Where in relation to any application under Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federation for the acquisition of citizenship any person for the purpose of procuring anything to be done or not to be done makes any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, or recklessly makes any statement which is false in a material particular, he shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to a fine of ₦10,000 or to imprisonment for 7 years.

Offences  
under  
Chapter II  
of the Con-  
stitution.  
1963 No. 20.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with any requirement imposed on him under Chapter II of the Constitution as aforesaid with respect to the delivering up of certificates of naturalisation shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to a fine of ₦200 or to imprisonment for 6 months.

2.—(1) The fees payable in respect of any application for citizenship shall be as may be determined from time to time by the Commissioner.

Fees.

(2) No fees paid under this paragraph shall be refunded.

3.—(1) The forms set out in the Schedule hereunder shall apply in respect of the several matters therein specified.

Forms.

(2) The said Schedule may be amended or altered or modified in any material particular for different purposes and in different circumstances and in such manner as the Commissioner may direct.

4.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as Nigerian Citizenship Regulations 1974.

Citation and  
interpreta-  
tion.

(2) In these Regulations expressions used have the same meanings as in Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federation.

## SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

## FORM A

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF NIGERIA  
(Under Section 8 (1) of the Constitution of the Federation)

## PART I—APPLICATION

1. I, .....

*Full name in block letters*

of .....

*Address in block letters*

hereby apply to be registered as a citizen of Nigeria on the grounds that I was born outside Nigeria, my father being a citizen of Nigeria on the date of my birth.

2. In support of my application, particulars of my birth are set out in Part II of this application.

DATED at.....this.....day of.....19.....

*Witness to signature or Mark**Signature or Mark*

## PART II—PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

3. Place and date of birth of applicant.....

4. Place, name of country and date of birth of parents :

Father.....

Mother.....

5. (To be completed as additional information by married women applicants only).

Name of husband.....

Place and date of birth of husband.....

Nationality (citizenship) of husband now or at time of death.....

Is the marriage still subsisting ? (YES) (NO).

6. Applicant's Nationality (citizenship) status is :

(a).....

(b).....

*Delete (a) or (b) which does not apply*

7. The nationality (citizenship) status stated by me in paragraph 6 was acquired (by birth) (by birth of father) (by registration) (by naturalisation) (by marriage). *(Delete words which do not apply).*

8. Particulars of all proceedings taken against the applicant at any time and in any country in civil or criminal courts of law, including those relating to traffic offences :

### PART III—PARTICULARS OF ASSETS OWNED

9. (a) Full details (including location and value) of Property held in Nigeria :

(i) Landed property.....

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(ii) Other property .....

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(b) Full details (including value) of Property held outside Nigeria :

(i) Landed property.....

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(ii) Other property .....

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**\*PARTICULARS OF DEPENDANTS**

10. Number of dependants resident outside Nigeria.....

(i) Full name of dependant.....

(ii) Date of birth.....

(iii) What relationship does he/she bear to the applicant.....

(iv) Is dependant temporarily or permanently resident outside Nigeria.....

(v) Normal residential address of dependant.....

(vi) Present residential address of dependant (if different from (v) above).....

(vii) Value of annual support provided by applicant.....

(•Where there are two or more dependants this part should be completed in respect of the first dependant and a separate sheet must be used to supply particulars of every other dependant.)

**PART IV—CERTIFICATE OF SPONSORS**

11. I, .....

of.....  
being a citizen of Nigeria, otherwise than by naturalisation, hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character and that the particulars in Part II of this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED this.....day of.....19.....

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*Signature of Sponsor*.....  
*Witness to Signature*

*Note.—The sponsor in the case of paragraph 11 must be a minister of religion, legal practitioner, medical practitioner, dentist, accountant, or a civil servant specially qualified by salary, or any other person of standing in the community acceptable to the Commissioner.*

12. I, .....

of .....  
 being a citizen of Nigeria otherwise than by naturalisation hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character and that the particulars in Part II of this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

.....  
*Signature of Sponsor*

.....  
*Witness to Signature or Mark*

*Note.—The sponsor in the case of paragraph 12 need not be in the class mentioned in the note to paragraph 11.*

#### PART V—DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

13. I, .....  
*Full name of Applicant*

do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars stated in Part II of this application are true, and in the event of my application being granted I undertake to do all things necessary to evidence my new allegiance.

.....  
*Signature or Mark of Applicant*

Declared at ..... this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

Before me—

.....  
*(Judge of High Court) (Magistrate)*  
*(Commissioner for Oaths)*

#### FORM B

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF NIGERIA  
 BY MARRIED WOMAN

*(Under Section 8 (2) of the Constitution of the Federation)*

## PART I—APPLICATION

1. I, .....  
*Full name in block letters*

of .....  
*Address in block letters*

hereby apply for registration as a citizen of Nigeria, under section 8 (2) of the Constitution of the Federation on the grounds that I am or have been married to a citizen of Nigeria or to a person who but for his death would have become a citizen of Nigeria.

*Delete references not applicable*

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 19 .....

.....  
*Signature or Mark*

.....  
*Witness to Signature or Mark*

## PART II—PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

3. Place and date of marriage.....

4. Place and date of birth.....

5. Previous name.....

6. Present nationality (citizenship) status..... How acquired : (by birth) (by descent) (by registration) (by naturalisation) (by marriage).

7. Place and date of birth of husband.....

8. Husband's present address (or last address if deceased).....

9. How husband's citizenship was acquired : (by birth) (by descent) (by registration) (by naturalisation).

10. Is the marriage still subsisting ? (YES) (NO). If marriage is terminated state reason.....

11. Particulars of previous marriage(s).....

12. I have been ordinarily resident in Nigeria for the period of.....

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## PART III—PARTICULARS OF ASSETS OWNED

## 13. (a) Full details (including value) of Property held in Nigeria :

(i) Landed property.....  
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(ii) Other property .....  
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## (b) Full details (including value) of Property held outside Nigeria :

(i) Landed property.....  
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(ii) Other property .....  
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## \*PARTICULARS OF DEPENDANTS

## 14. Number of dependants resident outside Nigeria.....

(i) Full name of dependant.....

(ii) Date of birth.....

(iii) What relationship does he/she bear to the applicant.....  
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(iv) Is dependant temporarily or permanently resident outside Nigeria.....  
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(v) Normal residential address of dependant.....  
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(vi) Present residential address of dependant (if different from (v) above).....  
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(vii) Value of annual support provided by applicant.....

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(\* Where there are two or more dependants this part should be completed in respect of the first dependant and a separate sheet must be used to supply particulars of every other dependant.)

#### PART IV—CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORS

15. I, .....

of.....  
being a citizen of Nigeria, otherwise than by naturalisation, hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character and that the particulars in Part II of this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED at.....this.....day of.....19.....

.....  
*Signature of Sponsor*

.....  
*Witness to signature*

*Note.—The sponsor in the case of paragraph 15 must be a minister of religion, legal practitioner, medical practitioner, dentist, accountant, or a civil servant specially qualified by salary, or any other person of standing in the community acceptable to the Commissioner.*

16. I, .....

of.....  
being a citizen of Nigeria, otherwise than by naturalisation, hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character and that the particulars in Part II of this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED this.....day of.....19.....

.....  
*Signature of Sponsor*

.....  
*Witness to signature*

*Note.—The sponsor in the case of paragraph 16 need not be in the class mentioned in the note to paragraph 15.*



## PART V—DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

17. I, \_\_\_\_\_  
do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars stated in Parts I and II  
of this application are true, and in the event of my application being granted  
I undertake to do all things necessary to evidence my new allegiance.

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Before me—

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Judge of High Court) (Magistrate)  
(Commissioner for Oaths)

## PART VI—RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP DECLARATION

(Under section 8 (3) of the Constitution of the Federation)

18. I, \_\_\_\_\_  
do solemnly and sincerely declare—

(1) that I was born at \_\_\_\_\_

(2) that I was married to \_\_\_\_\_

(3) that I am a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_

(4) that as I am desirous of being registered as a citizen of Nigeria, I  
have taken every step to renounce the said citizenship or nationality so far  
as it is within my power and I hereby confirm the renunciation of such  
status as a citizen/national of \_\_\_\_\_  
and any claim I have to the protection of that country.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature or Mark

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Before me—

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Judge of High Court) (Magistrate)  
(Commissioner for Oaths)

## FORM C

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP OF  
NIGERIA BY NATURALISATION*(Under section 9 of the Constitution of the Federation)*

## PART I—APPLICATION

1. I, .....

being a citizen/national of.....

hereby apply for the issue of a certificate of naturalisation as a citizen of Nigeria.

DATED at.....this.....day of.....19.....

*Signature or Mark**Witness to Signature or Mark*

## PART II—PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

2. Citizenship status as set out in the application was acquired by .....

at.....

in.....

on the.....day of.....19.....

and attached hereto and marked with the letter "A" is a true copy of the certificate of.....

3. Reasons and qualification for present application .....

## PART III—PARTICULARS OF ASSETS OWNED

## 4. (a) Full details (including value) of Property held in Nigeria :

(i) Landed property .....

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(ii) Other property .....

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## (b) Full details (including value) of property held outside Nigeria :

(i) Landed property .....

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(ii) Other property .....

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## •PARTICULARS OF DEPENDANTS

## 5. Number of dependants resident outside Nigeria.....

(i) Full name of dependant.....

(ii) Date of birth.....

(iii) What relationship does he/she bear to the applicant.....

(iv) Is dependant temporarily or permanently resident outside Nigeria.....

(v) Normal residential address of dependant.....

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(vi) Present residential address of dependant (if different from (v) above).....  
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(vii) Value of annual support provided by applicant.....  
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(\* Where there are two or more dependants this part should be completed in respect of the first dependant and a separate sheet must be used to supply particulars of every other dependant).

### PART III—CERTIFICATE OF SPONSORS

6. I, .....

of.....  
 being a citizen of Nigeria otherwise than by naturalisation hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character and that the particulars in Part II of this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED this.....day of.....19.....

.....  
*Signature of Sponsor*

.....  
*Witness to Signature*

*Note.—The sponsor in the case of paragraph 6 must be a minister of religion, legal practitioner, medical practitioner, dentist, accountant, or a civil servant specially qualified by salary, or any other person of standing in the community acceptable to the Commissioner.*

7. I, .....

of.....  
 being a citizen of Nigeria otherwise than by naturalisation hereby certify that the applicant herein is a person known to me and of good character and that the particulars in Part II of this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED this.....day of.....19.....

.....  
*Signature of Sponsor*

.....  
*Witness to Signature*

## PART IV—DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

8. I, \_\_\_\_\_  
do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars stated in Parts I and II  
of this application are true, and in the event of my application being granted  
I undertake to do all things necessary to evidence my new allegiance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature or Mark*

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Before me—

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Judge of the High Court) (Magistrate)  
(Commissioner for Oaths)

\* Delete words which do not apply.

## FORM D

## CERTIFICATE OF NATURALISATION

No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

(File No. \_\_\_\_\_)

Constitution of the Federation.

WHEREAS \_\_\_\_\_  
has applied to me for a certificate of naturalisation, alleging with respect to  
(himself) (herself) the particulars set out below, and has satisfied me that the  
conditions prescribed for the grant of a certificate of naturalisation are  
fulfilled :

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the  
Constitution of the Federation, I do hereby grant to the said \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ this certificate of naturalisation, and declare that upon taking the oath of  
allegiance within the time and in the manner prescribed by law (he) (she)  
shall be a citizen of Nigeria as from the date of this certificate.

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Federal Commissioner for Internal Affairs*

## PARTICULARS RELATING TO APPLICANT

Full name.....

Address.....

Profession or Occupation.....

Place and date of birth.....

Previous Nationality.....

Single, married, etc.....

Name of wife or husband.....

Names and nationalities of parents :

Father.....

Mother.....

## FORM E

## RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP DECLARATION

*(Under Section 10 and 11 of the Constitution of the Federation)*

I, .....  
do solemnly and sincerely declare :—

1. That I was born at .....  
in Nigeria/(name of the country) and am of the age of 21 years.

2. That I am a citizen of Nigeria by birth/registration and am also a  
national of (state country concerned).

3. That as I am desirous of retaining my status as a citizen of Nigeria I  
hereby renounce so far as it lies within my power my status as a citizen/  
national of (name of country) and any claim I have to the protection of that  
country.

.....  
*Signature or Mark*

Declared at ..... this ..... day of ..... 19.....

before me—

.....  
*(Judge of the High Court) (Magistrate)  
(Commissioner for Oaths)*

\* Delete words which do not apply.

## FORM F

## DECLARATION AS TO RESIDENCE

(Under Sections 8 (3) and 9 (2) of the Constitution of the Federation)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows :—

1. That as a citizen of Nigeria by registration \*/naturalisation I am affected by the provisions of section 8/\*9 of the Constitution of the Federation and am required to declare my intention as to residence/employment.

\*2. That so far as it lies within my power, I have renounced my nationality/  
citizenship of \_\_\_\_\_  
and intend to reside permanently in Nigeria if permitted.

OR

\*2. That I have declared my willingness to renounce my citizenship of \_\_\_\_\_  
and intend to reside permanently in Nigeria if permitted.

\*3. That while in Nigeria I shall be employed by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_/be self employed.  
(name of employer)

OR

\*3. That although I have renounced my nationality/citizenship of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_/declared my willingness to renounce my  
nationality/citizenship of \_\_\_\_\_ and intend my  
domicile of choice to be Nigeria it may be necessary in the course of my  
employment with \_\_\_\_\_/as self  
employed to be absent from time to time from Nigeria.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature or Mark

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*(Judge of the High Court)  
(Magistrate) (Commissioner for Oaths)

\* Delete words not applicable.

MADE at Lagos this 21st day of October 1974.

KAM SELEM,  
Federal Commissioner for Internal Affairs

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note does not form part of the above Regulations but is intended to explain the purpose)*

The above regulations, among other things, prescribe the fees payable in respect of application for citizenship under the Constitution of the Federation as amended by the Constitution (Amendment) Decree 1974. They also prescribe forms which are applicable in respect of several matters specified thereunder, for example, form of application for registration as a citizen of Nigeria, form of application by a married woman, form for registration as a citizen of Nigeria by naturalisation and form of renunciation of citizenship.