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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 reckless 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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

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

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:

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**PART III—PARTICULARS OF ASSETS OWNED**

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

   *(i)* Landed property

   *(ii)* Other property

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

   *(i)* Landed property

   *(ii)* Other property
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...

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, 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 ________________
PART III—PARTICULARS OF ASSETS OWNED

13. (a) Full details (including value) of Property held in Nigeria:
   (i) Landed property
   (ii) Other property

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

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
   (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

PART IV—CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORS

15. I, 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, 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 ________________________________ 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

(ii) Other property

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

(i) Landed property

(ii) Other property

*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
(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 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, ________________________________________, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. That as a citizen of Nigeria by registration and/or naturalisation I am affected by the provisions of sections 8 and 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 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 __________________________ or be self employed.

(name of employer)

OR

3. That although I have renounced my nationality/citizenship of __________________________ and 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.