

By Naturalization

The process by which a foreign citizen becomes eligible to acquire the nationality or citizenship of any country. It usually requires the individual seeking the same to fulfil certain requirements and perform certain protocols to be eligible for the same.

The rules and protocols for naturalization vary from country to country. The most common element can be the requirement of a promise to obey and uphold the country's law and respect the constitution.

Nationality by Marriage

Individuals need not keep renewing their visa and burning a hole into their pockets for the sake of love. Foreign individuals have the opportunity to be a permanent citizen of the state where your significant other might be. This is known as a citizenship marriage.

The Hague Convention on Conflict of Nationality Laws (1930) laid down certain provisions regarding nationality by marriage. Chapter 3 of the same talks about the Nationality of married women. The main articles of these laws are:

- Article 8: On the occasion of marriage, if the wife's national laws cause her to lose her nationality, the consequence of the responsibility completely befalls upon the wife to acquire the nationality of the husband.
- Article 9: If the national laws require her to lose her nationality when she acquires the nationality of her husband through marriage. The consequence of the act shall be on the condition of her acquiring her husband's new nationality.
- Article 10: If the situation where husband is naturalized, the change in the wife's nationality is not possible until and unless without her full consent.
- Article 11: In case of marriage dissolution, the wife shall be ineligible to recover her previous nationality. She can only do so in accordance with the respective country's laws. If the wife is successful in regaining her previous nationality, then the nationality acquired by virtue of marriage shall be deemed void.

Nationality by Adoption

This is also referred to as intercountry or transnational adoption. This is very similar to any normal adoption procedure, just in an international context. By the virtue of this measure, an individual or a couple can be deemed legal parents of a child belonging to a foreign nation.

There are certain protocols to be followed before this can be granted. The individual or couple will have to be eligible. The eligibility criteria for the child are:

- The parents (either Couple or individual) must be permanent citizens of a state, either by birth or via naturalization.
- The child must be under 18 years of age.