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Obtaining Double Citizenship of Georgia

Pursuant to effective Georgian legislation, there are various grounds for obtaining Georgian citizenship. Thus, Georgian citizenship can be acquired by naturalization. The decision to grant Georgian citizenship to an individual is taken by the President of Georgia, however the application has to be submitted before the Public Service Development Agency.

This Brochure is designated for foreign investors/individuals who do not have any previous link with Georgia and are willing to obtain double Georgian citizenship, thus they would also stay as citizens in other countries.

The application is considered on case by case basis and, therefore, there is no straightforward response what will be considered as a good reason (special merit) for granting citizenship.

In order to obtain the citizenship of Georgia on exceptional basis (thus the double citizenship), the following documents shall be submitted to the Public Service Development Agency:

- Application filled out in accordance with the established form;
- Photo 3×4 in size;
- Receipt certifying the payment of service fee (No receipt should be provided if the service fee has been paid in cashless settlement manner and the agency is able to check it by using electronic communication means);
- A copy of birth certificate (duly notarized and apostilled);
- A passport or other document certifying his/her citizenship and identity (duly notarized and apostilled);
- At least two reference letters from Georgian citizens or legal persons registered in Georgia, concerning the award of Georgian citizenship to a citizen of a foreign country.

The documents contemplated thereto must be submitted before authorized authorities in a material form. Submission of documents is not mandatory, if the e-database of Legal Entity of Public Law operating within the governance of Ministry of Justice - Public Services Development Agency - contains the information given in the relevant document.



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Furthermore, it is mandatory that the documents issued (certified) in a different state (except for proof of identity documents) must be submitted in duly legalized or Apostille certified form, with the translation attested in accordance with the Georgian laws unless International Treat or Agreement of Georgia envisages otherwise.

The terms and fees of the Public Service Development Agency in this regard is as follows:

Response on the 80th day - 50 GEL;

Response on the 60th day - 100 GEL;

Response on the 40th day - 200 GEL;

Within the 20 calendar days – 300 GEL;

The total term for acquisition of Georgian citizenship shall not exceed three months.

Furthermore, in case the Client decides to apply for the double citizenship, we shall need following information about the Client in order to process application:

- Education – list of universities, years and specialization;
- Work experience;
- Annual income;
- Whether you are receiving pension or other kind of income from any state;

- If you have lived in Georgia, if yes – in which years and where (address);
- Motive/reason for requesting Georgian citizenship;
- Information regarding family: Father, mother, children and wife (names, date of birth, place, personal number/passport number, citizenship);
- If the Client has any relatives in Georgia;
- If the Client supports financially relatives in Georgia;
- Property the Client owns abroad (outside of Georgia);
- If the Client has completed military training (in which country) and if they have any military rank.

Under the Organic Law of Georgia on Georgian Citizenship the President of Georgia may grant citizenship of Georgia through an exceptional rule to a citizen of another country who has a special merit before Georgia, or for which the granting of Georgian citizenship is derived from state interests. In assessing the above-mentioned state interests following circumstances shall be taken into consideration:

- Whether the citizen of another country regards Georgia as his/her homeland or as his or her ancestor's;
- Whether the person is residing on the occupied territories of Georgia or internally displaced from that territory;



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- Whether the person is emigrated due to political consideration or difficult social-economic situation at different times;
- Whether the citizen of another country is investing or has invested in Georgia, which resulted in a significant contribution to the development of the state economy;
- Whether the citizen of another country is successful in the field of sports, science and / or art and he/she wants to continue working in Georgia;

regarding education are always an asset in course of registration procedure.

For our Clients, we provide a full service package, which includes assistance in obtaining documents required for application, as well as facilitating of reference letters and etc.

If a person falls within the above-mentioned scope additional requirements have to be met:
A person seeking for granting Georgian citizenship through an exceptional rule:

- Shall know the state language of Georgia;
- Shall know the history of Georgia and the fundamental principles of law;

The latter requirements will not apply to the person who is entitled to the citizenship of Georgia based on the exceptional rule, however, because of a physical defect it impossible for him/her to examine whether he / she meets the requirements.

Please hereby note that the questionnaire that must be filled out for application purposes simply requires the applicant to provide above referred information and not the documents to support them. Nevertheless, from our experience submission of bank statements proving the annual income or documents

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