



MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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1. 7th PASSPORT OFFICE IN THE DIASPORA OPENED IN BEIJING, CHINA

- The Government of Uganda will on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 officially launch the Passport Center at the Embassy of the Republic of Uganda in Beijing China
- This center will enroll Ugandans living and working in China; they will be able to apply for, process and collect their passports from their.
- Other Passport Centers have been set up in Washington-US, London-UK, Abu Dhabi-UAE, Pretoria –South Africa, Ottawa-Canada and Copenhagen-Denmark.

2. Marburg Testing across all borders

- Following the confirmed outbreak of Marburg Virus in our neighbors Tanzania, there is compulsory testing for the Marburg virus on all border points in the country. This is being carried out by our partners the Ministry of Health.
- We urge all travelers not to be alarmed when subjected to these tests and to comply with the port health officials carrying them out for their own sake and the sake of the country.
- We also urge caution from the members of the public, to report any suspected cases and be very careful in all their dealings.

3. Passports Awaiting collection

- We are still calling upon all passport applicants from 2022 to 2023 who have not yet picked their passports to collect them from our passport centers in Kyambogo, Mbarara, Gulu and Mbale
- The Passport centers like I previously informed you have yet again built up a stockpile of passports with over 30,000 uncollected passports.
- We call upon all people even applicants from an earlier period who have not yet collected them to please go and collect them.
- A stockpile of passport generally slows down the system as storage space for new passports is reduced leading to delays in issuing newly printed passports.
- If you applied for a passport and got a message to collect it, please do; and in case you did not get a message, please call our Call Center Number 0417102600

or tweet us @DCICUG and @mia_uga to get you passport status. And subsequently go with your National ID and Receiving slip to collect it.

Uganda Citizenship Brief

Types:

i. Citizenship by birth:

Article 10 - Citizenship by birth/descent: The following persons shall be citizens of Uganda by birth- (a) every person born in Uganda one of whose parents or grandparents is or was a member of any of the indigenous communities existing and residing within the borders of Uganda as at the first day of February, 1926 and set out in the Third Schedule to this Constitution; and (b) every person born in or outside Uganda one of whose parents or grandparents was at the time of birth of that person a citizen of Uganda by birth.

ii. Citizenship by Registration

This is acquired in two ways, Due to Long Stay and Due to Marriage;

- **Due to Long Stay:** this is issued to a person that has continuously lived in the country for 10 years on either Work Permits, Dependent Passes or Certificates of Residence and has contributed to the socio-economic development of Uganda. Applications are submitted online at the [Immigration Portal](http://www.visas.immigration.go.ug) at www.visas.immigration.go.ug
- **Due to Marriage:** this is issued to a person that is legally married to a Ugandan and the marriage has been existing for at least 5 years. Applications are submitted online on the same Immigration Portal

iii. Dual Citizenship

This is issued to two categories; Indigenous Ugandans and Non-Ugandans. Today, I will only talk about dual citizenship for Indigenous Ugandans

Acquisition by a citizen of Uganda of the Citizenship of another country while retaining the Citizenship of Uganda

- 1. A citizen of Uganda who desires to acquire the citizenship of another country while retaining his or her citizenship of Uganda shall give notice in writing to board (National Citizenship and Immigration Board) of his or her application for the citizenship of another country.
- 2. The notice (1 above) shall be in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by the following:
 - a) A statutory declaration stating that he or she is a citizen of Uganda only;
 - b) Where the person is a citizen of Uganda and another country, a declaration of renunciation of the citizenship of the third country;
 - c) Evidence that the applicant is of or above 18 years of age;
 - d) A copy of the application for citizenship of that other country;
 - e) Any other relevant information.

Use of Travel Documents by Dual National

- 1. A citizen who holds the citizenship of another country in addition to the citizenship of Uganda shall:
 - a) Be issued with a Ugandan passport or travel documents;
 - b) Be permitted to remain in Uganda without limitation if the person enters Uganda on a Ugandan passport;
 - c) Leave Uganda on the same passport that the person used to enter the country; and
- 2. A citizen of Uganda who is also a citizen of any other country shall while in Uganda be subject to the laws of Uganda as any other citizen.
- 3. A dual citizen commits an offence when a Ugandan passport is used by the person interchangeably with the passport of another country to deceive an Immigration Officer and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points (equivalent to 20,000) or imprisonments not exceeding one year or both.

Termination of Citizenship of Uganda

- For the avoidance of doubt, where by virtue of holding dual nationality granted under section 19A or 19B (of the Act), a person holds the citizenship of Uganda in addition to the citizenship of another country, the board may by order deprive that person of the citizenship of Uganda:

- a) Upon any of the grounds specified in sections 17 or 18 (of the Act); or
- b) If that person acquires a third citizenship.

Consequences of Loss of Ugandan Citizenship

- 1. Where a person ceases to be a citizen of Uganda, he or she shall be regarded as a citizen or national of the country, of which he or she was a citizen or national before becoming a Ugandan citizen.
- 2. Where a person ceases to be a Ugandan citizen, he or she shall cease to enjoy the rights of a Ugandan citizen except rights to property acquired legally while the person was a citizen.
- 3. Where a person ceases to be a Ugandan citizen, he or she shall not thereby be discharged from any obligation, duty or liability in respect of any act done or committed before he or she ceased to be a citizen of Uganda.

Re-acquisition of Ugandan Citizenship by a Ugandan

- 1. A person who was a citizen of Uganda by birth and who on acquiring the citizenship of another country renounced his or her Ugandan citizenship, may apply to the board in the prescribed manner to re-acquire his or her former Ugandan citizenship.
- 2. The board may allow a former Ugandan citizen to re-acquire his or her Ugandan citizenship if it is satisfied that the grounds for the loss of his or her Ugandan citizenship are of no adverse effect to the public order and security of Uganda.
- 3. A person who re-acquires Ugandan citizenship under this section shall be required to take the oath of allegiance.

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