



South African High Commission
Wellington, New Zealand

Dear Applicant

RETENTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the retention of South African citizenship. Below you will find the necessary requirements and information for completing such an application.

Please note that processing of applications takes between 6 - 12 months.

Applications are forwarded to the DHA in Pretoria, South Africa for processing.

PLEASE NOTE

DO NOT TAKE UP THE OATH FOR NZ CITIZENSHIP WITHOUT RECEIVING THE LETTER FROM THE DHA IN SA CONFIRMING YOUR RETENTION

PLEASE ENSURE ALL FORMS ARE DONE IN BLACK INK

Dual Citizenship check list

1. BI-1664 form **Pre fill form if submitting in person**
2. BI-529 form **Pre fill form if submitting in person**
3. Certified copy of your current and valid SA passport showing the passport number and dates of issue and expiry. If your passport has expired, it is advisable to apply for a new passport as soon as possible should you need to travel to South Africa.
4. **Fees**
A fee of \$35.00 NZD per application.
Payments can be made via online payment if submitting by courier OR in cash if submitting in person.

Please ensure to do a **SEPARATE** transfer for each application.
Attach proof of payment for each individual application.

Bank Account Details

South African High Commission DHA
12-3140-0362170-00

Particulars – Type of application (eg. Adult passport, Unabridged Birth Certificate etc.)

Code – First Name (Name of applicant)

Reference – Surname (Of applicant)

5. If you are a naturalised South African, a certified copy of your Naturalisation Certificate. In cases of those applicants who acquired foreign citizenship through any of their parents, a certified copy of your own full birth certificate showing the birth places of your parent(s).
6. Under circumstances where even the parents acquired such citizenship through descent, a letter from the relevant authorities of the country concerned will suffice.
7. Parents born out of SA, proof of their naturalisation or proof of their residency status at the time of the child's birth.
8. Documents issued in a foreign language must be officially translated to English by a sworn translator.
9. Please attach self-addressed Track and Trace courier bag per application to courier printed document received from DHA.

All completed applications can be forwarded to the below address:

SAHC
PO BOX 25406
Wellington
6140

Regards

Consular Services

Tel No 04 815 8484