

RENUNCIATION/SURRENDER OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP FAQs

Q What is Renunciation of Indian Citizenship?

A: Foreign nationals of Indian Origin who have already acquired citizenship of any other country are not eligible to renounce their Indian citizenship. However, the Indian applicant, who wants to Renounce their Indian citizenship U/S 8 of Citizenship Act 1955 may do so but the Indian Citizenship of his/her minor children will be ceased automatically.

Q: What is a Surrender Certificate?

A: Surrender Certificate is issued to applicants who surrender their Indian passport after acquiring foreign nationality.

Q: How to apply for Surrender of Indian Citizenship Certificate?

A: Please follow below steps for Surrender application:

- Fill up the form online <https://portal3.passportindia.gov.in/Online/index.html> (visit Embassy check list).
- Take Print-out of the online filled in application form. The form should be duly signed, photographs and necessary documents (please visit check list)
- Book an appointment
- Book prepaid airway bill for receiving processed documents.
- Submit application for Passport alongwith necessary documents and prepaid A4 size envelope at Embassy of India in The Hague (Buitenrustweg 2, 2517KD, The Hague).

Q: What is the difference between Surrender Certificate & Renunciation Certificate?

A: The individual, who has acquired foreign nationality, his Indian nationality gets terminated automatically u/s 9 of the citizenship Act of 1955. So he does not have to renounce his citizenship. However, surrender of an Indian passport is mandatory for them. In case of acquiring a surrender certificate, there will be no effect on the Indian nationality of the minor children, as long as one of the parents of the children continues to be an Indian national.

Q: I applied for Surrender Certificate through EOI, The Hague, but t I lost the certificate. Can I get a copy of the same?

A: Before November 2020, the Embassy only maintained a record of the surrendered Indian passport, but we do not keep the copies of granted certificates.

Q: What is the grace period available for obtaining a Surrender Certificate after acquiring foreign citizenship?

A: A person of Indian origin can obtain a Surrender Certificate within 3 years of acquisition of foreign citizenship.

Q: I recently became a Dutch Citizen through Naturalization. I do not have a Dutch passport. Can I apply for a Surrender Certificate before I get my Dutch passport? I do have the Naturalization Certificate. I want to do this, so I can get started on the OCI as soon as possible?

A: A copy of your Dutch passport is one of the mandatory documents while applying for Surrender. Also, while filling the online govt. application form, you are required to provide your Dutch Passport number. embassy cannot accept your Surrender application without a copy of Dutch passport. Applicants can apply for renunciation as soon as they receive the Dutch Passport.

Q: I've recently obtained a Dutch passport, have not surrendered my Indian passport yet, can I apply for a visa to India?

A: Yes you can apply [E-visa](#) or [regular paper visa](#).
