

# Naturalisation

## TAKE ACTION AND GET IT!



### 1. DOCUMENTS FOR OBTAINING LATVIAN CITIZENSHIP CAN BE SUBMITTED TO ANY REGIONAL DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF CITIZENSHIP AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS

Upon presentation of a personal identity document, you must submit an application together with documents certifying:

- permanent residence in Latvia for 5 years;
- legal source of income;
- payment of the state fee;
- 1 photo 3x4 cm.

### 3. DOCUMENT CHECK BY THE OFFICE OF CITIZENSHIP AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS

Submitted documents and the person's compliance with the requirements of the Citizenship Law are checked.

### 5. DECISION OF THE OFFICE OF CITIZENSHIP AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS

✓ If there are no obstacles to the person's naturalisation as a Latvian citizen, the person is invited to pledge loyalty to the Republic of Latvia.

✗ If the person does not comply with the requirements of the Citizenship Law, the person is informed about the refusal to be admitted to Latvian citizenship.

### 7. PLEDGES OF LOYALTY TO THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

The person pledges loyalty to the Republic of Latvia and receives congratulations.

### 9. IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT OF A LATVIAN CITIZEN

Within one month of becoming a Latvian citizen, you must apply to the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs for receiving an identity document of a Latvian citizenship (passport/identity card).

### 2. EXAMINATION OF LATVIAN LANGUAGE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA, THE LYRICS OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AND THE BASICS OF LATVIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

The exam must be taken within 2 months of the application submission date. It can be taken in Daugavpils, Riga, Liepaja, or Ventspils.

### 4. OPINIONS OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

The competent state institutions provide their opinion on the person's compliance with the requirements of the Citizenship Law.

### 6. RENUNCIATION OF EXISTING CITIZENSHIP

If dual citizenship is not allowed, the person is required to renunciate the existing citizenship.

Latvia allows dual citizenship for citizens of a Member State of the European Union, the European Free Trade Association, or the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Federative Republic of Brazil, or New Zealand.

### 8. DECISION OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS

The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs drafts order of the Cabinet of Ministers. The Cabinet of Ministers makes a decision regarding the admission of the person to Latvian citizenship. The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs informs the person of the admission to Latvian citizenship.

If no renunciation of existing citizenship is required, the average duration of the process is 6 months.