

LAW OF THE RUSSIAN SOVIET FEDERATIVE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC "ON CITIZENSHIP OF THE RSFSR"

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Citizenship is the stable legal relationship of a person with the state which is expressed in the totality of their mutual rights, duties, and responsibilities based on the recognition of and respect for the dignity, and the basic rights and freedoms of the individual.

The present Law is called upon to provide for the realization of the norms and principles of international law and the Constitution of the RSFSR which relate to citizenship and human rights, to establish more favorable legal conditions for each citizen of the RSFSR, and to protect and defend the RSFSR and citizens of the RSFSR who are located outside its borders.

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. The Right to Citizenship

1. Each person in the RSFSR has a right to citizenship.
2. No one may be deprived of its citizenship in the RSFSR or of the right to change its citizenship.
3. A citizen of the RSFSR may not be extradited to another state other than on the basis of law or an international treaty of the RSFSR.

Article 2. Citizenship of the RSFSR and Citizenship of Republics within the RSFSR

1. Citizens of the RSFSR shall be persons who have acquired citizenship of the RSFSR in accordance with the present Law. Citizenship of the RSFSR shall be equal regardless of the grounds upon which it was acquired.
2. Citizens of the RSFSR permanently residing on the territory of a republic within the RSFSR shall contemporaneously be citizens of this republic.

Article 3. Dual Citizenship

1. The acquisition of citizenship of the RSFSR by a foreign citizen shall be permitted upon condition of its denouncing of its prior citizenship unless otherwise provided for by an international treaty of the RSFSR.
2. A citizen of the RSFSR may upon its application be permitted to contemporaneously hold citizenship of another state with which the RSFSR has an appropriate treaty.
3. Citizens of the RSFSR who also have other citizenship may not on this basis be limited in rights, exempt from performing duties or freed from obligations which flow from citizenship of the RSFSR.

Article 4. Retention of Citizenship of the RSFSR by Persons Residing Outside the Borders of the RSFSR

The residence of a citizen of the RSFSR outside the borders of the RSFSR shall not terminate its citizenship.

Article 5. Protection and Defense of Citizens of the RSFSR Located Outside the Borders of the RSFSR

1. Citizens of the RSFSR outside the borders of the RSFSR shall enjoy the defense and protection of the RSFSR.
2. State agencies of the RSFSR, diplomatic representations and consular missions of the RSFSR, and the officials thereof shall be obliged to ensure that citizens of the RSFSR are accorded the possibility to fully enjoy all rights established by the legislation of the state of their residence, by international treaties of the RSFSR, and by international custom, to protect their rights and lawful interests, and where necessary to take measures to vindicate the rights of citizens of the RSFSR that have been violated.

Article 6. Citizenship of the RSFSR and Marriage

1. The entering into or termination of marriage by a citizen of the RSFSR with a person who does not have citizenship of the RSFSR shall not entail a change in citizenship.
2. A change in citizenship of one of the spouses shall not entail a change in citizenship of the other spouse.
3. A termination of marriage shall not entail a change in citizenship of children born or adopted during the marriage.

Article 7. Reduction of Statelessness

The RSFSR shall encourage the acquisition of citizenship of the RSFSR by persons who are stateless and shall not hinder their acquisition of other citizenship.