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Who is a Citizen?

Those people who have citizenship status in a state are the citizens of that state. Citizenship refers to the legal status of each citizen. It reflects the fact that as a citizen of a state enjoys the protection of his state in respect of his security and rights.

Definitions

"Citizenship is the contribution of one's instructed judgement to public goods — Laske"

"Citizenship implies three things"

- ① Legal and political Rights which citizens enjoy under the protection of the state.
- ② Duties which citizens render to the state including the duty to promote general welfare.
- ③ The allegiance i.e. loyalty to the state or the sentiment of patriotic devotion.

(Citizenship Nature)

① In the Past, Citizenship was confined to a few persons of the state.

In the past, citizenship used to be a privilege enjoyed by a comparatively small number of people. In ancient Greece, which is usually referred to as the cradle of democracy, citizenship was confined

② Direct participation in Administration

③ Now citizenship belongs to all the people of each state.

Features

- ① Membership of a state
- ② Enjoyment of several rights and freedom in the state.
- ③ Commitment to perform certain duties towards the state, particularly to defend the state against any war or aggression.
- ④ Loyalty towards the state
- ⑤ Citizenship is an acquired right at the time of birth. A child inherits the citizenship of the state where he is born. Such citizens are called naturalised born citizens.

the citizenship of the country of his birth. The period of absence is different in different countries.

- (4) Renouncing citizenship in case of double citizenship.
- (5) By Application
By giving an application, an individual can also relinquish the citizenship of his state.
- (6) By Adoption - When a child is adopted by a citizen of another country, he automatically loses the citizenship of the country of his birth.
- (7) By Defeat - When a state or some territory of the state is conquered by another state, the citizenship of the conquered state lose their citizenships.
- (8) By getting government service abroad
When a citizen gets government service in another state, he loses the citizenship of the state of his birth.

Basics / Ground for Getting Citizenship

① Citizenship by Birth
A vast majority of a persons acquire citizenship by birth and seldom changes it afterwards. It has been, therefore regarded as the most prominent of all the methods of acquiring citizenship. Normally each citizen / person gets a citizenship at birth either on the basis of parentage or on the basis of the principle of Birth place or on the basis of both these principles.

② Citizenship on the basis of percentage

Methods of losing citizenship.

① By Marriage

After getting married to a foreign national, a person loses his / her citizenship and acquire the citizenship of his / her spouse.

② By Registration -

One can renounce the citizenship of his state through a registration.

③ By long Absence -

If a citizen remains absent from his country for a long period, he loses

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① Anti-national Crimes - When a person results against the state, his citizenship of the state of his birth can also be taken back by his state.

② Acceptance of Titles - From a Foreign Government - In some countries the rule is that if a citizen accepts a title from another country without getting the prior approval of the state, his citizenship can be terminated.