

MISNISTRY OF JUSTICE
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***LIST OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR OBTAINING BULGARIAN CITIZENSHIP
ON THE BASIS OF PERMITTED RESIDENCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
IN REFERENCE WITH THE INVESTMENTS MADE***

By virtue of Article 12a of the Law on Bulgarian Citizenship

1. Application for a model in accordance with Annex No. 1 to Regulation No. 1 of February 19, 1999 for the application of Chapter Five of the Law on Bulgarian Citizenship / Regulation No. 1 /.

The application must be written in Bulgarian.

2. A copy of a birth certificate or a duplicate of a birth certificate issued by the respective Bulgarian or foreign competent authority.

3. Depending on the type of investment made under Art. 12a of the Law on Bulgarian Citizenship is presented:

3.1. Certificate for the investments made under Art. 25, para. 1, items 6 and 7 of the Law for the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria, issued by the InvestBulgaria Agency in accordance with Art. 39, para. 6 of the Rules for Implementation of the Law for the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria;

3.2. Certificate for the investments made under Art. 25, para. 1, item 8 of the Law for the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria referred to in Art. 39a, para. 1, item 2 of the Rules for Implementation of the Law for the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria;

3.3. Certificate for activities and investments under Art. 25, para. 1, item 13 in reference with the circumstances under Art. 25c, para. 2, item 2 or 3, and Art. 25, para. 1, item 16 of the Law for the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria, issued by the Ministry of Economy.

The InvestBulgaria Agency and the Ministry of Economy shall send ex officio to the Ministry of Justice the certificates under item 3.1 and item 3.3.

4. A criminal record from the country of nationality of the applicant. If he resides permanently or long-term in the Republic of Bulgaria or in a third country, he shall also present a criminal record with the local competent authorities. The criminal record states that it is issued for the purposes of proceedings for Bulgarian citizenship.

5. Document from the prosecutor's office that no criminal proceedings have been instituted against the applicant for a premeditated crime of general nature.

6. Certificate from the employer that the person is working under an employment relationship or a certificate from the respective tax office for declared income for the previous year.

7. Medical document, issued by the Medical Advisory Committee (LKK) of the medical institution, serving the person of residence, certifying that the person does not suffer from

acute contagious and infectious diseases under Art. 61, para 1 of the Law on Health, Mental Illness under Art. 146, para. 1, items 1 and 2 of the Health Act. In the absence of a LKK, the document is issued by the general hospital LKK of the respective hospital.

8. Declarations in accordance with Annexes No 4 and No 4a to Regulation No 1.

9. Official document certifying the name change, if any, as well as an official identity document of a person with different names.

In case the name change is made due to a civil marriage on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, no document is required. The Bulgarian Citizenship Directorate carries out an official check in the National Population Database maintained by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works.

10. Autobiography.

11. Current photo passport format - 1 item.

12. Photocopy of a document certifying the identity of the petitioner.

13. Paying-in slip for paid state fee of BGN 100 to the account of the Ministry of Justice BNB - HQ, **IBAN - BG09 BNBG 9661 3000 1737 01, BIC: BNBG BGSD.**

The family members of the persons who have received a permanent residence permit on the grounds of Art. 25, para. 1, items 6, 7 or 8 of the Law on Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria submit a certificate for family members and the documents under items 1 - 13 of the list.

The InvestBulgaria Agency and the Ministry of Economy shall send ex officio to the Ministry of Justice the certificates under item 3.1 and item 3.3.

The Bulgarian Citizenship Directorate performs an official check by means of automated access to the area of interregional exchange (Regix), maintained by the State e-Government Agency, for the presence of a permanent or long-term residence permit in the Republic of Bulgaria, respectively, the date of residence permit and the legal basis, as well as the payment of compulsory social security contributions and the presence or absence of obligations.

The documents presented by the interested parties, depending on the foreign country of origin, must meet the requirements of the relevant provisions of bilateral international treaties or the Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party, or of the Regulations for the legalization, certification and translation of documents and other papers, as well as to be provided with translations in Bulgarian language, which shall be performed and certified in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Regulations. The requirements do not apply where:

- Statements of civil status relating to birth, marriage or death issued in accordance with the Convention on the issue of multilingual extracts from civil status records, signed on 8 September 1976 in Vienna;

- Official documents issued by a Member State of the European Union pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/1191 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 on promoting the free movement of citizens by simplifying the requirements for the submission of certain

official documents in the European Union and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 (OB, L 200/1 of 26 July 2016), with the exception of the requirement to submit a translation into Bulgarian for documents issued in the official language of the country the Member that issues them.

The application for the obtaining of Bulgarian citizenship is submitted in person at the Ministry of Justice or at the diplomatic or consular mission abroad.

In order to submit an application to the Ministry of Justice, it is necessary to make an electronic reservation in advance of a date and time on the Ministry's website.

When applying, the applicant is interviewed if all the required documents have been submitted in accordance with this list.

The interview is conducted in Bulgarian by persons designated by the Minister of Justice, following an approved questionnaire.

When the application is submitted to the diplomatic or consular mission of the Republic of Bulgaria abroad, the interview with the applicant shall be conducted by an official of the respective representation office upon submission of the application.

If the applicant wants, upon completion of the procedure for the obtaining of Bulgarian citizenship, to have the copy of the birth certificate or a duplicate of birth certificate issued by the respective Bulgarian or foreign competent authority attached to the application, he / she should enclose a notarized copy when submitting the application of this document.

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3.2. Certificate of activities and investments made under Art. 25, para. 1, item 13 in connection with the circumstances under Art. 25c, para. 2, item 1 of the Law on Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria, issued by the Ministry of Economy.

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4. Documents certifying the lack of circumstances under Art. 14a, para. 2 of the Law on Bulgarian Citizenship, issued by the National Revenue Agency and the municipalities.

5. A criminal record from the country of which the applicant is a national. If he resides permanently or long-term in the Republic of Bulgaria or in a third country, he shall also present a criminal record with the local competent authorities. The criminal record states that it is issued for the purposes of proceedings for Bulgarian citizenship.

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