



LAW OF UKRAINE

About Ukrainian citizenship

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{ As amended by Laws

[No. 2508-IV of 05.04.2005](#) , VVR, 2005, No. 20, Art. 277

[No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) , VVR, 2005, No. 30, Art. 408

[No. 1014-V of 11.05.2007](#) , VVR, 2007, No. 33, Art. 442

[No. 3575-VI of 05.07.2011](#) , VVR, 2012, No. 12-13, Art. 77

[No. 4652-VI of 13.04.2012](#) , VVR, 2013, No. 21, Art. 208

[No. 5459-VI of 16.10.2012](#) , VVR, 2013, No. 48, Art. 682

[No. 5492-VI dated 20.11.2012](#) , VVR, 2013, No. 51, Art. 716

[No. 957-VIII dated 28.01.2016](#) , VVR, 2016, No. 9, Art. 93

[No. 2704-VIII dated 25.04.2019](#) , VVR, 2019, No. 21, Art. 81

[No. 2743-VIII dated 06.06.2019](#) , VVR, 2019, No. 26, Art. 107

[No. 1941-IX dated 14.12.2021](#)

[No. 2153-IX dated 24.03.2022](#)

[No. 2863-IX dated 12.01.2023](#)

[No. 2996-IX dated 03/21/2023](#)

[No. 3897-IX dated 08/20/2024](#) }

{In the text of the Law, the word "adoptive parent" in all cases and numbers has been replaced by the word "adoptive parent" in the corresponding case and number; the words "diplomatic missions and consular institutions of Ukraine", "diplomatic missions or consular institutions of Ukraine" in all cases have been replaced by the words "embassies and consular institutions of Ukraine" in the corresponding case in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#) }

This Law, in accordance with [the Constitution of Ukraine](#), defines the legal content of Ukrainian citizenship, the grounds and procedure for its acquisition and termination, the powers of state authorities participating in resolving issues of Ukrainian citizenship, the procedure for appealing decisions on citizenship issues, actions or inaction of state authorities, their officials and service personnel.

Section I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Definition of terms

In this Law, the following terms are used in the following meaning:

Citizenship of Ukraine - a legal relationship between an individual and Ukraine, which is reflected in their mutual rights and obligations;

person - an individual;

citizen of Ukraine - a person who has acquired citizenship of Ukraine in accordance with the procedure provided for by the laws of Ukraine and international treaties of Ukraine;

foreigner - a person who does not hold the citizenship of Ukraine and is a citizen (subject) of another state or states;

stateless person - a person whom no state, in accordance with its legislation, considers to be its citizen;

legal representatives - parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, foster parents, guardians, custodians, representatives of institutions that perform the duties of guardians and custodians;

{Paragraph seven of Article 1 as amended by Laws [No. 2663-IV of June 16, 2005](#), [No. 1941-IX of December 14, 2021](#) }

child - a person under the age of 18;

registration of citizenship of Ukraine - entry of a record of a person's acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by a specially authorized body in the relevant registration documents;

residence in the territory of Ukraine on legal grounds - residence in Ukraine of a foreigner or stateless person who has a note on permanent or temporary residence in the territory of Ukraine in the passport of a citizen of the former USSR of the 1974 sample or has registered their national passport in the territory of Ukraine, or whose period of stay in the territory of Ukraine has been extended in accordance with the established procedure, or who has a certificate of permanent or temporary residence in the territory of Ukraine, or who has a military ID/military registration document issued to a foreigner or stateless person who has concluded a contract for military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine in accordance with the established procedure, or who has a refugee certificate or a document confirming the granting of asylum in Ukraine;

{Paragraph ten of Article 1 as amended by Law [No. 2743-VIII of 06.06.2019](#); as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12.14.2021](#); as amended by Laws [No. 2863-IX of 12.01.2023](#), [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#) }

Continuous residence in the territory of Ukraine - a person's residence in Ukraine if his/her single trip abroad for private matters did not exceed 90 days, and in total for a year - 180 days. A person's trip abroad on a business trip, for study, on vacation, for treatment on the recommendation of an appropriate medical institution, or a person's change of place of residence in the territory of Ukraine does not constitute a violation of the requirement for continuous residence;

obligation to terminate foreign citizenship - a written statement by a foreigner stating that in the event of acquiring Ukrainian citizenship, he will terminate the citizenship (citizenship) of another state or citizenship (citizenships) of other states and, within two years from the moment of acquiring Ukrainian citizenship, will submit a document on the termination of the citizenship (citizenship) of another state or citizenships (citizenships) of other states to the body that issued him a temporary certificate of a citizen of Ukraine;

{Paragraph twelfth of Article 1 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

Reason for failure to receive a document on termination of foreign citizenship (nationality) independent of the person - failure to issue a document on termination of citizenship (nationality) to a person whose authorized bodies of the state of his/her citizenship (nationality) have accepted a petition for termination of foreign citizenship (nationality) by an authorized body of such state within the period established by the legislation of the foreign state (except for cases when the person was refused termination of citizenship (nationality) or within two years from the date of

submission of the petition, if the period is not established, or the absence in the legislation of a foreign state of a procedure for termination of his/her citizenship (nationality) at the initiative of the person or failure to implement such a procedure;

{Paragraph thirteen of Article 1 as amended by Laws [No. 2663-IV of 06/16/2005](#), [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

lawful sources of livelihood - salary, profit from entrepreneurial activity or property, pension, scholarship, alimony, social benefits and assistance, own financial savings or financial assistance from family members, other individuals and legal entities with lawful income;

international treaty of Ukraine - an international treaty, the consent to which is binding has been granted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;

declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship - a document in which a foreigner who has undertaken to terminate foreign citizenship and who has reasons beyond his control for not receiving a document terminating foreign citizenship (nationality) or foreign citizenships (nationalities) certifies his renunciation of citizenship (nationality) of another state or citizenships (nationalities) of other states;

{Paragraph sixteen of Article 1 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person recognized as a refugee or granted asylum in Ukraine - a document in which a foreigner recognized as a refugee or granted asylum in Ukraine certifies his or her renunciation of citizenship (nationality) of another state, which, in accordance with [the Law of Ukraine "On Refugees and Persons in Need of Additional or Temporary Protection"](#), is considered the country of citizenship;

{Article 1 is supplemented by a paragraph in accordance with Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#); as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#) }

declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who has received a temporary residence permit on the basis of [parts twenty and twenty-four](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons" - a document in which a foreigner certifies his renunciation of citizenship (nationality) of another state or citizenships (nationalities) of other states;

{Article 1 is supplemented with a new paragraph in accordance with Law [No. 2743-VIII of 06.06.2019](#); with amendments made in accordance with Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#) }

declaration of lack of foreign citizenship - a document in which a person reports the absence of foreign citizenship (nationality) or citizenships (nationalities) with justification of the reasons for such absence;

{Paragraph of Article 1 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

{Paragraph of Article 1 was excluded on the basis of Law [No. 5492-VI of 20.11.2012](#) }

temporary certificate of a citizen of Ukraine - a document that identifies a person and confirms their citizenship of Ukraine;

Declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, has concluded a contract for military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine - a document in which a foreigner, who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is serving military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, served military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the

National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated and who was discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraphs "a", "b", "c" of paragraphs 1, 2, subparagraphs "a", "b" of paragraph 3 of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service", certifies his renunciation of citizenship (nationality) of another state or citizenships (nationalities) of other states;

{Article 1 is supplemented by paragraph twenty-two in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#); as amended by Laws [No. 2863-IX of 01/12/2023](#), [No. 3897-IX of 08/20/2024](#) }

declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who has distinguished services to Ukraine or whose admission to Ukrainian citizenship is in the state interest of Ukraine - a document in which a foreigner who has distinguished services to Ukraine or whose admission to Ukrainian citizenship is in the state interest of Ukraine certifies his or her renunciation of citizenship (nationality) of another state or citizenships (nationalities) of other states;

{Article 1 is supplemented by paragraph twenty-three in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

Declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is/was serving military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and has been awarded a state award of Ukraine - a document in which a foreigner, who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is serving military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, was serving military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated, and is discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraphs "a", "b", "c" of paragraphs 1, 2, subparagraphs "a", "b" of paragraph 3 of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service", and has been awarded a state award Ukraine, certifies his/her renunciation of citizenship (nationality) of another state or citizenships (nationalities) of other states;

{Article 1 is supplemented by paragraph twenty-four in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#); as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of 01/12/2023](#); as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 08/20/2024](#) }

declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who has been persecuted - a document in which a foreigner who is a citizen of a state recognized by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as an aggressor state or an occupying state and who has been persecuted in the country of his citizenship, which is confirmed by a document provided for by this Law, certifies his renunciation of citizenship of a state recognized by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as an aggressor state or an occupying state;

{Article 1 is supplemented by paragraph twenty-five in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

Declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship for the other spouse - a document certifying the renunciation of citizenship of a foreign state by a foreigner who is one of the spouses of a person who has the right to submit a declaration or by whom a declaration has been submitted as a person who:

{Article 1 is supplemented by paragraph twenty-six in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#); as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 08/20/2024](#) }

in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is undergoing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport

Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, was undergoing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated, and was discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraphs "a", "b", "c" [of paragraphs 1 , 2 , subparagraphs "a" , "b" of paragraph 3 of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service"](#);

{Article 1 is supplemented by paragraph twenty-seven in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#); as amended by Laws [No. 2863-IX of 01/12/2023](#) , [No. 3897-IX of 08/20/2024](#) }

has outstanding services to Ukraine or whose acceptance into Ukrainian citizenship is in the state interest of Ukraine;

{Article 1 is supplemented by paragraph twenty-eight in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#) }

in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is/was serving military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, the contract of which has been terminated, and was discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraphs "a", "b", "c" of [paragraphs 1 , 2 , subparagraphs "a" , "b" of paragraph 3 of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service"](#), and was awarded a state award of Ukraine;

{Article 1 is supplemented by paragraph twenty-nine in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) ; as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of 01/12/2023](#) ; as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 08/20/2024](#) }

is a citizen of a state recognized by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as an aggressor state or an occupying state, and has been persecuted in the country of his/her citizenship, as confirmed by a document provided for by this Law;

{Article 1 is supplemented by paragraph thirty in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

Declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship for a foreigner who is the second spouse of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, served military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died in the line of duty - a document certifying the renunciation of citizenship of a foreign state by a foreigner who is the second spouse of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, served military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died in the line of duty.

{Article 1 is supplemented with a new paragraph in accordance with Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#) }

declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship by a child - a document in which one of the child's parents or his or her guardian or trustee certifies the child's renunciation of citizenship (nationality) of another state or citizenships (nationalities) of other states;

{Article 1 is supplemented with a paragraph in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#) }

document confirming persecution - a certificate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, an embassy or consular post of Ukraine, issued in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, stating that a foreigner who is a citizen of a state recognized by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as an aggressor state or an occupying state, has been persecuted

in the country of his citizenship due to political beliefs that manifested themselves in his activities aimed at protecting the national interests of Ukraine;

{Article 1 is supplemented with a paragraph in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#)}

application for change of citizenship - a document submitted by a foreigner who is a citizen of a state with which Ukraine has concluded an international agreement that provides for the termination of the person's citizenship of this state simultaneously with the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship;

{Article 1 is supplemented with a paragraph in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#)}

obligation to pass exams on the basics of [the Constitution of Ukraine](#) , the history of Ukraine and the level of proficiency in the state language - a written statement of a foreigner/stateless person from among persons who have outstanding merits before Ukraine, whose admission to Ukrainian citizenship is of state interest to Ukraine, or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, are undergoing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, persons who have received a temporary residence permit on the basis of [Part Twenty](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons", stating that in the event of acquiring Ukrainian citizenship, he will pass exams on the basics of the Constitution of Ukraine, the history of Ukraine, and the level of proficiency in the state language within two years and submit documents on passing such exams.

{Article 1 is supplemented with a paragraph in accordance with Law [No. 2996-IX of March 21, 2023](#)}

Article 2. Principles of Ukrainian legislation on citizenship

The legislation of Ukraine on citizenship is based on the following principles:

1) single citizenship - citizenship of the state of Ukraine, which excludes the possibility of the existence of citizenship of administrative-territorial units of Ukraine. If a citizen of Ukraine has acquired citizenship (subjectivity) of another state or states, then in legal relations with Ukraine he is recognized only as a citizen of Ukraine. If a foreigner has acquired citizenship of Ukraine, then in legal relations with Ukraine he is recognized only as a citizen of Ukraine;

2) preventing the emergence of cases of statelessness;

3) the impossibility of depriving a citizen of Ukraine of Ukrainian citizenship;

4) recognition of the right of a citizen of Ukraine to change citizenship;

5) the impossibility of automatic acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by a foreigner or a stateless person as a result of marriage with a citizen of Ukraine or acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by his/her wife (husband) and automatic termination of Ukrainian citizenship by one of the spouses as a result of termination of marriage or termination of Ukrainian citizenship by the other spouse;

6) equality before the law of citizens of Ukraine regardless of the grounds, procedure and moment of their acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship;

7) preservation of Ukrainian citizenship regardless of the place of residence of a citizen of Ukraine.

Article 3. Citizenship of Ukraine

Citizens of Ukraine are:

1) all citizens of the former USSR who, at the time of the declaration of independence of Ukraine (August 24, 1991), permanently resided in the territory of Ukraine;

2) persons, regardless of race, skin color, political, religious and other beliefs, gender, ethnic and social origin, property status, place of residence, language or other characteristics, who at the time of entry into force [of the Law of Ukraine](#) "On Citizenship of Ukraine" (November 13, 1991) resided in Ukraine and were not citizens of other states;

3) persons who arrived in Ukraine for permanent residence after November 13, 1991 and who have the inscription "citizen of Ukraine" entered in their passport of a citizen of the former USSR of the 1974 model by the internal affairs bodies of Ukraine, and children of such persons who arrived with their parents in Ukraine and at the time of arrival in Ukraine had not reached the age of majority, if the said persons have submitted applications for registration of Ukrainian citizenship;

{ Clause 3 of Part One of Article 3 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

4) persons who have acquired Ukrainian citizenship in accordance with the laws of Ukraine and international treaties of Ukraine.

The persons specified in [paragraph 1](#) of part one of this article have been citizens of Ukraine since August 24, 1991, those specified in [paragraph 2](#) - since November 13, 1991, and in [paragraph 3](#) - since the moment of making a note about citizenship of Ukraine.

Article 4. Legislation on citizenship of Ukraine

Issues of citizenship of Ukraine are regulated [by the Constitution of Ukraine](#), this Law, and international treaties of Ukraine.

If an international treaty of Ukraine establishes rules other than those contained in this Law, the rules of the international treaty shall apply.

Article 5. Documents confirming citizenship of Ukraine

Documents confirming citizenship of Ukraine are:

1) passport of a citizen of Ukraine;

{ Paragraph 2 of Article 5 was excluded on the basis of Law [No. 5492-VI of 20.11.2012](#) }

3) passport of a citizen of Ukraine for traveling abroad;

4) temporary identity card of a citizen of Ukraine;

{ Clause 5 of Article 5 was excluded on the basis of Law [No. 5492-VI of 20.11.2012](#) }

6) diplomatic passport;

7) service passport;

8) seafarer's identity card;

9) crew member identification card;

10) ID card for return to Ukraine.

Chapter II **ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP OF UKRAINE**

Article 6. Grounds for acquiring citizenship of Ukraine

Citizenship of Ukraine is acquired:

- 1) by birth;
- 2) by territorial origin;
- 3) as a result of acceptance into citizenship;
- 4) as a result of renewal of citizenship;
- 5) as a result of adoption;

6) as a result of the establishment of guardianship or custody over a child, the placement of the child in a healthcare institution, educational institution or other children's institution, in a family-type orphanage or foster family;

{ Clause 6 of Article 6 as amended by Laws [No. 2663-IV of 06/16/2005](#), [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

7) as a result of the establishment of guardianship over a person recognized by the court as incompetent;

8) in connection with the residence of one or both parents of the child in Ukraine;

9) as a result of the recognition of paternity or maternity or the establishment of the fact of paternity or maternity;

{ Clause 9 of Article 6 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

10) on other grounds provided for by international treaties of Ukraine.

Article 7. Acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by birth

A person whose parents or one of their parents were citizens of Ukraine at the time of their birth is a citizen of Ukraine.

A person born on the territory of Ukraine to stateless persons who legally reside on the territory of Ukraine is a citizen of Ukraine.

A person born outside Ukraine to stateless persons who permanently legally reside in the territory of Ukraine and did not acquire the citizenship of another state by birth is a citizen of Ukraine.

A person born in the territory of Ukraine to foreigners who legally reside in the territory of Ukraine, and who did not acquire citizenship by birth from either parent, is a citizen of Ukraine.

{ Part Four of Article 7 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of June 16, 2005](#) }

A person born on the territory of Ukraine, one of whose parents has been granted refugee status in Ukraine or asylum in Ukraine, and who has not acquired the citizenship of either parent by birth or who has acquired the citizenship of the parent who has been granted refugee status in Ukraine or asylum in Ukraine, is a citizen of Ukraine.

A person born in the territory of Ukraine to a foreigner and a stateless person who legally resides in the territory of Ukraine and did not acquire the citizenship of a parent who is a foreigner by birth is a citizen of Ukraine.

{ Part Six of Article 7 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of June 16, 2005](#) }

A newborn child found on the territory of Ukraine, both of whose parents are unknown (foundling), is a citizen of Ukraine.

A person who has the right to acquire Ukrainian citizenship by birth is a citizen of Ukraine from the moment of birth.

Article 8. Acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by territorial origin

A person (foreigner or stateless person) who himself or at least one of his parents or his grandfather or grandmother, great-grandfather or great-grandmother, or his (full and half) brother or sister, son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter were born or permanently resided before August 24, 1991 in the territory that became the territory of Ukraine in accordance with [the Law of Ukraine](#) "On Succession of Ukraine", or who himself or at least one of his parents or his (full and half) grandfather or grandmother, great-grandfather or great-grandmother, or his (full and half) brother or sister were born or permanently resided in other territories that were part of the Ukrainian People's Republic, the Western Ukrainian People's Republic, the Ukrainian State, the Ukrainian Socialist Soviet Republic, Transcarpathian Ukraine, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR) at the time of their birth or during their permanent residence, as well as his minor children have the right to acquire citizenship of Ukraine by territorial origin.

To formalize the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship in accordance with the established procedure, together with the application (petition) for the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship, the following shall be submitted:

a stateless person - a declaration of lack of foreign citizenship;

a foreigner - an obligation to terminate foreign citizenship.

Foreigners who hold citizenship (nationality) of several states submit an undertaking to terminate citizenship (nationality) of all these states.

Submission of an undertaking to terminate foreign citizenship (nationality) is not required from foreigners who are citizens (nationals) of states whose legislation provides for automatic termination of citizenship (nationality) of these states by individuals simultaneously with the acquisition of citizenship of another state.

Foreigners who have submitted an undertaking to terminate their foreign citizenship (nationality) must submit a document to this effect, issued by the authorized body of the relevant state, to the authorized body of Ukraine within two years from the date of their registration as citizens of Ukraine. Foreigners who have all the grounds provided for by the legislation of this state for obtaining a document on termination of citizenship (nationality), but for reasons beyond their control cannot obtain it, submit a declaration on renunciation of foreign citizenship.

To obtain Ukrainian citizenship, instead of the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship (subjectivity), the following may be submitted:

1) a foreigner who has been recognized as a refugee or who has been granted asylum in Ukraine - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who has been recognized as a refugee or who has been granted asylum in Ukraine;

2) a foreigner who permanently resides in Ukraine on legal grounds and is a citizen of a state with which Ukraine has concluded an international agreement that provides for the termination of the person's citizenship of this state simultaneously with the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship - an application for a change of citizenship;

3) a foreigner who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is performing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated and who has been discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraphs "a", "b", "c" of [paragraphs 1, 2, subparagraphs "a", "b"](#) of paragraph 3 of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military

Service", his spouse - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, concluded a contract for military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, and a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship for the second from the spouses;

{ Clause 3 of Part Six of Article 8 as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of 12.01.2023](#) ; as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#) }

4) a foreigner from among the persons specified in [parts twenty and twenty -four](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons", and his spouse - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who received a temporary residence permit on the basis of [parts twenty and twenty -four](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons", and a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship for the other spouse;

{ Clause 4 of Part Six of Article 8 as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#) }

5) a foreigner, his/her spouse, who are citizens of a state recognized by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as an aggressor state or an occupying state, and who have suffered persecution in the country of their citizenship - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of the person who has suffered persecution, together with a document confirming the persecution;

6) a foreigner who is the second spouse of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died in the performance of official duties - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship for the second spouse of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died in the performance of official duties.

{ Part six of Article 8 is supplemented by paragraph 6 in accordance with Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#) }

Citizenship of Ukraine by territorial origin shall not be acquired by a person who, in accordance with [Part Seven of Article 9](#) of this Law, is not admitted to citizenship of Ukraine (except for the case provided for [in Part Eight of Article 9](#) of this Law), and a person in respect of whom the decision to formalize the acquisition of citizenship of Ukraine has been canceled on the basis of [Article 21](#) of this Law.

{ Part seven of Article 8 as amended by Laws [No. 2153-IX of March 24, 2022](#) , [No. 3897-IX of August 20, 2024](#) }

A child, one of whose parents or his/her grandfather or grandmother, great-grandfather or great-grandmother was born or permanently resided in the territories specified in part one of this article, who is a stateless person and in respect of whom a declaration of lack of foreign citizenship has been submitted, or is a foreigner in respect of whom an obligation to terminate foreign citizenship has been submitted, shall be registered as a citizen of Ukraine upon the petition of one of his/her legal representatives.

A child born on the territory of Ukraine after August 24, 1991 and who did not acquire Ukrainian citizenship by birth and is a foreigner in respect of whom an obligation to terminate foreign citizenship has been submitted, or a stateless person in respect of whom a declaration of lack of foreign citizenship has been submitted, shall be registered as a citizen of Ukraine at the request of one of his or her legal representatives.

To formalize the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by a child who is a foreigner, one of whose parents or a guardian or custodian has the right to submit a declaration or who has submitted a declaration provided for in [paragraphs 1 , 3-5](#) of part six of this article, or if one of whose parents or a guardian or custodian, in accordance with the procedure established by law, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died in the performance of official duties, instead of the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship, a declaration on the child's renunciation of foreign citizenship shall be submitted.

{Part ten of Article 8 as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 08/20/2024](#) }

The date of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship in the cases provided for by this article is the date of registration of the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by a person.

A person who has acquired Ukrainian citizenship and submitted a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship undertakes to return the passport of a foreign state to the authorized bodies of that state. The requirement to undertake to return the passport of a foreign state does not apply to persons who have been recognized as refugees or who have been granted asylum in Ukraine.

{Article 8 as amended by Laws [No. 2663-IV of 06/16/2005](#) , [No. 2743-VIII of 06/06/2019](#) ; as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

Article 9. Admission to Ukrainian citizenship

A foreigner or stateless person may, upon their application, be granted citizenship of Ukraine.

The conditions for admission to Ukrainian citizenship are:

1) recognition and observance [of the Constitution of Ukraine](#) and the laws of Ukraine, which is certified by the person in the application for admission to Ukrainian citizenship submitted in accordance with the established procedure;

1¹) knowledge of the basics [of the Constitution of Ukraine](#) , the history of Ukraine.

Exams on the basics [of the Constitution of Ukraine](#) and the history of Ukraine are carried out in accordance with [the procedure](#) established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

{Part two of Article 9 is supplemented by paragraph 1¹ in accordance with Law [No. 2996-IX of March 21, 2023](#) }

2) submission:

a stateless person - a declaration of lack of foreign citizenship;

a foreigner - an obligation to terminate foreign citizenship.

Foreigners who hold citizenship (nationality) of several states submit an undertaking to terminate citizenship (nationality) of all these states.

Submission of an undertaking to terminate foreign citizenship (nationality) is not required from foreigners who are citizens (nationals) of states whose legislation provides for automatic termination of citizenship (nationality) of these states by individuals simultaneously with the acquisition of citizenship of another state.

Foreigners who have submitted an undertaking to terminate their foreign citizenship (subjectivity) must submit a document to this effect, issued by the authorized body of the relevant state, to the authorized body of Ukraine within two years from the date of their admission to the citizenship of Ukraine. Foreigners who have all the grounds provided for by the legislation of this state for obtaining a document on termination of citizenship (subjectivity), but for reasons beyond their control cannot obtain it, submit a declaration on renunciation of foreign citizenship.

To be accepted as a citizen of Ukraine, instead of the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship (subjectivity), the following may be submitted:

a) a foreigner who has been recognized as a refugee or who has been granted asylum in Ukraine - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who has been recognized as a refugee or who has been granted asylum in Ukraine;

b) a foreigner who permanently resides in Ukraine and is a citizen of a state with which Ukraine has concluded an international agreement that provides for the termination of the person's citizenship of this state simultaneously with the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship - an application for change of citizenship;

c) a foreigner who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is performing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated, and is discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraphs "a", "b", "c" of [paragraphs 1 , 2 , subparagraphs "a" , "b"](#) of paragraph 3 of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service", - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, has concluded a contract for military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine;

{Subparagraph "c" of paragraph 2 of part two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of January 12, 2023](#) ; as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of August 20, 2024](#) }

d) a foreigner who has outstanding merits to Ukraine or whose acceptance into Ukrainian citizenship is in the state interest of Ukraine - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship by a person who has outstanding merits to Ukraine or whose acceptance into Ukrainian citizenship is in the state interest of Ukraine;

e) a foreigner who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is performing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, has performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated and who has been discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraphs "a", "b", "c" of [paragraphs 1 , 2 , subparagraphs "a" , "b"](#) of paragraph 3 of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service", and has been awarded a state award of Ukraine - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is performing/has performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and has been awarded a state award of Ukraine;

{Subparagraph "g" of paragraph 2 of part two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of 12.01.2023](#) ; as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#) }

e) a foreigner from among the persons specified in [parts twenty and twenty -four](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons" - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who received a temporary residence permit on the basis of [parts twenty and twenty -four](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons";

{Subparagraph "d" of paragraph 2 of part two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#)}

f) a foreigner who is a citizen of a state recognized by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as an aggressor state or an occupying state, and who has been persecuted in the country of his citizenship - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of the person who has been persecuted, together with a document confirming the persecution;

g) a foreigner who is the second spouse of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died in the performance of official duties - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship for a foreigner who is the second spouse of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died in the performance of official duties.

{Clause 2 of part two of Article 9 is supplemented by subparagraph "e" in accordance with Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#)}

For the admission to Ukrainian citizenship of one of the spouses who is a foreigner, provided that the other spouse has the right to submit a declaration, or who has submitted a declaration provided for [in subparagraphs "c" - "e"](#) of paragraph 2 of part two of this article, instead of the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship, a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship for the other spouse shall be submitted.

{Paragraph sixteen of clause 2 of part two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#)}

For the admission to citizenship of Ukraine of a child who is a foreigner, one of whose parents or a guardian or custodian has the right to submit a declaration or who has submitted a declaration provided for [in subparagraphs "a" , " c" - "e"](#) of this paragraph, or if one of whose parents or a guardian or custodian, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died while performing official duties, instead of the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship, a declaration on the child's renunciation of foreign citizenship shall be submitted.

{Paragraph seventeen of clause 2 of part two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 08/20/2024](#)}

To be granted citizenship of Ukraine, persons who have distinguished services to Ukraine, whose admission to citizenship of Ukraine is of state interest to Ukraine, or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, are undergoing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, and persons who have received a temporary residence permit on the basis of [Part Twenty](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons", submit an obligation to pass exams on the basics of [the Constitution of Ukraine](#) , the history of Ukraine and on the level of proficiency in the state language;

{Clause 2 of part two of Article 9 is supplemented by a paragraph in accordance with Law [No. 2996-IX of March 21, 2023](#)}

3) continuous legal residence in the territory of Ukraine for the last five years.

The specified condition does not apply to foreigners and stateless persons who have been married to a citizen of Ukraine for more than two years, and to foreigners or stateless persons who

have been married to a citizen of Ukraine for more than two years, which ended due to his death, to foreigners or stateless persons who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated, and who have been discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraph "b" of [paragraphs 1-3](#) of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service". The two-year period of marriage to a citizen of Ukraine does not apply to foreigners and stateless persons who have been granted an immigration permit in accordance with [paragraph 1](#) of part three of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On Immigration".

{Paragraph two of clause 3 of part two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#)}

For persons recognized as refugees or granted asylum in Ukraine, the period of continuous legal residence in the territory of Ukraine must be the last three years on the date of filing an application for admission to Ukrainian citizenship from the moment of recognition as a refugee or granting asylum in Ukraine, for stateless persons - the last three years on the date of filing such an application from the moment of entry into Ukraine or from the moment of recognition as a stateless person, for persons who have received a temporary residence permit in accordance with [Part Twenty-Four](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons", - the last three years on the date of filing such an application from the moment of receiving a temporary residence permit.

{Paragraph three of clause 3 of part two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 08/20/2024](#)}

For foreigners and stateless persons who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, are serving military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, the period of continuous legal residence in the territory of Ukraine must be the last three years at the time of submitting an application for admission to Ukrainian citizenship from the date of entry into force of the contract for military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine;

{Paragraph four of clause 3 of part two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of 12.01.2023](#)}

4) obtaining an immigration permit.

The specified condition does not apply to persons recognized as refugees or granted asylum in Ukraine, and to foreigners and stateless persons who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, are/were performing military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated, and who have been discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraph "b" of [paragraphs 1-3](#) of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service", or who have received a permanent residence permit in Ukraine in accordance with [paragraph 4](#) of Section V "Final Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On Immigration", or who have received a temporary residence permit in accordance with [part twenty-four](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons";

{Paragraph two of clause 4 of part two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of 12.01.2023](#); as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#)}

5) proficiency in the state language in accordance with the level determined by the National Commission on State Language Standards.

Taking exams to determine the level of proficiency in the state language is carried out in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

{ Clause 5 of Part Two of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 2996-IX of March 21, 2023](#) }

6) availability of legal sources of livelihood.

This condition does not apply to persons who have been recognized as refugees or who have been granted asylum in Ukraine.

The provisions stipulated in [paragraphs 3, 4, 6](#) of part two of this article shall not apply to persons who have distinguished services to Ukraine, including foreigners and stateless persons who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, are/were performing military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated, and who have been discharged from military service on the grounds stipulated in subparagraph "b" of [paragraphs 1-3](#) of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service", and who have been awarded a state award of Ukraine, to persons whose admission to Ukrainian citizenship is of state interest to Ukraine, and to persons who have received a temporary residence permit on the basis of [part twenty of](#) Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons".

{ Part Three of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of January 12, 2023](#); as amended by Laws [No. 2996-IX of March 21, 2023](#), [No. 3897-IX of August 20, 2024](#) }

To accept Ukrainian citizenship of persons who have made outstanding contributions to Ukraine, or whose acceptance into Ukrainian citizenship is in the state interest of Ukraine, the central executive body in the relevant field prepares, in accordance with the procedure established by the President of Ukraine, a submission addressed to the President of Ukraine.

The admission to Ukrainian citizenship of a child together with one of the parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, guardian or custodian, of a child who resides in the territory of Ukraine on legal grounds and one of whose parents or another person who, in accordance with this Law, is his guardian or custodian, has a permit to immigrate to Ukraine, shall be carried out without taking into account the conditions stipulated in [_1, 1-1, 3-6](#) of part two of this article. An immigration permit to Ukraine is not required if one of the child's parents or his or her guardian or custodian is a person who has been recognized as a refugee or has been granted asylum in Ukraine, or who is a foreigner or stateless person and has received a permanent residence permit in Ukraine in accordance with [paragraph 4](#) of Section V "Final Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On Immigration", or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is undergoing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine.

{ Part Five of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of 12.01.2023](#); as amended by Law [No. 2996-IX of 21.03.2023](#) }

The provisions of [paragraphs 1¹, 5](#) of part two of this article do not apply to persons recognized by a court as incompetent, persons with disabilities associated with impaired vision, hearing, speech, which is confirmed by a medical opinion issued by a competent authority of a foreign state or a relevant health care institution of Ukraine, as well as to persons with mental disorders, which is confirmed by a medical opinion issued by a competent authority of a foreign state or a relevant health care institution of Ukraine. The list of mental disorders that may be an obstacle to passing exams on the basics of [the Constitution of Ukraine](#), the history of Ukraine, and proficiency in the state language in accordance with the level determined by the National Commission on State Language Standards, is approved by the central executive body in the field of health care.

{Article 9 is supplemented with a new part in accordance with Law [No. 2996-IX of 21.03.2023](#)}

A person shall not be granted citizenship of Ukraine if:

- 1) committed a crime against humanity or committed genocide;
- 2) convicted in Ukraine for committing a serious or especially serious crime (until the conviction is expunged or expunged), taking into account the level of threat to the national security of the state;
- 3) committed an act on the territory of another state that is recognized by the legislation of Ukraine as a grave or especially grave crime;
- 4) by his/her unlawful actions creates/created threats to the national security of Ukraine within the meaning of [the Law of Ukraine](#) "On National Security of Ukraine".

{Part seven of Article 9 is supplemented by paragraph 4 in accordance with Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#)}

The provisions stipulated in [paragraphs 1 , 3](#) of part seven of this article shall not apply to foreigners and stateless persons specified in parts [nineteen](#) , [twenty](#) , [twenty-four](#) of Article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons" who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, as well as to persons who have distinguished services to Ukraine or whose admission to Ukrainian citizenship is of state interest to Ukraine (regarding whom the submission of the central executive body in the relevant field to the President of Ukraine contains information that such persons took a direct part in the anti-terrorist operation, ensuring its conduct, being directly in the areas of the anti-terrorist operation during its conduct, and/or participated in the performance of combat or service tasks anti-terrorist operation, and/or took (are taking) part in implementing measures to ensure national security and defense, repel and deter armed aggression of the Russian Federation in Donetsk and Luhansk regions), and/or took (are taking) part in implementing measures necessary to ensure the defense of Ukraine, protect the security of the population and the interests of the state in connection with the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, provided that the competent authorities of Ukraine, in accordance with [the procedure](#) determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, establish that the decision to bring the relevant person to justice for committing crimes provided for in [paragraphs 1](#) and/or [3](#) of part seven of this article was made for political reasons by law enforcement and/or judicial authorities of a state recognized by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as an aggressor state or an occupying state, or a state that does not recognize the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine or refuses to recognize the illegality of encroachments on territorial integrity and sovereignty Ukraine, in particular, voted against the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly "On the Territorial Integrity of Ukraine" of March 27, 2014 No. 68/262.

{Part of Article 9 as amended by Law [No. 2153-IX of March 24, 2022](#); as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of August 20, 2024](#)}

The date of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship in the cases provided for by this article is the date of issuance of the relevant Decree of the President of Ukraine.

A person who has acquired Ukrainian citizenship and submitted a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship undertakes to return the passport of a foreign state to the authorized bodies of that state. The requirement to undertake to return the passport of a foreign state does not apply to persons who have been recognized as refugees or who have been granted asylum in Ukraine.

{Article 9 as amended by Laws [No. 2663-IV of 06/16/2005](#), [No. 3575-VI of 07/05/2011](#), [No. 957-VIII of 01/28/2016](#), [No. 2704-VIII of 04/25/2019](#), [No. 2743-VIII of 06/06/2019](#); as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

Article 10. Renewal of Ukrainian citizenship

A person who has terminated citizenship of Ukraine, is a stateless person and has filed an application for restoration of citizenship of Ukraine, is registered as a citizen of Ukraine, regardless of whether he or she permanently resides in Ukraine or abroad, in the absence of circumstances provided for [in Part Seven of Article 9](#) of this Law.

{Part one of Article 10 as amended by Laws [No. 2153-IX of March 24, 2022](#), [No. 3897-IX of August 20, 2024](#) }

A person who, after the termination of Ukrainian citizenship, acquired foreign citizenship (nationality) or foreign citizenships (nationalities), returned to Ukraine for permanent residence and filed an application for the restoration of Ukrainian citizenship and the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship (nationality), is registered as a citizen of Ukraine.

A foreigner who holds citizenship (nationality) of several states submits an obligation to terminate citizenship (nationality) of all these states.

A foreigner who has submitted an undertaking to terminate foreign citizenship (nationality) must submit a document to this effect, issued by the authorized body of the relevant state, to the authorized body of Ukraine within two years from the date of his registration as a citizen of Ukraine. A foreigner who has all the grounds provided for by the legislation of this state for obtaining a document on termination of citizenship (nationality), but for reasons beyond his control cannot obtain it, shall submit a declaration on renunciation of foreign citizenship.

Submission of an undertaking to terminate foreign citizenship (nationality) is not required from citizens (nationals) of states whose legislation provides for the automatic termination of citizenship (nationality) of these states by individuals simultaneously with the acquisition of citizenship of another state.

To renew Ukrainian citizenship, instead of the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship (subjectivity), the following is submitted:

1) a foreigner who is a citizen of a state with which Ukraine has concluded an international agreement that provides for the termination of the person's citizenship of this state simultaneously with the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship - an application for a change of citizenship;

2) persons recognized as refugees or granted asylum in Ukraine - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship by a person recognized as a refugee or granted asylum in Ukraine;

3) a foreigner who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is performing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, was performing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated, and who has been discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraphs "a", "b", " c" [of paragraphs 1, 2, subparagraphs "a", "b"](#) of paragraph 3 of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service", - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, has concluded a contract for military service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine;

{ Clause 3 of Part Six of Article 10 as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of January 12, 2023](#); as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of August 20, 2024](#) }

4) a foreigner who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is performing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine or who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, was performing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine, whose contract has been terminated, and who was discharged from military service on the grounds provided for in subparagraphs "a", "b", "c" of [paragraphs 1, 2](#), [subparagraphs "a", "b"](#) of paragraph 3 of part five of Article 26 of the Law of Ukraine "On Military Duty and Military Service", and who was awarded a state award of Ukraine - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, is performing/was performing military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and was awarded a state award of Ukraine;

{ Clause 4 of Part Six of Article 10 as amended by Law [No. 2863-IX of January 12, 2023](#); as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of August 20, 2024](#) }

5) a foreigner who is a citizen of a state recognized by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as an aggressor state or an occupying state, and has been persecuted in the country of his citizenship - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship of the person who has been persecuted, together with a document confirming the persecution;

6) a foreigner who is the second spouse of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died in the performance of official duties - a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship for the second spouse of a person who, in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Ukraine, performed military service under a contract in the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service or the National Guard of Ukraine and died in the performance of official duties.

{ Part six of Article 10 is supplemented by paragraph 6 in accordance with Law [No. 3897-IX of 20.08.2024](#) }

The following are not renewed in Ukrainian citizenship:

1) persons who, in accordance with [Part Seven](#) of Article 9 of this Law, are not admitted to Ukrainian citizenship (except for the case provided for [in Part Eight](#) of Article 9 of this Law);

{ Clause 1 of Part Seven of Article 10 as amended by Laws [No. 2153-IX of March 24, 2022](#), [No. 3897-IX of August 20, 2024](#) }

2) persons who have lost citizenship of Ukraine on the basis of [paragraph 2](#) of part one of Article 19 of this Law;

3) persons in respect of whom the decision on the registration of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship has been canceled on the basis of [Article 21](#) of this Law.

A person may be reinstated in Ukrainian citizenship in the event of loss of Ukrainian citizenship or cancellation of the decision to acquire Ukrainian citizenship on the grounds of failure to fulfill the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship (subjectivity) if there are documented good reasons for failure to fulfill such an obligation. Repeated reinstatement of Ukrainian citizenship for such reasons is not permitted.

The date of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship in the cases provided for by this article is the date of registration of the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by a person.

A person who has acquired Ukrainian citizenship and submitted a declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship undertakes to return the passport of a foreign state to the authorized bodies of that state. The requirement to undertake to return the passport of a foreign state does not apply to persons who have been recognized as refugees or who have been granted asylum in Ukraine.

{Article 10 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 06/16/2005](#); as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

Article 11. Acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by children as a result of adoption

A child who is a foreigner or a stateless person and who is adopted by citizens of Ukraine or by a spouse, one of whom is a citizen of Ukraine and the other is a stateless person, becomes a citizen of Ukraine from the moment the court decision on adoption enters into legal force, regardless of whether the child permanently resides in Ukraine or abroad. Such a child is registered as a citizen of Ukraine upon the application of the adopter, who is a citizen of Ukraine.

A child who is a stateless person or a foreigner and who is adopted by a spouse, one of whom is a citizen of Ukraine and the other is a foreigner, becomes a citizen of Ukraine from the moment the court decision on adoption enters into legal force, regardless of whether the child permanently resides in Ukraine or abroad. Such a child is registered as a citizen of Ukraine upon the application of the adopter, who is a citizen of Ukraine.

An adult who at the time of adoption was a foreigner or a stateless person, is legally present in the territory of Ukraine or lives abroad, who was adopted before reaching the age of majority in accordance with parts one or two of this article, but whose acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship was not formalized by the adoptive parents, and who has not acquired citizenship (nationality) of another state, shall be registered as a citizen of Ukraine upon his or her personal application.

{Article 11 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 06/16/2005](#); as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

Article 12. Acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship as a result of establishing guardianship or custody over a child, placing a child in a healthcare institution, educational institution or other children's institution, in a family-type orphanage or foster family

{Title of Article 12 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

A child who is a foreigner or a stateless person, over whom guardianship or trusteeship has been established and a citizen of Ukraine or persons, one of whom is a citizen of Ukraine and the other is a stateless person, has been appointed as a guardian or trustee, becomes a citizen of Ukraine from the moment of the decision to establish guardianship or trusteeship or from the moment of the court decision to establish guardianship or trusteeship coming into force. Such a child is registered as a citizen of Ukraine at the request of the guardian or trustee, who is a citizen of Ukraine.

{Part one of Article 12 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#) }

A child who is a stateless person or a foreigner, over whom guardianship or trusteeship has been established and persons have been appointed as guardians or trustees, one of whom is a citizen of Ukraine and the other is a foreigner, shall become a citizen of Ukraine from the moment of the decision to establish guardianship or trusteeship or from the moment of entry into force of the court decision to establish guardianship or trusteeship, if such a child does not acquire the citizenship of the guardian or trustee who is a foreigner in connection with the establishment of guardianship or trusteeship. Such a child shall be registered as a citizen of Ukraine at the request of the guardian or trustee who is a citizen of Ukraine.

{Part two of Article 12 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#)}

A child who is a foreigner or a stateless person and is placed in a healthcare institution, educational institution or other children's institution, the administration of which performs the functions of a guardian or trustee in relation to him, becomes a citizen of Ukraine from the moment of placement in such an institution, if his parents have died, been deprived of parental rights, have been recognized as missing or incapacitated, have been declared dead, or if the parents of a child separated from his family have not been found. Such a child is registered as a citizen of Ukraine at the request of the administration of the institution, which is entrusted with the functions of a guardian or trustee in relation to the child.

{Part Three of Article 12 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#)}

A child who is a foreigner or a stateless person and is raised in a family-type orphanage or foster family, if at least one of the foster parents or foster parents is a citizen of Ukraine, becomes a citizen of Ukraine from the moment the child is placed in a family-type orphanage or foster family, if his or her parents have died, been deprived of parental rights, have been recognized as missing or incapacitated, have been declared deceased, or if the parents of a child separated from his or her family have not been found. Such a child is registered as a citizen of Ukraine at the request of the foster parent or foster parent who is a citizen of Ukraine.

{Part Four of Article 12 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#)}

An adult who, in the cases provided for by this article, at the time of establishing guardianship or custody over him or her until reaching the age of majority or placing him or her in a healthcare institution, educational institution, other children's institution, family-type orphanage, foster family, was a foreigner or a stateless person and in respect of whom a decision on acquiring citizenship of Ukraine was not issued, shall be registered as a citizen of Ukraine upon his or her personal application.

{Article 12 is supplemented by part five in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#)}

{Article 12 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#)}

Article 13. Acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by a person recognized by a court as legally incompetent as a result of the establishment of guardianship over him by a citizen of Ukraine

A foreigner or a stateless person residing in Ukraine on legal grounds, recognized by a court as incompetent, over whom a citizen of Ukraine has been established as guardian, acquires Ukrainian citizenship from the moment the decision on establishing guardianship enters into force.

Article 14. Acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by a child in connection with the residence of his or her parents or one of them in Ukraine

A child who is a foreigner or a stateless person, one of whose parents is a citizen of Ukraine and the other is a stateless person, is registered as a citizen of Ukraine at the request of the parent who is a citizen of Ukraine.

A child who is a stateless person, one of whose parents is a citizen of Ukraine and the other is a foreigner, is registered as a citizen of Ukraine at the request of the parent who is a citizen of Ukraine.

A child who is a foreigner or a stateless person whose parents are citizens of Ukraine is registered as a citizen of Ukraine at the request of one of the parents.

A child who is a foreigner, one of whose parents is a citizen of Ukraine and the other is a foreigner, is registered as a citizen of Ukraine at the request of the parent who is a citizen of Ukraine.

{Article 14 is supplemented by a part in accordance with Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

The date of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship in the cases provided for by this article is the date of registration of the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by a person.

Article 15. Acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship as a result of recognition of paternity or maternity or establishment of the fact of paternity or maternity

In the event of recognition of paternity of a child whose mother is a foreigner or a stateless person, and the father is recognized as a citizen of Ukraine, the child, regardless of his or her place of birth and permanent residence, acquires Ukrainian citizenship.

In the event of recognition of the maternity of a child whose father is a foreigner or a stateless person, and the mother is recognized as a citizen of Ukraine, the child, regardless of her place of birth and place of permanent residence, acquires citizenship of Ukraine.

In the event of establishing the fact of paternity of a child whose mother is a foreigner or a stateless person, if the child's father was a citizen of Ukraine, the child, regardless of his or her place of birth and permanent residence, acquires Ukrainian citizenship.

In the event of establishing the fact of motherhood of a child whose father is a foreigner or a stateless person, if the child's mother was a citizen of Ukraine, the child, regardless of her place of birth and place of permanent residence, acquires Ukrainian citizenship.

If the recognition of paternity or maternity or the establishment of the fact of paternity or maternity took place after the child reached the age of majority, such a person, who is a stateless person, acquires citizenship of Ukraine regardless of the place of birth and place of permanent residence under the conditions provided for in parts one through four of this article.

If the recognition of paternity or maternity or the establishment of the fact of paternity or maternity took place after the child reached the age of majority, such a person who is a foreigner acquires Ukrainian citizenship regardless of his or her place of birth and permanent residence under the conditions provided for in parts one through four of this article, if he or she has submitted an application for acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship and an obligation to terminate foreign citizenship.

Foreigners who are citizens of a state recognized by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as an aggressor state or an occupying state and who have suffered persecution in the country of their citizenship due to political beliefs, instead of the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship (subjectivity), may submit a declaration of renunciation of the foreign citizenship of the person who suffered persecution, together with a document confirming the persecution.

{Article 15 is supplemented with a new part in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#) }

The date of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship in the cases provided for in parts one through five of this article shall be the date of birth of the child (person) or the date of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by the father or mother whose paternity or maternity has been recognized or in respect of whom the fact of paternity or maternity has been established, if such father or mother acquired Ukrainian citizenship after the birth of the child (person).

The date of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship in the case provided for in part six of this article is the date of registration of the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by a person.

{Article 15 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

Article 16. The need for children's consent when acquiring citizenship of Ukraine

Acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by children aged 14 to 18 may only occur with their consent.

{Article 16 as amended by Law [No. 2508-IV of 05.04.2005](#)}

Chapter III

TERMINATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF UKRAINE AND CANCELLATION OF DECISIONS ON ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP OF UKRAINE

Article 17. Grounds for termination of Ukrainian citizenship

Citizenship of Ukraine shall be terminated:

- 1) as a result of renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship;
- 2) due to loss of Ukrainian citizenship;
- 3) on the grounds provided for by international treaties of Ukraine.

Article 18. Renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship

A citizen of Ukraine who, in accordance with the current legislation of Ukraine, is permanently residing abroad may renounce Ukrainian citizenship upon his/her request.

{Part one of Article 18 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#)}

If a child leaves with his parents for permanent residence abroad and the parents renounce Ukrainian citizenship, at the request of one of the parents, the child may also renounce Ukrainian citizenship together with the parents.

If one of the parents left with the child for permanent residence abroad and renounces Ukrainian citizenship, and the other remains a citizen of Ukraine, the child may renounce Ukrainian citizenship together with the parent who renounces Ukrainian citizenship, at his or her request.

If one of the parents left with the child for permanent residence abroad and renounces Ukrainian citizenship, and the other is a foreigner or stateless person, the child may renounce Ukrainian citizenship together with the parent who renounces Ukrainian citizenship, at his or her request.

If a child has left for permanent residence abroad and his or her parents have renounced Ukrainian citizenship, the child may renounce Ukrainian citizenship at the request of one of the parents.

If a child has left for permanent residence abroad with one of the parents and he has renounced Ukrainian citizenship, and the other is a citizen of Ukraine, the child may renounce Ukrainian citizenship upon the request of the parent who has renounced Ukrainian citizenship.

If a child has left for permanent residence abroad with one of the parents and he has renounced Ukrainian citizenship, and the other is a foreigner or stateless person, the child may renounce Ukrainian citizenship at the request of the parent who has renounced Ukrainian citizenship.

A child who, in accordance with the current legislation of Ukraine, is considered to be permanently residing abroad may renounce Ukrainian citizenship at the request of one of the parents.

{Article 18 is supplemented by a part in accordance with Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#)}

A child who acquired Ukrainian citizenship by birth, if at the time of his or her birth the parents or at least one of them were foreigners or stateless persons, may renounce Ukrainian citizenship at the request of one of the parents, regardless of the child's place of residence.

{Part nine of Article 18 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#)}

A child adopted by a spouse, one of whom is a citizen of Ukraine and the other is a foreigner, may renounce Ukrainian citizenship at the request of the adoptive parent, who is a foreigner.

A child adopted by foreigners or stateless persons may renounce Ukrainian citizenship at the request of one of the adoptive parents.

Renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship is permitted if a person has acquired citizenship of another state or has received a document issued by the authorized bodies of another state stating that a citizen of Ukraine will acquire its citizenship if he or she renounces Ukrainian citizenship.

The withdrawal of Ukrainian citizenship by children aged 14 to 18 may only occur with their consent.

{Part of Article 18 as amended by Law [No. 2508-IV of 05.04.2005](#)}

Renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship is not permitted if the person applying for renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship has been notified in Ukraine of suspicion of having committed a criminal offense or in respect of whom there is a final and enforceable court verdict of conviction in Ukraine.

{Part fourteen of Article 18 as amended by Law [No. 4652-VI of 13.04.2012](#)}

The date of termination of Ukrainian citizenship in the cases provided for by this article is the date of issuance of the relevant Decree of the President of Ukraine.

Article 19. Grounds for loss of citizenship of Ukraine

The grounds for losing Ukrainian citizenship are:

1) voluntary acquisition by a citizen of Ukraine of citizenship of another state, if at the time of such acquisition he has reached the age of majority.

Voluntary acquisition of citizenship of another state is considered to be all cases where a citizen of Ukraine, in order to acquire citizenship of another state, had to submit an application or petition for such acquisition in accordance with the procedure established by the national legislation of the state whose citizenship was acquired.

The following cases are not considered voluntary acquisition of another citizenship:

a) simultaneous acquisition by a child of Ukrainian citizenship and citizenship of another state or states at birth;

b) acquisition by a child who is a citizen of Ukraine of the citizenship of his adoptive parents as a result of his adoption by foreigners;

c) automatic acquisition of another citizenship by a citizen of Ukraine as a result of marriage to a foreigner;

d) automatic acquisition by a citizen of Ukraine who has reached the age of majority of another citizenship as a result of the application of the legislation on citizenship of a foreign state, if such a citizen of Ukraine has not received a document confirming his/her citizenship of another state;

2) acquisition by a person of Ukrainian citizenship on the basis of [Article 9](#) of this Law as a result of fraud, deliberate submission of false information or false documents, including failure to

fulfill obligations assumed by a person in the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship, in the obligation to pass exams on the basics of [the Constitution of Ukraine](#) , the history of Ukraine and on the level of proficiency in the state language;

{ Clause 2 of Part One of Article 19 as amended by Law [No. 2996-IX of March 21, 2023](#) }

3) voluntary enlistment in the military service of another state, which, according to the legislation of that state, is not military duty or alternative (non-military) service.

{ Clause 3 of Part One of Article 19 as amended by Law [No. 1014-V of 11.05.2007](#) }

{ Part one of Article 19 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

The provisions of [paragraphs 1](#) and [3](#) of part one of this article shall not apply if, as a result, a citizen of Ukraine becomes a stateless person.

{ Part two of Article 19 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

The date of termination of Ukrainian citizenship in the cases provided for by this article is the date of issuance of the relevant decree of the President of Ukraine.

{ Article 19 is supplemented by part three in accordance with Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

{ Article 19 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

Article 20. Legal personality of a citizen of Ukraine who has filed an application for renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship or for whom loss of citizenship is being formalized

A citizen of Ukraine who has filed an application for renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship or for whom the loss of citizenship is being formalized, shall enjoy all the rights and bear all the obligations of a citizen of Ukraine until the issuance of a decree of the President of Ukraine on the termination of Ukrainian citizenship.

{ Article 20 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

Article 21. Cancellation of the decision on the registration of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship

The decision on registration of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship shall be canceled if a person acquired Ukrainian citizenship in accordance with [Articles 7](#) , [8](#) , [10-13](#) , [15](#) of this Law as a result of submitting false information or false documents, concealment by a person of any material fact, in the presence of which a person cannot acquire Ukrainian citizenship, including failure to fulfill the obligation assumed by a person in the obligation to terminate foreign citizenship (subjectivity), in the declaration of renunciation of foreign citizenship or in the declaration of absence of foreign citizenship.

A decision on the registration of the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship may not be canceled in respect of a person who, at the time of making such a decision, was a minor or incapacitated, except in cases of submission of false information or false documents, or concealment by a person of any material fact, in the presence of which the person cannot acquire Ukrainian citizenship.

{ Article 21 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

Article 21 ¹. Processing of personal data when resolving issues of citizenship of Ukraine

The processing of personal data during the consideration and resolution of issues of Ukrainian citizenship is carried out in compliance with the requirements [of the Law of Ukraine](#) "On Personal Data Protection".

A person applying to resolve issues of Ukrainian citizenship, or his/her legal representative, provides written consent to receive information about such person and copies of documents from authorized bodies of a foreign state, international organizations.

{Chapter III supplemented by Article 21 in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#)}

Chapter IV

POWERS OF STATE BODIES INVOLVED IN RESOLVING CITIZENSHIP ISSUES

Article 22. Powers of the President of Ukraine

President of Ukraine:

- 1) makes decisions and issues decrees in accordance with [the Constitution of Ukraine](#) and this Law on admission to Ukrainian citizenship and on termination of Ukrainian citizenship;
- 2) determines the procedure for processing applications and submissions on citizenship issues and the implementation of decisions made;
- 3) approves [the Regulations on the Commission under the President of Ukraine on Citizenship Issues](#) .

Article 23. Powers of the Commission under the President of Ukraine on Citizenship Issues

Commission under the President of Ukraine on Citizenship Issues:

- 1) considers applications for admission to Ukrainian citizenship, renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship, and submissions for loss of Ukrainian citizenship and makes proposals to the President of Ukraine regarding the satisfaction of these applications and submissions;
- 2) returns documents on acceptance into Ukrainian citizenship or on renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship to the authorized central executive body on citizenship issues or to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine for their registration in accordance with the requirements of the current legislation of Ukraine.
- 3) monitors the implementation of decisions made by the President of Ukraine on citizenship issues.

Article 24. Powers of the central executive body implementing state policy in the field of citizenship

The central executive body implementing state policy in the field of citizenship exercises powers regarding:

- 1) making decisions on establishing and registering Ukrainian citizenship in accordance with [Article 3](#) of this Law;

{Clause 1 of Part One of Article 24 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#)}

- 2) accepting applications together with the necessary documents for admission to Ukrainian citizenship, for renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship of children in cases provided for in parts nine to eleven of Article 18 of this Law, checking the correctness of the documents, the presence of conditions for admission to Ukrainian citizenship and the absence of grounds for not admitting a person to Ukrainian citizenship, the presence of grounds for renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship and the absence of grounds for not admitting renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship, sending applications together with its conclusion for consideration by the Commission under the President of Ukraine on Citizenship;

{ Clause 2 of Part One of Article 24 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#) }

3) preparing applications for the loss of Ukrainian citizenship by individuals and, together with the necessary documents, sending them for consideration to the Commission under the President of Ukraine on Citizenship;

4) making decisions on the registration of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by persons on the grounds provided for in [paragraphs 1 , 2 , 4-10](#) of Article 6 of this Law;

5) cancellation, within the limits of powers, of decisions taken on the registration of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship in cases provided for [in Article 21](#) of this Law;

6) implementation of decisions of the President of Ukraine on citizenship issues;

7) issuance of passports of a citizen of Ukraine, temporary certificates of a citizen of Ukraine, certificates of registration of a person as a citizen of Ukraine to persons in respect of whom a decision has been made to establish and formalize their belonging to Ukrainian citizenship, and to persons who have acquired Ukrainian citizenship;

{ Clause 7 of Part One of Article 24 as amended by Laws [No. 5492-VI of 11/20/2012](#) , [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

8) seizure of persons whose citizenship has been terminated or in respect of whom a decision on establishing, formalizing belonging to Ukrainian citizenship, formalizing the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship, certificates of registration of a person as a citizen of Ukraine, passports of a citizen of Ukraine, temporary certificates of a citizen of Ukraine, passports of a citizen of Ukraine for traveling abroad and issuance of certificates on termination of Ukrainian citizenship from persons whose citizenship has been terminated;

{ Clause 8 of Part One of Article 24 as amended by Law [No. 5492-VI of 11/20/2012](#) ; as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

9) keeping records of persons in respect of whom a decision has been made to establish or formalize Ukrainian citizenship, persons who have acquired or terminated Ukrainian citizenship, persons in respect of whom, within the limits of their powers, proceedings are being conducted on applications and submissions on Ukrainian citizenship issues and the implementation of decisions made;

{ Clause 9 of Part One of Article 24 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

10) conducting, upon application by persons who are legally present in the territory of Ukraine, verification of their citizenship of Ukraine.

{ Part one of Article 24 is supplemented by paragraph 10 in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#) }

The central executive body implementing state policy in the field of citizenship, within the powers defined by this Law, and solely for the purposes of confirming information and/or documents related to proceedings on applications and submissions on issues of citizenship of Ukraine and the implementation of decisions made, has the right, in accordance with the procedure established by law, to receive information (including personal data) free of charge from automated information systems, registers, databases, the owner, manager, holder and/or administrator of which are central and local executive bodies, other state bodies, local self-government bodies, enterprises, institutions and organizations belonging to the sphere of management of state bodies, in the amount of information about a person and/or documents related to proceedings on applications and submissions on issues of citizenship of Ukraine, as well as to address requests to authorized bodies of other states and international organizations.

{Article 24 is supplemented with a new part in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#)}

The central executive body implementing state policy in the field of citizenship shall inform the Commission under the President of Ukraine on Citizenship once every six months about the implementation of the decisions of the President of Ukraine on citizenship issues.

The central executive body implementing state policy in the field of citizenship shall exercise the powers provided for by this Law in relation to citizens of Ukraine residing in the territory of Ukraine, as well as foreigners and stateless persons staying in the territory of Ukraine.

{Part Four of Article 24 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#)}

{Article 24 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#); as amended by Law [No. 5459-VI of 16.10.2012](#)}

Article 25. Powers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, embassies and consular offices of Ukraine

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, embassies and consular offices of Ukraine exercise the following powers:

1) making decisions on establishing Ukrainian citizenship in accordance with [Article 3](#) of this Law;

{Clause 1 of Part One of Article 25 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#)}

2) accept applications together with the necessary documents for the admission to Ukrainian citizenship of persons who have distinguished services to Ukraine and persons whose admission to Ukrainian citizenship is of state interest to Ukraine, check the correctness of their registration, the presence of conditions for admission to Ukrainian citizenship and the absence of grounds for not admitting a person to Ukrainian citizenship, and send them, together with the conclusion, for consideration to the Commission under the President of Ukraine on Citizenship;

3) accept applications together with the necessary documents for renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship, check the correctness of their registration, the presence of grounds for renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship, the absence of grounds that prevent renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship, and send them, together with the conclusion, for consideration to the Commission under the President of Ukraine on Citizenship;

4) prepare a submission on the loss of Ukrainian citizenship by individuals and, together with the necessary documents, send them for consideration to the Commission under the President of Ukraine on Citizenship;

5) make decisions on the registration of acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship by persons on the grounds provided for in [paragraphs 1 , 2 , 4-10](#) of Article 6 of this Law;

6) cancel the decisions they have made on the registration of the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship in cases provided for in [Article 21](#) of this Law;

7) implement the decisions of the President of Ukraine on citizenship issues;

8) issue to persons in respect of whom a decision has been made to establish Ukrainian citizenship, to persons who have acquired Ukrainian citizenship, passports of a citizen of Ukraine for travel abroad, temporary certificates of a citizen of Ukraine, certificates of registration of persons as citizens of Ukraine;

{Clause 8 of Part One of Article 25 as amended by Laws [No. 5492-VI of 11/20/2012](#) , [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#)}

9) seize certificates of registration of a person as a citizen of Ukraine, passports of a citizen of Ukraine, passports of a citizen of Ukraine for travel abroad, temporary certificates of a citizen of Ukraine from persons whose citizenship of Ukraine has been terminated or in respect of whom the decision on registration of the acquisition of citizenship of Ukraine has been canceled, and issue certificates of termination of citizenship of Ukraine;

{ Clause 9 of Part One of Article 25 as amended by Laws [No. 5492-VI of 11/20/2012](#), [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

10) keeping records of persons in respect of whom a decision has been made to establish Ukrainian citizenship, persons who have acquired or terminated Ukrainian citizenship, persons in respect of whom, within the limits of their powers, proceedings are being conducted on applications and submissions on Ukrainian citizenship issues and the implementation of decisions made;

{ Clause 10 of Part One of Article 25 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

10¹) issue, in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, a document confirming the persecution of a foreigner.

The powers provided for in this paragraph in relation to persons staying on the territory of Ukraine shall be exercised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine;

{ Part one of Article 25 is supplemented by paragraph 10¹ in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#); as amended by Law [No. 3897-IX of 08/20/2024](#) }

11) verify the citizenship of Ukraine based on the applications of persons staying abroad.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, embassies and consular offices of Ukraine shall exercise the powers provided for [in paragraphs 1-10¹](#) of part one of this Article in relation to persons who, in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine, are permanently residing abroad, and shall also make decisions on the registration of the acquisition of Ukrainian citizenship on the grounds provided for in [paragraph 1](#) of Article 6 of this Law.

{ Part two of Article 25 as amended by Law [No. 1941-IX of 12/14/2021](#) }

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, embassies and consular institutions of Ukraine, within the powers defined by this Law, and solely for the purposes of confirming information and/or documents related to the proceedings on applications and submissions on issues of citizenship of Ukraine and the implementation of decisions made, have the right, in accordance with the procedure established by law, to receive information (including personal data) free of charge from automated information systems, registers, databases, the owner, manager, holder and/or administrator of which are central and local executive bodies, other state bodies, local self-government bodies, enterprises, institutions and organizations belonging to the sphere of management of state bodies, in the amount of information about a person and/or documents related to the proceedings on applications and submissions on issues of citizenship of Ukraine, as well as to address requests to authorized bodies of other states and international organizations.

{ Article 25 is supplemented by part three in accordance with Law [No. 1941-IX of 14.12.2021](#) }

{ Article 25 as amended by Law [No. 2663-IV of 16.06.2005](#) }

Chapter V

APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS ON CITIZENSHIP ISSUES, ACTIONS OR INSECURITY OF STATE AUTHORITY BODIES, OFFICIALS AND SERVICE PERSONS

Article 26. Appealing decisions on citizenship issues

Decisions on citizenship issues may be appealed to the court in accordance with the procedure established by law.

{Article 26 as amended by Law [No. 5459-VI of 16.10.2012](#) }

Article 27. Appealing against actions and inaction of officials and service personnel who violate the procedure for considering citizenship cases

Actions and inaction of officials and service personnel who violate the procedure and deadlines for considering citizenship cases and implementing decisions on citizenship issues may be appealed in court and administratively.

Article 28. Procedure for appealing decisions on citizenship issues, actions and inaction of officials and service personnel by persons permanently residing abroad

Persons permanently residing abroad shall appeal to the court against unlawful actions or inaction of officials of embassies and consular institutions of Ukraine in accordance with the procedure established by law.

Article 29. Liability of officials and civil servants for violation of legislation on citizenship

Officials and civil servants who have violated this Law shall be held liable in accordance with the procedure provided for by the laws of Ukraine.

Chapter VI FINAL PROVISIONS

1. This Law shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

2. Upon entry into force of this Law, the following shall cease to be valid:

[Law of Ukraine](#) "On Citizenship of Ukraine" (Vidomosti Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 1991, No. 50, Art. 701; 1993, No. 14, Art. 121; 1994, No. 33, Art. 299, No. 43, Art. 390; 1997, No. 23, Art. 169; 2000, No. 25, Art. 198);

[Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine](#) "On the Procedure for Enacting the Law of Ukraine "On Citizenship of Ukraine" (Vidomosti Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 1991, No. 50, p. 702);

[Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine](#) "On the Procedure for Applying Article 5 of the Law of Ukraine "On Citizenship of Ukraine" to Military Personnel" (Vidomosti Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 1994, No. 51, p. 450).

3. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, within three months from the date of publication of this Law:

prepare and submit for consideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine proposals to bring legislative acts of Ukraine into compliance with this Law;

to ensure that the central executive authorities of Ukraine bring their regulatory legal acts into compliance with this Law.

4. To recommend to the President of Ukraine to bring his acts into compliance with this Law.

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