

Surrender of Indian Passport/ Surrender Certificate

(To be filled by individuals who possess Indian Passport and have already acquired foreign nationality)

Step 1) Registration :

To apply for Surrender Certificate, go to portal of Passport Seva at Indian Consulates and Embassies – <https://embassy.passportindia.gov.in>. Thereafter select the region/country – United Arab Emirates.

Or,

Click on the link – <https://portal6.passportindia.gov.in/Online/index.html>

This will direct you to registration link at portal of 'Passport Seva at Indian Embassies and Consulates.

After filling some requisite details, you will be registered and thereafter you can login using the registered credentials.

Step 2) Login : Login, and click on "Apply for Surrender of Indian Passport / Surrender Certificate"

Step 3) Form Filling : Fill the application carefully and submit the form online. Then take printout of the online submitted application form.

Step 4) Photo & Signature : Affix recent coloured photograph with white background at the designated place. Size of photo should be 51mm*51mm. Follow the link for more details:

<https://www.blsindiavisa-uae.com/passport/passport-photo-specification.php>

Step 5) Online Appointment : Visit the website of BLS and book an appointment for desired time slot, date and location for submission of application using link:

<https://www.blsindiavisa-uae.com/appointmentbls/appointment.php>

Step 6) Submission of application at BLS Centre : Visit the nearest BLS Center on the scheduled time and date along with requisite documents and submit the application along with the prescribed fee (AED 95/- + AED 08/- ICWF). Signature on the application should be appended before the BLS staff at the designated places during submission.

Applicants (except minors) could be called for personal interview which would be mandatory.

Documents required:

- Original Indian Passport (expired passports will also be accepted. Revoked, impounded and suspended passports will not be accepted for surrender) and printout of the application form.
- Two passport size photographs
- Proof of Foreign nationality (Naturalization certificate or Registration certificate with date of acquisition of citizenship)
- Emirates ID with New nationality mentioned on it.
- Address proof from UAE (DEWA bill / tenancy contract / Bank account statement / Affidavit)

(If any document is in any foreign language other than English, it should be translated in English by authorized translator and then attested by your Consulate/ Foreign Ministry).

Tracking of Surrender Certificate Application : Status of applications can be seen using link <https://portal6.passportindia.gov.in> and by clicking on 'Track Status' link.

Step 7) Delivery of Surrender Certificate : Surrender Certificate will be delivered either through courier or can be collected directly from BLS or Embassy/Consulate as per the option provided by the applicant.

- Processing time vary from application to application at the sole discretion of the Consulate General of India and some applications may take longer than others to get processed.
- The Consulate General of India reserves the right to ask for additional documents if required.
- Applicants are advised to transfer their valid visas from Indian Passport to Foreign passport to avoid further inconvenience.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. I have already acquired foreign citizenship and Passport. Should I apply for Renunciation of Indian Citizenship or Surrender of Passport?

A. If you have already acquired foreign citizenship and passport then you should only fill application for Surrender of Passport. (<https://portal6.passportindia.gov.in>).

Q. I have acquired foreign citizenship but have not received Passport. Can i continue using the Indian passport or should I surrender the Indian passport immediately.

A. As per Indian Citizenship Act 1955 Section 9, an individual ceases to be an Indian national the day he/she acquires foreign nationality. Possession of Indian passport by a foreign national is illegal and therefore, the Indian passport should be surrendered between three months to maximum of three years of acquiring of foreign nationality.

Q. I have acquired foreign citizenship but have not received Passport. Can i continue using the Indian passport for travel to India or abraod?

A. As per existing instruction, the individual can use the Indian passport for emergency travels only till 3 months after acquiring foreign nationality. Using Indian passport after three months is not illegal.

Q. Where can I get the list of authorized BLS Centres for submitting application.

A. Please refer to our website www.cgidubai.gov.in/page/passport-services/ or www.blsindiavisa-uae.com/passport/passport-contact-us.php

Q. I have acquired foreign nationality but my husband/wife is still Indian. What will happen to citizenship of my minor children having Indian citizenship.

A. As per [Citizenship Act 1955](#) , any Indian Citizen who applies for **Renunciation of Indian Citizenship under Section 8 (1) of the said rule**, his/her minor children automatically ceases to be Indian citizens.

Q. I have acquired foreign citizenship but have not been issued with a Passport. Do I still remain an Indian Citizen till I get foreign passport?

A. As per Indian Citizenship Act 1955 Section 9, an individual ceases to be an Indian national the day he/she acquires foreign nationality.

Q. I have filled the form online. Can I visit Indian consulate directly for submission of fee and application for Surrender of Indian Passport?

A. NO. The application must be submitted at authorized BLS centres only after taking prior appointment.

Q. Both parents of minor applicants are required to be present at BLS centre for submitting application. If any of the parent is not available in the town what should be done?

A. Please fill Annexure D available at the BLS website and bring a hardcopy of the document while submitting application.

Q. Parents are separate by divorce. What documents are required for submitting application.

A. Divorce decree from court with having clear judgement on custody rights of the minor child should be presented at the time of submission of application. In case the custody is with the parent who is a foreign national and the other parent is an Indian national then No object letter from the Indian parent or divorce decree from an Indian court with clear title on custody rights is required to be presented along with the application.