

## NOTICE

### KENYA CITIZENSHIP - ARTICLE 14(1), (2) AND (5) OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act 2011 which implements Chapter 3 of the Constitution commenced on 30th August 2011 and effectively repealed the Kenya Citizenship Act Cap 170, The Immigration Act Cap. 172 and the Aliens Restriction Act Cap 173, Law of Kenya.

Below is a clarification of Constitutional Provisions relating to Citizenship.

1. A person born of a Kenyan parent irrespective of the place of birth automatically becomes a citizen of Kenya by birth.
2. The constitution confers automatic recognition to persons holding citizenship of other countries as citizens of Kenya by birth so long as they are able to prove parentage as aforesaid (National identification cards, passports).
3. Kenya citizens by birth who wish to hold citizenship of other countries which do not allow dual citizenship may voluntarily renounce and would be entitled upon application to regain their Kenyan citizenship.
4. Kenya citizens by birth who ceased to be citizens of Kenya **by voluntarily acquiring the citizenship of other countries and renouncing the citizenship of Kenya in accordance with the repealed Constitution** may regain citizenship **UPON APPLICATION** in the prescribed manner below.
5. The persons who enjoyed dual citizenship but who by virtue of the repealed Constitution renounced or lost their Kenyan citizenship upon attainment of the age of **Twenty Three (23) years** should automatically be deemed citizenship by birth.