

EUDO CITIZENSHIP Comparative Typology of Modes of Acquisition and Loss of Citizenship

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Citizenship laws often use different terms for similar rules. Comparing legal provisions on acquisition and loss of citizenship requires therefore a standardisation of terms and definitions. The EUDO CITIZENSHIP Databases of Modes of Acquisition and Loss of Citizenship are organised around a comprehensive typology of modes of acquisition and loss of citizenship, which outlines systematically 27 ways in which citizenship can be acquired and 15 ways in which citizenship can be lost. For each mode of acquisition and loss of citizenship the typology outlines a standardised 'target person' which allows comparing rules applicable to similar groups across countries.

Mode ID	Short description	Target person	Focus
Acquisition			
A01a	Descent (born in country)	Person born to a citizen of a country (birth in that country)	Does the country permit parents to confer their citizenship on their child who is born in the territory of the country and, if so, under which conditions?
A01b	Descent (born abroad)	Person born to a citizen of a country (birth abroad)	Does the country permit parents to confer their citizenship on their child who are born abroad and, if so, under which conditions?
A02a	Birth in country (2nd generation)	Person born in a country (irrespective of the citizenship and birthplace of his/her parents)	Does the country provide for a child to acquire citizenship by birth in the territory irrespective of the birthplace of his/her parents and, if so, under which conditions?
A02b	Birth in country (3rd generation)	Person born in a country to a parent who was also born in that country	Does the country provide for a child to acquire citizenship by birth in the territory if one parent was also born there and, if so, under which conditions?
A03a	Foundlings	Foundling found in a country of unknown parentage	Does the country have a safeguard that provides for the grant of citizenship to a foundling of unknown parentage found in the territory of the country and, if so, under which conditions?
A03b	Born stateless	Person born in a country who would otherwise be stateless	Does the country have a safeguard that provides for the grant of citizenship to an otherwise stateless child and, if so, under which conditions?

A04	Establishment of paternity	Person born to a citizen of a country whose descent is established by recognition or judicial establishment of maternity/paternity	Does the country provide for the acquisition of citizenship if paternity is established after birth and, if so, under which conditions?
A05	Birth in country (acquisition after birth)	Person born in a country (acquisition after birth and irrespective of the citizenship and birthplace of his/her parents)	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship after birth by a child born in the territory and irrespective of the birthplace of his/her parents and, if so, under which conditions?
A06	Ordinary naturalisation	Person with a certain period of residence in a country	Under which conditions does the country provide for ordinary naturalisation based on residence?
A07	Socialisation based acquisition	Person with a certain period of residence or schooling as a minor in a country	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by a person who as a minor has had a certain period of residence or schooling in the country and, if so, under which conditions?
A08	Spousal transfer	Person who is the spouse or registered partner of a citizen of a country	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by the spouse or registered partner of a person who is already a citizen and, if so, under which conditions?
A09	Filial transfer	Person whose parents are now citizens of a country, but were not at the time of the person's birth	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by the child of a person who is already a citizen and, if so, under which conditions?
A10	Adoption	Person who is adopted by a citizen	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by a person who is adopted by citizens and, if so, under which conditions?
A11	Transfer to other relatives	Person who is another relative of a citizen	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by a relative other than the spouse or child of a person who is already a citizen and, if so, under which conditions?

A12	Transfer from former citizen	Person who is the spouse, child or grandchild of a former or deceased citizen	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by the spouse, child or grandchild of a former citizen and, if so, under which conditions?
A13	Spousal extension	Person who is the spouse or registered partner of someone who acquires citizenship of a country	Does the country provide for extending the acquisition of citizenship to the spouse or registered partner and, if so, under which conditions?
A14	Filial extension	Person who is the child of someone who acquires citizenship of a country	Does the country provide for extending the acquisition of citizenship to a child and, if so, under which conditions?
A15	Extension to other relatives	Person who is another relative of someone who acquires citizenship of a country	Does the country provide for extending the acquisition of citizenship to a relative other than the spouse or child and, if so, under which conditions?
A16	Reacquisition	Person who at some point in time was a citizen of a country and reacquires citizenship of that country	Does the country provide for reacquisition of citizenship and, if so, under which conditions?
A17	Restricted citizenship rights	Person whose citizenship rights are restricted	Does the country provide for acquisition of full citizenship by a person whose citizenship rights are restricted and, if so, under which conditions?
A18	Citizenship of a specific country	Person who possess the citizenship of a specific country	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by a person who is a citizen of a specific country and, if so, under which conditions?
A19	Cultural affinity	Person who has a cultural affinity to a country	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by a person who has an affinity to its culture and, if so, under which conditions?
A20	Presumed citizens	Person who acted as a citizen of a country in good faith and/or was presumed to be a citizen for some time	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by a person who has acted as a citizen in good faith or was treated as a presumed citizen for some time and, if so, under which conditions?

A21	Very long residence	Person who has resided in a country for a very long time	Does the country provide for facilitated acquisition of citizenship by a person who has resided in the country for a very long time and, if so, under which conditions?
A22	Refugees	Person who is a recognized refugee	Does the country facilitate the naturalisation of a refugee in its territory and, if so, under which conditions?
A23	Stateless or unclear citizenship	Person who is stateless or of unclear citizenship	Does the country facilitate the naturalisation of a stateless person in its territory and, if so, under which conditions?
A24	Special achievements	Person who has special achievements for a country	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by a person who has special achievements and, if so, under which conditions?
A25	Public service	Person who is in the public service of a country	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by a person who is in the public service and, if so, under which conditions?
A26	Financial assets	Person who has special financial assets or invests money in a country	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship by a person who has special financial assets or invests money in the country and, if so, under which conditions?
A27	Acquisition of citizenship for other reasons	Person who acquires citizenship for other reasons	Does the country provide for acquisition of citizenship for other reasons and, if so, under which conditions?
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Loss			
L01	Renunciation of citizenship	Person who voluntarily renounces the citizenship of his/her country	Does the country provide for a citizen to voluntarily renounce his/her citizenship and, if so, under which conditions?

L02	Residence abroad	Person who resides outside the country of which he/she is a citizen	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who resides abroad and, if so, under which conditions?
L03	Service in foreign army	Person who renders military service to a foreign country	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who renders military service to a foreign country and, if so, under which conditions?
L04	Other service for foreign country	Person who renders services to a foreign country	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who renders services to a foreign country and, if so, under which conditions?
L05	Acquisition of foreign citizenship	Person who acquires a foreign citizenship	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who acquires a foreign citizenship and, if so, under which conditions?
L06	Non-renunciation foreign citizenship (acquisition by birth)	Person who acquired citizenship of his/her country by birth and retains a foreign citizenship	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who acquired citizenship at birth and does not renounce his/her foreign citizenship and, if so, under which conditions?
L07	Disloyalty or treason	Person who is disloyal to the country of which he/she is a citizen or whose conduct is seriously prejudicial to the vital interests of that country	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who is disloyal to the country or whose conduct is seriously prejudicial to the vital interests of the country and, if so, under which conditions?
L08	Other offences	Person who commits other (criminal) offences	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who commits criminal offences (other than acquisition of citizenship by fraud) and, if so, under which conditions?

L09	Fraudulent acquisition	Person who has acquired citizenship by fraud	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who has acquired citizenship by fraud and, if so, under which conditions?
L10	Non-renunciation foreign citizenship (acquisition by naturalisation)	Person who acquired citizenship of his/her country by naturalisation or declaration and retains a foreign citizenship	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who acquired citizenship by naturalisation or declaration and does not renounce his/her foreign citizenship and, if so, under which conditions?
L11	Loss of citizenship by parent	Person whose parents lose citizenship of a country	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person whose parents lose citizenship of the country and, if so, under which conditions?
L12	Loss of citizenship by spouse	Person whose spouse or registered partner loses citizenship of a country	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person whose spouse or registered partner loses citizenship of the country and, if so, under which conditions?
L13a	Annulment of maternity/paternity	Person whose descent from a citizen is annulled	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person whose descent from a citizen is annulled and, if so, under which conditions?
L13b	Adoption	Person who is adopted by a citizen of another country	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person who is adopted by a citizen of another country and, if so, under which conditions?
L14	Establishment foreign citizenship	Person who acquired citizenship of his/her country as a foundling or as a presumptively stateless person and whose foreign citizenship is later established	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for a person whose possession of a foreign citizenship is established and, if so, under which conditions?
L15	Loss for other reasons	Person who loses citizenship of his/her country for other reasons	Does the country provide for involuntary loss of citizenship for other reasons and, if so, under which conditions?