

Determination of citizenship for children

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Main Functions



Development of Public Services



Civil Registry



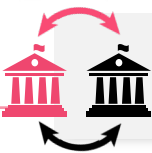
Citizenship and Migration



Apostille and Legalization



Qualified Trust Services



Support of other public entities

PSDA assures services through the public service halls (118 branches), regional branches of PSDA (13) located throughout the country and also, by the distance service.



Accession to the UN 1954 and 1961 Conventions

Back in 2010 the Georgian legislation did not contain any provision defining the stateless person and the relevant status.

- There were **1958** stateless persons
- Georgia became a part of both UN Conventions on Statelessness in 2011 and 2014
- The Statelessness Status Determination Procedure (**SDP**) has been implemented since 2012
- The number of Stateless status holders - **526**
- The number of Stateless status holder minors - **7**

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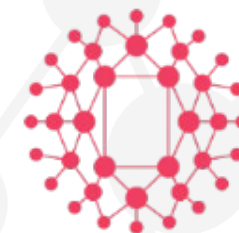


A stateless person automatically receives a residence permit based on a positive decision of the PSDA on status determination

Stateless Status Holders enjoy almost equal rights to Georgian citizens



Stateless persons enjoy the right of facilitated naturalization (fulfilled pledge - reduced time of residence in Georgia 5-years (instead of 10 year) and free of charge naturalization





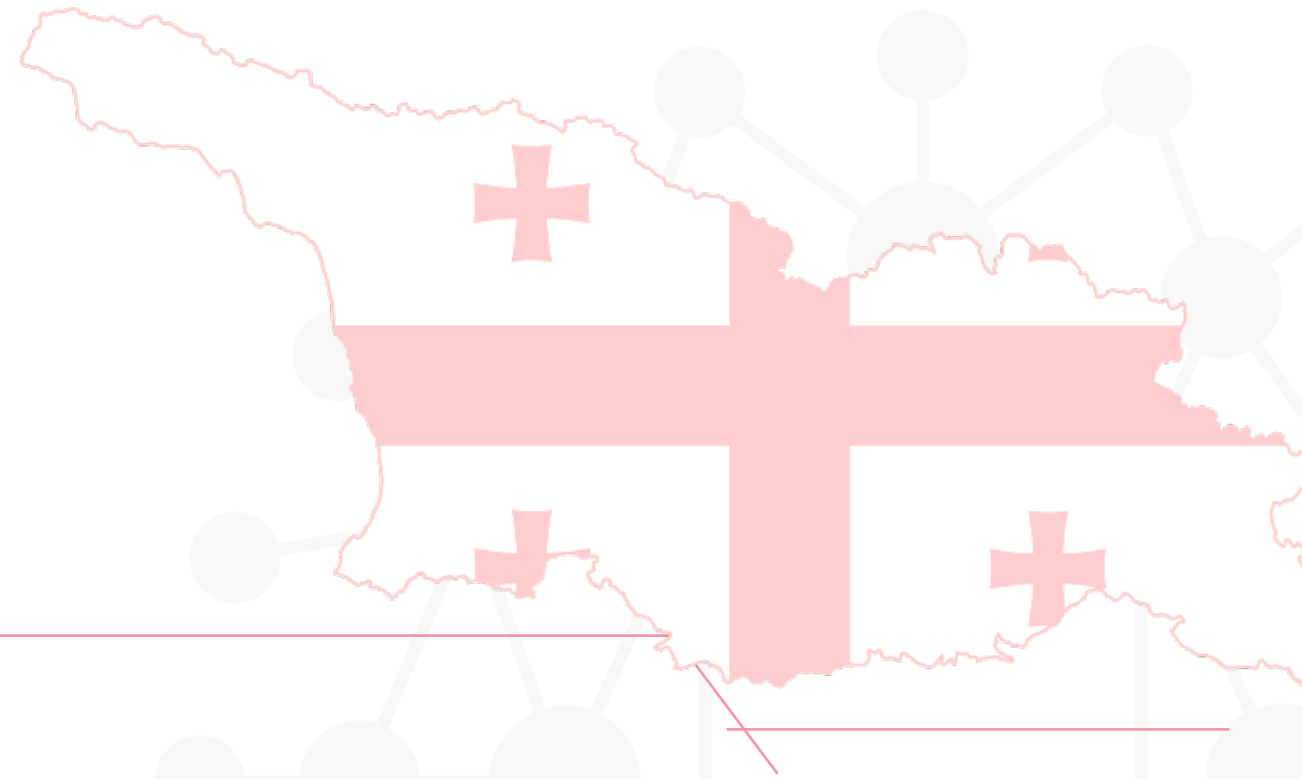
Birth

- a person, at whose birth one of his/her parents is a Georgian citizen;
- a person born on the territory of Georgia through extracorporeal fertilization (surrogacy), if the country of citizenship of neither of child's parents recognizes him/her as its citizen;
- a child born in the territory of Georgia to persons having a status of stateless person in Georgia;
- a person born on the territory of Georgia, one of whose parents has a status of a stateless person in Georgia and the other parent is unknown.



Naturalization

- Granting by Regular procedure
- Granting by Simplified procedure
- Granting by way of Exception
- Granting by way of Restoration





Granting Georgian citizenship to minors under **Regular Procedure**:

- A minor who has not acquired Georgian citizenship by birth shall be granted Georgian citizenship under regular procedure **if one of his/her parents is a Georgian citizen.**
- A minor shall be granted Georgian citizenship under regular procedure if he/she **is adopted by a Georgian citizen.**
- A minor born in the territory of Georgia **who has a refugee status or is a stateless person having a status in Georgia and has been living in Georgia for 5 years**, shall be granted Georgian citizenship under regular procedure. **The number of stateless minors who acquired Georgian Citizenship – 23**



A minor who is living in Georgia and whose **both parents are unknown** is deemed to be a Georgian citizen unless proved otherwise.



Minimized risks of rendering a child born in the territory of Georgia stateless.

- Birth is registered on the basis of a notification from a medical institution;
- Since 2011 medical notifications about birth/death are sent electronically;
- The medical institution is obliged to send the notification in electronic form within 5 days;
- A fine is provided for the violation of this obligation;
- Birth is registered within 1 day;
- Registration of birth and birth certificate is free of charge.



Retention of Georgian citizenship in case of acquiring foreign citizenship



A minor, who, along with Georgian citizenship, has acquired foreign citizenship by birth, shall retain Georgian citizenship from his/her birth until reaching 18 years of age.



If an application for retaining citizenship of the minor is not submitted within this period, his/her Georgian citizenship shall be terminated.





Georgia is part of the UNCHR global campaign #IBelong



The Government of Georgia submitted pledges in October, 2019



Some of the pledges have been already fullfiled (reduced time of residence to half, reducing fees, emergency outpatient and emergency inpatient services)



The “Door –To-Door” campaign



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Campaign was implemented within the framework of the Pledge submitted at the UNHCR Executive Committee Meeting.



Campaign aimed identifying and documenting persons without documentation/whose nationality is unknown.



Active public awareness raising campaign has been carried out.



April 2022

Door to Door Campaign

December 2022

Thank You!