

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON “THE PAKISTAN CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025”, MOVED BY DR. SHAZRA MANSAB ALI KHAN, MOS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION ON BEHALF OF SENATOR SYED MOHSIN NAQVI, MINISTER FOR INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL IN THE SENATE IN ITS SITTING HELD ON 23RD MAY, 2025.

PRESENTED BY:

SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman, Chairman Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2025 moved by Dr. Shazra Mansab Ali Khan, MoS for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination on behalf of Senator Syed Mohsin Naqvi, Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control, in the Senate in its sitting held on 23rd May, 2025 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
3.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
4.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
5.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
6.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
7.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
8.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
9.	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
10.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
11.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the bill during its meeting held on 1st July, 2025 which was attended by the following Members:

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui	Member
3.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
4.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
5.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
6.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
7.	Senator Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
8.	Senator Naseema Ihsan	Member
9.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
10.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Mover
11.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Special Invitee
12.	Federal Minister for Interior & Narcotics Control	Ex-officio Member
13.	Minister of State for Interior & Narcotics Control	Ex-officio Member

4. The DG Immigration and Passports briefed the Committee on The Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2025. He informed the Committee that a large number of Pakistani diaspora are residing in foreign countries. They have acquired the citizenship of

those countries by renouncing their Pakistani citizenship as a condition for acquiring citizenship in those countries. Whenever any of those countries enters into dual nationality agreement with the Government of Pakistan, there is no provision within the Pakistani Citizenship Act, 1951, which allow those people to resume their Pakistani citizenship. Therefore, through this bill, amendments have been proposed in section 14-A of the Act which will allow Pakistani diaspora to resume their Pakistani citizenship in case of an agreement of dual nationality with their host country. On a query from the Committee he informed that at present, Pakistan has dual nationality arrangements with 22 countries.

5. The Committee, after discussion, recommended that The Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2025 may be passed as moved/laid in the Senate. *(Bill as moved in the Senate is placed at Annexure-A).*


(RAFIULLAH)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the
2nd July, 20225.

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (II of 1951), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2025

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 14A, Act II of 1951. - In the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (II of 1951), in section 14A, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-sections shall be added, namely:-

“(3) Subject to notification by the Federal Government in the official Gazette under sub-section (3) of section 14, any person who has renounced citizenship of Pakistan under sub-section (1), may resume citizenship of Pakistan by making a declaration in the prescribed manner and upon making of such declaration he may thereupon become a citizen of Pakistan.

(4) Where declaration under sub-section (3) is made by a person, every minor child of such person whose citizenship has ceased under sub-section (2) may thereupon become a citizen of Pakistan.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

A large number of Pakistani Diaspora are complaining that they had to renounce their Pakistani citizenship as a condition for acquiring citizenship of a foreign country of residence or stay. Whenever such countries are entering into dual nationality arrangements with the Government of Pakistan, there is no provision within Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 which allows resumption of Pakistan citizenship. Therefore, amendments have been proposed in section 14-A of the said Act which will allow Pakistani Diaspora to resume their Pakistani Citizenship.

2. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.


(SYED MOHSIN RAZA NAQVI)
MINISTER