

1 July 2003 (double citizenship)

The Ministry draws attention to the fact that Parliament has passed an Act amending the Icelandic Nationality Act, No. 100/1952, enabling Icelandic citizens to retain their Icelandic citizenship even if they apply for citizenship of a foreign state.

The amendments will enter into effect 1 July 2003.

In main, the amendments are the following:

A. An Icelandic citizen will retain his citizenship when becoming a citizen of another state, provided that state allows double citizenship. This also applies to any children below the age of 18 years in that person's custody. The conditions set in Article 8 of the Icelandic Nationality Act as regards residence or stay in Iceland prior to the age of 22 years must be fulfilled.