

Citizenship Amendment Act 2001

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

- (1) This Act is the Citizenship Amendment Act 2001.
- (2) In this Act, the Citizenship Act 1987 is called “the principal Act”.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 New section 26A inserted

The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 26, the following section:

“26A Disclosure of citizenship information to certain specified agencies for certain purposes

- “(1) The purpose of this section is to authorise the disclosure of citizenship information to certain specified agencies for certain purposes.
- “(2) The Secretary and the chief executive of a specified agency listed in the first column of Schedule 4 may enter into an agreement for the disclosure by the Secretary to the chief executive of citizenship information only for the purpose described in the second column in relation to the specified agency.
- “(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), an agreement made in relation to citizenship information to be used to verify whether a person is eligible to hold a New Zealand passport, must be entered into by the Secretary in his or her capacity as the holder of citizenship information with himself or herself in the capacity as the holder of information under the Passports Act 1992.
- “(4) An agreement entered into under subsection (2) may be varied by the Secretary and the chief executive.
- “(5) The Secretary may disclose citizenship information to the chief executive only in accordance with Schedule 4 and an agreement entered into under subsection (2).
- “(6) In this section,—
- “**citizenship information** means information held by the Secretary that relates to the acquisition or loss of citizenship by, or the citizenship status of, any person
- “**specified agency** has the meaning given to it by section 97 of the Privacy Act 1993.”

4 New Schedule 4 inserted

The principal Act is amended by inserting, after Schedule 3, the Schedule 4 set out in the Schedule.

Schedule s 4
New Schedule 4 inserted in Citizenship Act 1977

Schedule 4 s 26A
Disclosure of information to specified agencies

Specified agency	Purpose
Department of Internal Affairs	To verify whether a person is eligible to hold a New Zealand passport
Department of Inland Revenue	To verify the identity of a person to establish— (a) the tax file number of the person: (b) the details of an applicant for child support
Department of Labour	To verify— (a) a person's citizenship status: (b) a person's entitlement to reside in New Zealand
Department of Work and Income	To verify a person's eligibility or continuing eligibility for benefits, war pensions, loans, or allowances

Legislative history

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