RECLAIMING OF LUXEMBOURG NATIONALITY
Deadline January 31, 2018
Re-aquisition of Nationality Info Line in Luxembourg ++(0) (11) 352 247- 88588 (please call)

Please note that the re-acquisition of Luxembourg Nationality must be done in person in Luxembourg with an initial application which can be mailed before going in person - this declaration must be made by December 31st, 2018 at the latest.

The Act of October 23rd, 2008 on the Luxembourg nationality, which came into force on January 1st, 2009, introduces the principle of dual (or multiple) citizenship.

WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM DUAL CITIZENSHIP OR RECOVERY OF CITIZENSHIP?

- Persons who were Luxembourg Citizens and had lost their citizenship because they acquired a foreign citizenship can recover their initial Luxembourg citizenship – you must be 18 years old;

- Persons whose lineal ancestor was a Luxembourg Citizen as of January 1st, 1900 can recover their ancestors’ Luxembourg citizenship; proof of a Luxembourg ancestor called a “Certificat d’Aieul” (Certificate of Ancestor) can be obtained by mail or in person by applying to the Ministry of Justice in Luxembourg – please refer to section 1 below for details;

- Luxembourgers who wish to acquire a foreign citizenship without losing their Luxembourg citizenship;

- Persons holding a foreign citizenship who wish to acquire Luxembourg citizenship without losing their present foreign citizenship.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Applicants should always verify with the competent authorities of their country of citizenship whether the law of this first country also accepts the principle of dual (or multiple) citizenship.

- Applicants who would like to recover Luxembourg citizenship need to provide either proof of former Luxembourg citizenship before acquiring a foreign nationality or proof of lineal Luxembourg ancestry. You must prove that your ancestor had Luxembourg nationality as of January 1st, 1900.

- Documents accompanying the applications must be transmitted in one of the following languages: French, German, or Luxembourgish. If the documents are in any other language (including English), a translation will need to be made by a certified translator.

- Minor Children of applicants will automatically recover the Luxembourg Nationality.
1. **FIRST STEP: REQUESTING A “CERTIFICAT RELATIF A L’AIEUL LUXEMBOURGEOIS” BY MAIL** (or in person)

The first step in recovering your Luxembourg Citizenship is to apply for a “Certificat Relatif a L’Aieul Luxembourgeois” (Certificate of Luxembourg Ancestry) which we suggest that you do so by mail in order to save time.

You must prove that your ancestor had Luxembourg nationality as of January 1st, 1900 by submitting proof through birth / death / and marriage certificates. It is your responsibility to obtain the required documents, please refer to the document How to obtain your Luxembourg Ancestor Certificates.

This certificate can be requested via mail by submitting a letter requesting a “CERTIFICAT RELATIF A L’AIEUL LUXEMBOURGEOIS” with your SURNAME (maiden name for women), Given names, date and place of birth, address, phone number and a notarized copy of your passport; mailed to the following address:

**Address to request by mail:**
Ministère de la Justice
Service de l’Indigénat
Centre Administratif Pierre Werner
L-2934 Luxembourg
LUXEMBOURG-KIRCHBERG (Europe)
Fax : (+352) 26 20 27 59
Email : nationalite@mj.public.lu

**Address to request in person:**
Ministère de la Justice
Service de l’Indigénat
Centre Administratif Pierre Werner
13, rue Erasme
Luxembourg-Kirchberg
Hours: 8:30am to 11:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm

After reviewing your submitted documents and proof of Luxembourg Ancestry, the Ministry of Justice will mail the “CERTIFICAT RELATIF À L’AIEUL LUXEMBOURGEOIS” stating that you are a direct descendant of a Luxembourg Citizen.

Information on obtaining your Luxembourg ancestor’s birth / death and marriage certificates and information on the Luxembourg Archives can be found on the document entitled How to Obtain Your Luxembourg Ancestor Certificates.
2. SECOND STEP: GATHERING YOUR DOCUMENTS BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IN PERSON IN LUXEMBOURG

Please note that all documents must be certified originals and submitted in French, German or Luxembourgish. All English (or other language) documents must be translated by a certified translator.

a) CERTIFICAT RELATIF A L’AIEUL LUXEMBOURGEOIS (see step 1 above for instructions)

b) BIRTH CERTIFICATE

- If you were born in the USA: You’re Birth Certificate certified by the county clerk’s office
- If you were born in Luxembourg: A new (no more than 3 months old) copy of Birth Certificate from the Commune of your Birth or from the Commune of the Ville de Luxembourg
- For Children who are minors born in the USA: Birth Certificate certified by the county clerk’s office
- For Children who are minors born in Luxembourg: A new (no more than 3 months old) copy of Birth Certificate from the Commune of your Birth or from the Commune of the Ville de Luxembourg.

c) POLICE RECORD FROM YOUR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

- If you have lived in the same residence for the last 15 years: please request a police record from your local police station – if you do not have a police record, the police can simply state that you do not have a police record and please have them notarize the statement
- If you have resided in multiple states or cities please request an FBI criminal background check from the United States of America available by visiting the website http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks
- If you have resided outside of the USA: a criminal record report from any previous country of residence in which the applicant has lived from the age of 18 onwards during the 15 years preceding the submission of the application; notarized by a public notary.

d) NOTARIZED COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT and ORIGINAL PASSPORT

e) FILL OUT THE FORM “NOTICE BIOGRAPHIQUE-RECOUVREMENT”: please fill out the original document which is in French and German; use the English translation as a translation reference only
3. STEPS TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION IN PERSON IN LUXEMBOURG

a) “EXTRAIT DU CASIER JUDICIAIRE” (LUXEMBOURG POLICE RECORD) request a copy of your “casier judiciaire” (Luxembourg police record) which can be obtained in person at the following address:

Cité judiciaire – Parquet Général
Bâtiment BC - 1er étage
L-2080 Luxembourg
Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
Tel. : (+352) 47 59 81-346
Fax : (+352) 47 05 50

Hours : 8:00am to 11:30am and 2:00pm to 5:00pm

b) SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED FILE IN PERSON

- IF YOU WERE A RESIDENT OF LUXEMBOURG: Personally submit the complete recovery file to the Commune (City Hall) where you last resided in Luxembourg, please find following a list of the “Communes” of Luxembourg [http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communes_du_Luxembourg](http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communes_du_Luxembourg)

- IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN A RESIDENT OF LUXEMBOURG: In case of residency abroad, the file must be brought to the commune of Luxembourg City “Ville de Luxembourg” at the following address:

  Bierger-Center
  26a, bd Royal L-2449 Luxembourg
  adresse postale : L-2090 Luxembourg
  bierger-center@vdl.lu
  Tel: +(352) 4796 2200
  Fax: +(352) 26 2709 99
  Hours: 8:00am to 5:00pm (M-F)

c) MAKE A STATEMENT OF RE-AQUISITION OF LUXEMBOURG NATIONALITY IN FRONT OF THE “OFFICIER DE L'ETAT CIVIL”:

In order to request the re-aquisition of your Luxembourg Nationality, you will be asked to make an official statement in front of the “Officier de l’Etat Civil” (Registrar Recorder / County Clerk).

The Officer will enact the re-aquisition declaration. If the legal conditions are met and if all the required documents are in the file, the Officer will then forward your application immediately to the Ministry of Justice, and you may be requested to appear in person to the Service de l’Indigénat at the Ministry of Justice.

It can take up to 6 months for the Ministry of Justice to analyze the request.
USEFUL TIP: please bring around 30 Euros in cash with you when submitting your application in Luxembourg in order to have all of your documents certified.

All of the above points must be verified by calling the INFO LINE number below in Luxembourg as we are not responsible for your File in Re-aquisition Luxembourg Nationality.

For more information on the specific conditions and the applicable procedures (the different cases mentioned above are subject to different conditions and procedures) please visit the following website: http://www.mj.public.lu/nationalite/index.html and call the info line TEL: (0) (11) 352 247- 88588