



SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

No. of 2026

A BILL to amend the Citizenship Act, Cap. 1.05.

BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short title and commencement

(1) This Act may be cited as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) This Act shall come into force on such day as the Minister may, by Order published in the Gazette, appoint.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, "principal Act" means the Citizenship Act, Cap. 1.05.

3. Insertion of new Section 3A

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 3 the following new section—

"3A. Registration of certain descendants of citizens.

(1) Subject to subsections (4), (5), (6) and (7), a person of full age and capacity who was born on or after the 19th day of September 1983 shall be entitled, upon application to the Minister in the prescribed manner and upon payment of any fee that may be prescribed, to be registered as a citizen of Saint Christopher and Nevis if that person satisfies the Minister that at least one of his or her grandparents became or would but for death have become a citizen of Saint Christopher and Nevis under paragraph (a) or (b) of section 90 of the Constitution.

(2) Subject to subsections (4), (5), (6) and (7), a person of full age and capacity who was born on or after the 19th day of September 1983 shall be entitled, upon application to the Minister in the prescribed manner and upon payment of any fee that may be prescribed, to be registered as a citizen of Saint

Christopher and Nevis if that person satisfies the Minister that at least one of his or her parents became or would but for death have become a citizen of Saint Christopher and Nevis under paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (f) of section 90 of the Constitution.

(3) An applicant under subsection (1) or subsection (2) shall furnish such documentary evidence as may be prescribed establishing the relevant lineage and citizenship connection.

(4) Every application made under this section shall be subject to a national security review.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4), the Minister shall cause such enquiries, investigations and due diligence assessments to be undertaken as the Minister considers necessary in the interests of national security, defence, public safety or public order.

(6) The Minister may refuse an application made under this section if the Minister is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds in the interests of defence, public safety or public order for so doing.

(7) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (6), the Minister may refuse an application made under this section if the Minister is satisfied that the applicant—

(a) is not of good character;

(b) has been convicted by a competent court in any country of a criminal offence for which he or she was sentenced to death or has been detained under a sentence of imprisonment of twelve months or more imposed on him or her on his or her conviction of a criminal offence by such a court, and in either case has not received a free pardon in respect of the offence;

(c) has engaged in activities, whether within or outside of Saint Christopher and Nevis, which, in the opinion of the Minister, are prejudicial to the safety of Saint Christopher and Nevis or to the maintenance of law and public order in Saint Christopher and Nevis;

(d) has been adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt under any law in force in any country and has not been discharged;

(e) has made, or caused to be made, any statement or furnished any document that is false or misleading in a material particular in connection with the application; or

(f) is the subject of any adverse information disclosed through the national security review undertaken under subsection (4).

(8) A person registered under this section shall, from the date of registration, be a citizen of Saint Christopher and Nevis by registration.

(9) Before being registered as a citizen under this section, an applicant shall take and subscribe the Oath (or Affirmation) of Allegiance set out in the Third Schedule.”

4. Amendment of section 5

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “under section 3 of this Act” and substituting the words “under section 3 or section 3A of this Act”.

5. Amendment of Third Schedule

The Third Schedule to the principal Act is amended by—

- (a) deleting the reference “(Section 6)” and substituting the reference “(Sections 3A and 6)”; and
- (b) deleting the words “Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors” and substituting the words “His Majesty King Charles the Third, His Heirs and Successors”.

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Speaker

Passed by the National Assembly this day of , 2026.

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Trevlyn Stapleton

Clerk of the National Assembly