

## **India Visa Requirements for Applicants of Indian Origin**

The Indian government requires that Indian nationals who obtain citizenship to another country surrender Indian citizenship. In order to apply for an Indian visa, the applicant must prove that this has been done.

If Indian citizenship has not formally been renounced within 3 years after gaining citizenship of another country, a penalty of \$250.00 will be charged by the Indian Consulate. This fee must be paid in addition to other India visa application fees. This fee is waived if the most recent Indian passport expired before January 1, 2005.

In addition, a penalty of \$250.00 will be charged for each case of misuse of the Indian passport for travel after 3 months of acquisition of citizenship of another country, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,250.00. These fees must be paid in addition to other visa application and renunciation fees.

**Atlanta Jurisdiction:** Renunciation Certificate requests cannot be accepted with India visa applications. The Renunciation Certificate must be obtained separately first through the current **Indian Outsourcing Company** then a copy of the approved Certificate must be submitted with the India visa application.

### **Applicants must submit one of the following as Proof of Renunciation along with your regular Visa application documents:**

An approved Certificate of Renunciation issued by the Indian Consulate OR a copy of a canceled Indian Passport containing a stamp specifically stating 'Cancelled due to Acquiring US or foreign citizenship'. A stamp stating only 'Cancelled' is not acceptable Proof of Renunciation.

### **Applicants who have not renounced Indian citizenship, or who cannot provide acceptable Proof of Renunciation must apply for Renunciation when applying for an India Visa.**

The forms and fees required are based upon your date of Naturalization to US or Foreign Citizenship.

### **If Naturalized on or after June 1, 2010 with Indian Passport, submit the following:**

1. 2 original, completed Renunciation Certificate Forms.
2. Copies of US or Foreign passport information page and the last two amendment pages
3. Copy of Naturalization Certificate.
4. Copy of Name Change Document: If the applicant's name shown in the Indian passport or Indian government issued document is different in any way from the name in the US or foreign passport, a copy of one of the following documents must be provided.
  - Marriage Certificate showing the name change if the name was changed at marriage.
  - Official court order for the name change
  - Endorsement of name change during naturalization process.
5. Original, most recent Indian Passport plus photocopies of the first three pages and last two pages of the Indian passport.

6. Renunciation fee of \$182.70 by money order payable to 'BLS International'. If a money order is not provided, Trivisa Visa Service will add the Renunciation fee to your India visa order plus a \$5 check writing fee.

**If Naturalized on or after June 1, 2010 without an Indian Passport, submit the following**

1. 2 original, completed Renunciation Certificate Forms.
2. A notarized Affidavit of Loss. If applying in Houston, a police report for the lost Indian passport is required.
3. A copy of the applicant's Indian birth certificate or school leaving certificate or any document showing proof of former Indian citizenship.
4. Copies of US or Foreign passport information page and the last two amendment pages
5. Copy of Naturalization Certificate.
6. Copy of Name Change Document: If the applicant's name shown in the Indian passport or Indian government issued document is different in any way from the name in the US or foreign passport, a copy of one of the following documents must be provided.
  - Marriage Certificate showing the name change if the name was changed at marriage.
  - Official court order for the name change
  - Endorsement of name change during naturalization process
7. Renunciation fee of \$187.70, which Trivisa Visa Service will add as the Renunciation fee to your India visa order.

**If Naturalized before June 1, 2010 with Indian Passport, submit the following:**

1. 2 original, completed Renunciation Certificate Forms.
2. Copies of US or Foreign passport information page and the last two amendment pages
3. Copy of Naturalization Certificate.
4. Copy of Name Change Document: If the applicant's name shown in the Indian passport or Indian government issued document is different in any way from the name in the US or foreign passport, a copy of one of the following documents must be provided:
  - Marriage Certificate showing the name change if the name was changed at marriage.
  - Official court order for the name change
  - Endorsement of name change during naturalization process.
5. Original, most recent Indian Passport plus photocopies of the first three pages and last two pages of the Indian passport.
6. Renunciation fee of \$37.70, which Trivisa Visa Service will add as the Renunciation fee to your India visa order.

**If Naturalized before June 1, 2010 without Indian Passport, submit the following**

1. 2 original, completed Renunciation Declaration Forms.
2. A notarized Affidavit of Loss. If applying in Houston, a police report for the lost Indian passport is required.

3. A copy of the applicant's Indian birth certificate or school leaving certificate or any document showing proof of former Indian citizenship.
4. Copies of US or Foreign passport information page and the last two amendment pages
5. Copy of Naturalization Certificate.
6. Copy of Name Change Document: If the applicant's name shown in the Indian passport or Indian government issued document is different in any way from the name in the US or foreign passport, a copy of one of the following documents must be provided.
  - Marriage Certificate showing the name change if the name was changed at marriage.
  - Official court order for the name change
  - Endorsement of name change during naturalization process
7. Renunciation fee of \$37.70, which Trivisa Visa Service will add as the Renunciation fee to your India visa order.

**If Naturalized 10 years or more prior without an Indian Passport, submit the following:**

1. 2 original, completed Deemed Surrender Certificate Forms.
  2. A notarized Affidavit of Loss. If applying in Houston, a police report for the lost Indian passport is required with either copy of the applicant's Indian birth certificate or school leaving certificate or any document showing proof of former Indian citizenship.
  3. Copies of US or Foreign passport information page and the last two amendment pages
  4. Copy of Naturalization Certificate.
  5. Copy of Name Change Document: If the applicant's name is shown differently in any way between the Indian passport and the US or foreign passport, if your name in your Indian passport or Indian government issued document is different in any way from the name in your United States passport, a copy of one of the following documents must be provided.
    - Marriage Certificate showing the name change if the name was changed at marriage.
    - Official court order for the name change
    - Endorsement of name change during naturalization process
- Renunciation fee of \$37.70, which Trivisa Visa Service will add as the Renunciation fee to your India visa order.

**Applicants without Naturalization Certificates**

For a minor child who gained naturalization through parents and therefore does not have a separate naturalization certificate, a copy of the parents' naturalization certificate(s) along with a notarized statement signed by both parents and explaining the circumstances is required. The letter must state why the child does not possess their own certificate.

Those who were naturalized as adults on their own but cannot provide a copy of their Naturalization Certificate must request a copy from the USCIS. A copy is required for the purposes of Renouncing Indian Citizenship.

**Renunciation for Minor Child (under 18):**

In addition to the requirements above, a copy of the child's birth certificate or school leaving certificate must be provided. For a child less than 5 years old, a thumb impression of the child and the signature from both

parents are mandatory on the Renunciation Forms. For a child 5 years or older, both parents signatures are mandatory. The Renunciation Forms does not need to be notarized.

**In some cases, visa processing may take longer for applicants of Indian origin. India Visa issuance is at the discretion of the Indian Consulate. Indian Visa requirements are subject to change at the discretion of the Indian Government.**