

Bill No. 35 of 2025

NATIONAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025
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MEMORANDUM

1. A draft of the above Bill, which is intended to be presented to the National Assembly, is set out below.

2. The object of the Bill is to amend the National Registration Act (Cap. 01:02) (the Act) as a consequential amendment of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill which has been amended to provide for multiple citizenship in order to cater for economic citizenship.

3. The Bill therefore seeks to provide for a general amendment to the Act in order to substitute the words “dual citizenship” with “multiple citizenship” at clause 2 of the Bill.

4. Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 2 of the Act by providing for the definition of “multiple citizen” in order to cater for economic citizenship. Clause 3 also provides for the definition of “economic citizenship”.

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Affairs.*

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

- 1. Short title and commencement
- 2. General amendment of Cap. 01:02
- 3. Amendment of section 2 of the Act

A Bill
— entitled —

An Act to amend the National Registration Act.

Date of Assent:
Date of Commencement:
ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

Short title and
commencement

General
amendment of
Cap. 01:02

Amendment
of section 2
of the Act

- 1. This Act may be cited as the National Registration (Amendment) Act, 2025 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, appoint.
- 2. The National Registration Act (herein referred to as “the Act”) is amended by substituting for the words “dual citizen” wherever they appear in the Act, the words “multiple citizen”.
- 3. Section 2 of the Act is amended —
 - (a) by inserting in the correct alphabetical order, the following new definition —

““economic citizenship” means the citizenship of a person who is granted such citizenship solely for the purpose of economic investment.”; and
 - (b) by substituting for the definition of “dual citizen”, the following new definition —

““multiple citizen” means a person who is a citizen of Botswana by birth or descent who has acquired the citizenship of another country, and includes a person who has acquired economic citizenship, in terms of the Citizenship Act.”.

Cap. 01:01