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## **Ordinance on Fees under the Federal Act on Swiss Citizenship (FeeO-SCA)**

of 23 November 2005 (Status as on 6 december 2005)

**Please note:** this translation does not yet include the amendments of 1.8.2016

*The Swiss Federal Council,*

based on Article 46a of the Government and Administration Organisation Act (GAOA) of 21 March 1997<sup>1</sup>,

*ordains:*

### **Art. 1** Subject matter

This Ordinance regulates the fees for first instance rulings of the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM)<sup>2</sup> in matters related to the Swiss Citizenship Act of 29 September 1952<sup>3</sup> (SCA).

### **Art. 2** Scope of Application of the General Fees Ordinance

Where this Ordinance contains no specific provisions, the provisions of the General Fees Ordinance of 8 September 2004<sup>4</sup> apply.

### **Art. 3** fee rates

<sup>1</sup> The SEM charges the following fees:

francs

- |    |   |     |
|----|---|-----|
| a. | for the grant of the federal naturalisation permit to:                                  |     |
| 1. | persons who at the time of the application being made have attained the age of majority | 100 |
| 2. | spouses who submit a joint application  | 150 |
| 3. | persons who at the time of the application being made are minors                        | 50  |

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<sup>1</sup> SR 172.010

<sup>2</sup> The name of this administrative unit was amended by Art. 16 para. 3 of the Publications Ordinance of 17 Nov. 2004 (SR 170.512.1), in force since 1 Jan. 2015. This amendment has been made throughout the text.

<sup>3</sup> SR 141.0

<sup>4</sup> SR 172.041.1

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| b. | for simplified naturalisation under Articles 27 and 28 SCA <sup>5</sup>   | 450 |
| c. | for decisions on other simplified applications for citizenship as well as on the renaturalisation of persons who: |     |
| 1. | at the time the application is made have attained the age of majority   | 300 |
| 2. | at the time the application is made are minors  | 150 |
| d. | for decisions to refuse or not to consider applications   | 300 |
| e. | for decisions relating to the declaration of the nullity of applications for citizenship                          | 400 |

<sup>2</sup> For minor children who are included in the naturalisation application of a parent, the SEM charges no fee.

<sup>3</sup> In addition to the fees mentioned in paragraph 1 letters b and c, the SEM charges the following fees on behalf of the cantonal authority concerned for the following activities:

francs

- |    |   |                |
|----|---|----------------|
| a. | for the preparation of enquiry reports by the canton of residence, depending on the work involved | maximum of 300 |
| b. | for verifying the civil status of persons resident abroad   | 100            |

#### **Art. 4** Fees charged by Swiss representations abroad

For their services in connection with applications for citizenship, foreign representations charge fees in accordance with the Ordinance of 28 January 2004<sup>6</sup> on the Fees of Swiss Diplomatic and Consular Representations.

#### **Art. 5** Increases and reductions in fees

The fees in terms of Article 3 paragraphs 1 and 3 may be increased by up to twice the amount or reduced by up to half if the processing of the application requires considerably more work or less work than average.

#### **Art. 6** Collection of fees

<sup>1</sup> The SEM may charge the fees in advance, on the decision being made, or by invoice.

<sup>2</sup> Outside Switzerland, the fees must be paid in advance in the relevant national currency. In countries that do not have a convertible currency, the fees may be levied in a different currency by agreement with the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

<sup>3</sup> The rates of exchange in terms of paragraph 2 are fixed by the Swiss diplomatic and consular representations in accordance with the instructions from the DFA.

<sup>5</sup> SR 141.0

<sup>6</sup> SR 191.11

**Art. 7** Repeal of current law

The Ordinance of 2 December 1996<sup>7</sup> on Fees under the Federal Act on Citizenship is repealed.

**Art. 8** Commencement

This Ordinance comes into force on 1 January 2006.

<sup>7</sup> [AS 1996 3250, 2003 4329, 2004 2903 Sec. III]

