

# Bahrain: Bahraini Citizenship Act – 1963

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## **Abstract**

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Cases that lead to withdrawal of Bahraini nationality from persons who acquired it through naturalization include the acquisition of citizenship through deception, false statements or hiding of information and being found guilty in a case connected with honor and honesty within five years of acquiring citizenship (Art. 8).

A Bahraini citizen may lose his nationality if he voluntarily acquires another nationality or renounces his Bahraini nationality and His Majesty issues an order to withdraw his nationality. The loss of nationality would also apply to under-aged children (Art. 9).

A Bahraini citizen may be denaturalized by an order of His Majesty if he enters the military service of a foreign country, is ordered to leave it and does not comply; if he helps or joins the service of an enemy country and if he causes harm to the security of the State (Art. 10).