

# Bahrain: Law No. 10 of 1981 Amending the Citizenship Act of 1963

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<b>Text versions</b>	– <i>Bahraini Citizenship Act (last amended 1981) [Bahrain], 16 September 1963, accessed 30 July 2014, available at:</i> <a href="http://www.refworld.org/docid/3fb9f34f4.html">http://www.refworld.org/docid/3fb9f34f4.html</a>

## **Abstract**

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Art. 7(1) of the original law is amended so that a foreign woman who marries a Bahraini national shall not become a Bahraini national unless she declares to the Ministry of Interior her desire to acquire that nationality and she is still married five years after she makes the declaration. The waiting period may be waived by the Minister of Interior who may also during the same period of time deny her request to acquire Bahraini nationality for reasons of national security and public order. Similarly, a Bahraini woman who marries a foreign national shall not lose her nationality unless she acquires that of her husband's and even then she may reclaim her Bahraini nationality upon the dissolution of her marriage if she declares her wish to do so to the Minister of Interior and establishes regular residence in Bahrain.

Art. 8(2) is amended so that the period of time is extended to 10 years.