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**Second Session Third Parliament Republic of Trinidad  
and Tobago**

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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 21 of 1988**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Citizenship of the Republic of  
Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 1:50 and matters  
incidental thereto.

*[Assented to 29th July, 1988]*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment  
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Short title  
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (Amendment) Act,  
1988.

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amended

## 2. The Citizenship of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Act is amended—

(a) in section 11 by—

- (i) substituting for the word “A” occurring in line one of subsection (1), the words “Subject to this Act, a”;
- (ii) inserting the words “other than” immediately after the word “Tobago” occurring in line two of subsection (2);
- (iii) inserting immediately after subsection (2) the following new subsections—

“ (2A) A person who being a former citizen of Trinidad and Tobago by birth or by descent, having voluntarily acquired the citizenship of another country or having renounced citizenship of Trinidad and Tobago in order to acquire citizenship of another country may, on the coming into force of this Act, make an application to the Minister on the prescribed form to have citizenship of Trinidad and Tobago restored to him.

(2B) The Minister shall by the issuance of a certificate of restoration of citizenship restore citizenship to a person who makes an application under subsection (2A) where such a person satisfies him that he—

(a) is not a habitual criminal within the meaning of section 7(3) of the Immigration Act; and

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(b) does not fall within the prohibited classes described in section 8(1)(b), (d) - (o), and (q) of the Immigration Act.

(2c) Where an applicant falls within any of the classes referred to in paragraph (2B)(b) the Minister may, in his discretion determine whether citizenship should be restored to the applicant.

(2D) A citizen of Trinidad and Tobago by birth or by descent, who acquires citizenship of another country shall not lose his citizenship by reason only of such acquisition.”;

(b) in section 14—

- (i) by inserting immediately after the word “naturalisation” occurring in line two of subsection (1), the words “or whose citizenship was restored by the Minister in accordance with this Act,”;
- (ii) by substituting for the words “the registration or certificate of naturalisation” occurring in lines two and three of subsection (2) the word “citizenship”.

Passed in the Senate this 31st day of May, 1988.

**Z. SEEREERAM**  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 15th day  
of July, 1988.

**J. E. CARTER**  
*Clerk of the House*

House of Representatives amendments were agreed  
to in the Senate on 26th July, 1988.

**Z. SEEREERAM**  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*