

Step-by-step for the second stage of the "Recouvrement de Nationalité" ("Recovery of Citizenship") process made personally in Luxembourg

ATTENTION: Entry of the recovery request can be made until December 2020

Address in Luxembourg to deliver the documents:

Bierger-Center
44, Place Guillaume
2 rue Notre-Dame,
L-2090 Luxembourg
Hours: Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 17h00 p.m.
No need to schedule.
Telephone for questions: (352) 4796-2200

All Brazilian documents must be accompanied by a sworn translation in French, German or Luxembourgish, and have the translator's signature recognized by the Notary Office. IT IS NOT NECESSARY VALIDATE THE SIGNATURE RECOGNITION THRU THE CONSULATE BY "LEGALIZATION" OR BY "APOSTILE" AT NOTARY OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HAUGE APOSTILLE CONVENTION.

Original Brazilian documents to be presented:

- Applicant's birth certificate, with date of issue of a maximum 180 days;
- If applicable, Birth Certificate of each child under 18 years old, idem with respect to the date of issue;
- Certified copy of the applicant's valid passport. No sworn translation is required for this document;
- If applicable, certified copy of the valid passport (no sworn translation is required) of each child under 18 years old. If the child does not have a passport, a certified copy of the ID (date of issue of a maximum 9 years) with the respective sworn translation can be presented;
- Criminal Record Certificate issued by the Federal Police of Brazil, with date of issue of a maximum **90 days**. This certificate is issued on the internet at: <http://www.pf.gov.br/servicos-pf/antecedentes-criminais> .

The original of this certificate **must be "apostilled" by a Notary Office, according to the Hague Apostille Convention.**

- If the applicant has lived in another country after the age of 18 years old and up to 15 years before the date of the application for recovery, it will also be necessary to present a Criminal Record Certificate from the country lived in. For European countries registered at **ECRIS (European Criminal Records Information Systems)** this institution may issue the certificates. https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/cross-border-cases/judicial-cooperation/tools-judicial-cooperation/european-criminal-records-information-system-ecris_en

Documents issued by Luxembourg:

- Original Certificate of Descendancy issued by the "Ministère de la Justice" of Luxembourg;
- International Criminal Register Certificate: ["autorisation-casier judiciaire"](#)
This document must be requested by e-mail from 20 to 30 days before the trip.
 - a) To fill out the authorization form please open the file in "pdf" ["autorisation-casier judiciaire"](#);
 - b) Send by e-mail to: bierger-center@vdl.lu or, by mail to:
Bierger-Center "Service Indigénat"
L-2090 Luxembourg

Once the certificate is issued the applicant receives an email with confirmation and upon arriving in Luxembourg the certificate will already be at the Bierger Center, where the documentation is delivered to request the recovery of citizenship;

- Complete and sign the ["Notice biographique"](#). To fill out please open the file in "pdf" ["notice biographique"](#).

Other recommendations and information:

- On arriving inform that you want to sign the "demande de recouvrement de la nationalité" at the "officier de l'état civil".
- There will be a fee payable in cash for sealing (it is advisable to have around 50 euros with you);
- The Officer prepares an application for the recovery of citizenship, which must be signed by the applicant;
- There is no language fluency test, but the dialogue takes place in French, Luxembourgish or German and the service takes about 20 minutes.
- Analysis of the documentation for the approval or not of the request takes on average six months.
- If positive the applicant receives a letter from the "Ministère de la Justice", accompanied by the "arrêté ministériel", which is the Luxembourg Nationality Certificate and an "ampliation certifiée" of that document. These two documents, "arrêté" and "ampliation", will then be used together to obtain the passport.

- If the request is denied, the reason for the denial will be given. Appeal against the denial is possible in the next 90 days. If this is the case, look for information on the website of the "Ministère de la Justice".
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