

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT BILL 2016

SAMOA

Explanatory Memorandum

Object and Reasons:

The Bill seeks to amend the Citizenship Amendment Act 2004 (“the Act”) to cover second generation Samoans born overseas who want to become citizens by descent.

Clauses:

- Clause 1:** - states that, when enacted, the Bill will be called the Citizenship Amendment Act 2016, and will commence on the date of assent by the Head of State.
- Clause 2:** - amends section 7 of the Act to cover second generation Samoans born outside Samoa whose parent was or grandparent is or was a Samoan citizen at the date of birth.
- Clause 3:** - provides for transitional matters to cover applications that are pending with the Ministry awaiting enactment of the Bill.

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