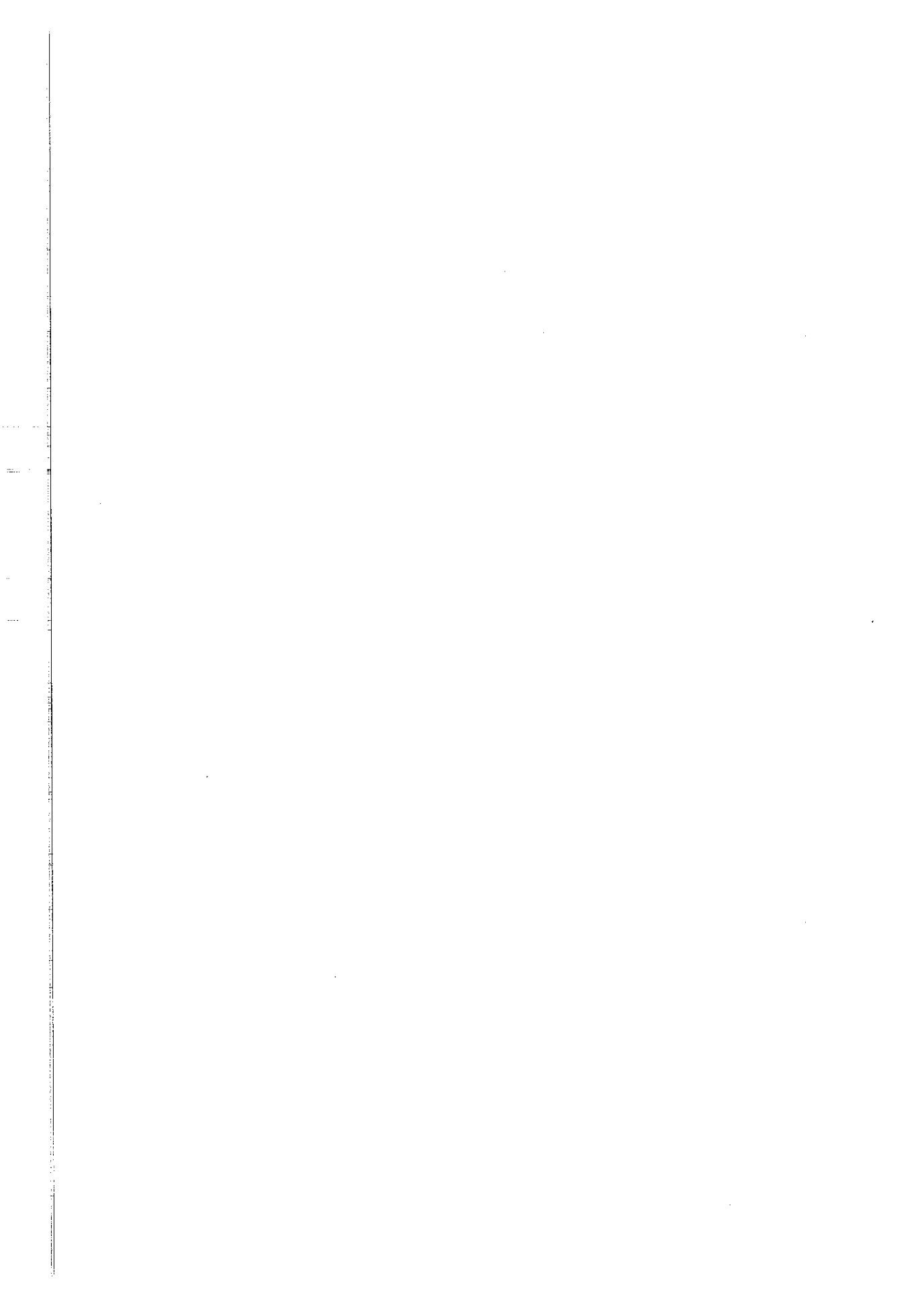




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PASSED by the National Parliament this 20th day of July 2023.

(This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the Bill)

David Kusilifu
Clerk to National Parliament

ASSENTED to in His Majesty's name and on His Majesty's behalf this 4th day of August 2023.

Sir David Vunagi
Governor-General

Date of Commencement: see section 2.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CITIZENSHIP ACT 2018

ENACTED BY THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS.

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1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2023*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on a date to be nominated by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

3 Definition

“principal Act” means the *Citizenship Act 2018*.

4 Section 14 amended

The principal Act is amended, in section 14(2)(a) by:

- (a) inserting after the word “citizenship” the following, “as evidenced by an original or certified copy of the birth certificate;” and
- (b) inserting the following after section 14(2)(a):
 - “(aa) is the holder of a valid passport, and provides the original or a certified copy of the same; and
 - (ab) if the holder of a driver’s licence, provides a certified copy of the same; and”, and
- (c) repeal and replace section 14(2)(d) with the following:
 - “(d) is likely to continue to reside in Solomon Islands or to maintain a close and continuing relationship with Solomon Islands as supported by:
 - (i) evidence of economic sustainability, such evidence is inclusive of, but not limited to:
 - (A) a formal employment agreement in the Solomon Islands; or

- (B) record of employment of more than 5 years to the date of the application, in the Solomon Islands; or
 - (C) a valid record of the National Provident Fund contributions for the past 5 years or more, in the Solomon Islands; or
 - (D) financial bank record for sustenance to the satisfaction of the Commission; or
- (ii) evidence that the person has capital properties to maintain a close and continuing relationship with Solomon Islands, such evidence is inclusive of, but not limited to:
- (A) land title registered in the person's name under the Land and Titles Act; or
 - (B) tangible property such as a building registered under the person's name; or
 - (C) land or property development machinery registered under the person's name; or
- (iii) evidence of the person's financial contribution to the economy of the Solomon Islands, such evidence is inclusive of, but not limited to:
- (A) investment in a company registered under the person's name; or
 - (B) a minimum 10% or more share of an Investment Company registered under the person's name; and
- (iv) a person must provide the relevant original or certified documents and any authentic information to satisfy the evidence in section 14(2)(d)(i), section 14(2)(d)(ii) and section 14(2)(d)(iii); and
- (v) the Commission has discretion to accept all or any evidence under section 14(2)(d)(i), section 14(2)(d)(ii) and section 14(2)(d)(iii); and" and

(d) inserting after subsection (7) the following:

“(8) For the avoidance of doubt, this section (Eligibility for citizenship) does not apply to a child under 18 years of a parent or parents who are birth citizens.”

5 Section 16 amended

(a) in subsection (1)(a) by deleting “5 years within the 10 year period” and substituting with “10 years”; and

(b) by inserting a new subsection (3):

“(3) For the avoidance of doubt, this section (Residence requirement) does not apply to a person who was born in Solomon Islands; or is a child of a parent or parents who are birth citizens.”

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