



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Ms Annika Sandlund
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Our: 12.11.2025 No 1-6/3262-4

Answer to the proposal

Dear Ms Sandlund

Thank you for your proposals that you made about the draft law amending the Citizenship Act.

In response to your first proposal, in our opinion, this is not applicable in the Estonia. We would like to clarify that people with undetermined citizenship and stateless persons also reside in Estonia on the basis of a residence permit, which is considered legal residence in Estonia. That includes both, residing here on the basis of a temporary residence permit or long term residence permit.

We would also like to clarify that in Estonia individuals who are 15 or older apply for citizenship themselves. This means that there is no need to expand the target group of the amendment to minors aged 15-17. We also believe that if parents who are citizens of another country and whose child does not automatically inherit the citizenship of their parents wish to link their future and that of their child with the Estonian state, they have the opportunity to apply for Estonian citizenship for themselves together with their child. As such, a situation where parents and children have different citizenships should be avoided.

Yours Sincerely,

Joosep Kaasik
Undersecretary for the Internal Security