

# **Australian Citizenship Act 1948**

## **Section 17**

Note: Section 17 was repealed with effect from 4 April 2002.

Australian citizens who acquire another citizenship on or after 4 April 2002 do not forfeit their Australian citizenship.

The version of Section 17 in force at the date the person acquired another nationality must be applied.

### **Text of Section 17**

*As in force from 22 November 1984 up to and including 3 April 2002*

17 (1) A person, being an Australian citizen who has attained the age of 18 years, who does any act or thing:

- (a) the sole or dominant purpose of which; and
- (b) the effect of which,

is to acquire the nationality or citizenship of a foreign country, shall, upon that acquisition, cease to be an Australian citizen.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to an act of marriage.

### **Text of Section 17**

*As in force from 16 September 1975 up to and including 21 November 1984*

17. An Australian citizen of full capacity, who whilst outside Australia, by some voluntary and formal act, other than marriage, acquires the nationality or citizenship of a country other than Australia, shall thereupon cease to be an Australian citizen.

### **Text of Section 17**

*As in force from 26 January 1949 up to and including 15 September 1975*

17. An Australian citizen of full capacity, who whilst outside Australia and New Guinea, by some voluntary and formal act, other than marriage, acquires the nationality or citizenship of a country other than Australia, shall thereupon cease to be an Australian citizen.

*NB: From 26 January 1949 up to and including 31 May 1974, "full capacity" meant age 21. From 1 June 1974 up to and including 21 November 1984, "full capacity" meant age 18.*