

Table 3: Right to pass citizenship to a spouse

Country	Citizenship by marriage	Res. period (if any)*	Marriage period (if any)	Country	Citizenship by marriage	Res. period (if any)*	Marriage period (if any)
Algeria	=	2 yrs	3 yrs	Libya	m		
Angola	=		5 yrs	Madagascar	m		
Benin	m		aut.	Malawi	m		
Botswana	-			Mali	=		aut.
Burkina Faso	=		aut.	Mauritania	m		aut.
Burundi	m		aut.	Mauritius	=	4 yrs	
Cameroon	m			Morocco	m	5 yrs	
Cape Verde	=			Mozambique	=		5 yrs
CAR	m		aut.	Namibia	=	2 yrs	
Chad	=			Niger	m		
Comoros	m		aut.	Nigeria	m		
Congo Rep.	m	5 yrs		Rwanda	=		3 yrs
Côte d'Ivoire	m+w		m: 2 yrs	SADR	n/a		
DRC	=		7 yrs	STP	=		
Djibouti	=		10 yrs†	Senegal	m		aut.
Egypt	m		2 yrs	Seychelles	=		
Eq. Guinea	m		aut.	Sierra Leone	m		
Eritrea	=	3 yrs		Somalia	m		aut.
Ethiopia	=	1 yr	2 yrs	South Africa	=	2 yrs	
Gabon	=		3 yrs	Sudan	m	2 yrs	
Gambia	=	7 yrs		Swaziland	m		
Ghana	=			Tanzania	m		
Guinea	m		aut.	Togo	m		aut.
G-Bissau	=	1 yr	3 yrs	Tunisia	m	2 yrs	
Kenya	m			Uganda	=		5 yrs
Lesotho	m			Zambia	-		
Liberia	-			Zimbabwe	m		

Notes

n/a Not available

* If residence period noted then residence is after marriage

= Equal rights for men and women to pass citizenship

m Only men are permitted to pass citizenship to their spouses

m+w men and women can both pass citizenship, but not on equal terms

aut. Spouse acquires citizenship automatically, without further procedures (unless chooses to refuse)

- No additional rights in case of marriage (except in some cases reduction of residence period for naturalisation, as noted in Table 5)

† 5 yrs if there are children from the marriage

NB. There is some simplification of complex provisions