



## Information for Egyptian dual nationals

Citizens holding two passports, one issued by Egypt and the other one by another country, who are coming to Egypt for an extended stay, might encounter bureaucratic complications by entering and leaving Egypt, depending on whether they use their Egyptian or their other passport upon entry and exit.

**The government of Egypt considers all children with Egyptian fathers to be Egyptian citizens.** Swiss, who are married to Egyptians, do not need the permission of their spouses for leaving Egypt as long as they are in possession of a valid Egyptian visa. For renewing a visa, or for leaving the country after a visa has expired, a Swiss woman, who is married to an Egyptian, has to obtain proof of the husband's consent.

### A) Entry with an Egyptian Passport

- no entry or exit visa is required
- the individuals have to comply with any obligations with regard to military service

#### Consular assistance

Persons with dual nationality, travelling to Egypt on their Egyptian passports, are normally treated as Egyptian citizens. Swiss consular assistance to those persons is extremely limited.

### B) Entry / Departure with a Swiss Passport (or other non-Egyptian Passports)

Entry with a Swiss passport does not make the dual nationality eligible for temporary residence status and does not release the holder from the obligation to pay customs duty. The Egyptian Government considers this person during his/her stay in Egypt as an Egyptian resident.

- Usually a visa for a stay in Egypt for up to six months is given upon entry at Cairo Airport.
- In case the visa is only valid for one month = check with the *Mogamma Office* for visa extension when and if required.

Immigration officials may require an approval from the father of the child for the departure from Egypt.

### C) Dual nationals in military age

Male dual nationals in military age, who have not completed their military service, are not required to enlist in the armed forces. However, before they can leave Egypt, they must obtain an *exemption certificate* through the Ministry of Defense Draft Office. Persons, who might be affected, can request information at an Egyptian consular office abroad before traveling to Egypt.

### D) Extension of visa when leaving Egypt with the plan to return

Before leaving Egypt, for a trip with the plan to return, it is necessary to apply at least ten days prior to the planned departure for an extension of the visa through the *Mogamma Office*. A check of travel documents, passport status and residence validity, at least two weeks prior to the departure from Egypt, is recommended.

### E) Residing in Egypt for an extended period (more than 6 months)

A proof of Egyptian citizenship, such as a family I.D. card, is required.

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