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CITIZENSHIP

1. Present laws on Citizenship.

The only law regulating matters of Citizenship is the Citizenship Act, 1980 (Act 8 of 1980).

2. No. of people affected.

At the moment the affected number of people is 686,843 who are inside Venda.

3. Residence of Citizens

(a) Inside Venda = 686,843 as at January 1992.

(b) Outside Venda = 64668 as at March 1985

4. What are the requirements for the citizens to become S.A. Citizens?

The requirements are provided in the RSA Restoration of S.A. Citizenship Act, 1986 (Act 73 of 1986) which are as follows:-

4.1. Citizens born in RSA before Independence,

4.2. Children of these citizens born subsequent to the date of Independence,

4.3. Children born outside RSA after Independence and took permanent residence in RSA before 1/7/86. By descent they qualify to be RSA citizens.

5. Laws governing Elections in Venda.

In Venda elections are governed by the following Acts:-

5.1. Electoral Act, 1983 (Act 18 of 1983)

5.2. Electoral Amendment Act, 1988 (Act 6 of 1988).

6. Do other ethnic groups stay in Venda?

6.1 The answer is yes and the following ethnic groups are found in Venda i.e.

(a) Shangaan 13850

(b) N/Sotho 13408

(c) Zulu 629

(d) Xhosa 261

(e) Swazi 74

(f) S/Sotho 697

(g) Tswana 446

7. Conditions attached to their being citizens if any?

7.1. In order for other ethnic groups to become citizens of Venda, they must have stayed lawfully in Venda for a

period of 5 yrs, they must apply for permanent residence permits irrespective of whether they resided in Venda for a period of five yrs.

8. No. of other people affected by Venda Citizenship viz: Indians, coloured etc.
 - 8.1. At the moment the number of affected people may be summarised as follows:

(a)	Asians	162
(b)	Coloureds	152
(c)	Other blacks	137
9. How many people have had their S.A. citizenship restored in terms of the 1986 Act? (Act 73 of 1986)
 - 9.1. As at December 1988, 100 people have had their S.A. citizenship restored in terms of the 1986 Act.