



## CITIZENSHIP/NATIONALITY OF STATE OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA – 6<sup>TH</sup> REGION

### Terms & Conditions of Citizenship

You must read these Terms and Conditions carefully before applying for a Digital CitizenCard . These terms and conditions are derived from the **Law of Nationality and Citizenship, adopted by the SOAD Parliament on January 22, 2022.**

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

In these Terms and Conditions, unless the context requires otherwise:

**“Applicant”** means a person applying for a Digital CitizenCard to be issued in their name and for their use.

**“Application”** means the application made by the Applicant for a Digital CitizenCard .

**“eCard”** means a Digital CitizenCard proof of identity and age eCard.

**“SOAD”** means State of the African Diaspora.

**“The SOAD Secretariat”** means SOAD Secretariat, which issues the Digital CitizenCard identity.

**“Wallet”** means a digital wallet to receive digital currency.

**“Data”** means data pertaining to an Applicant or data pertaining to a Referee.

**“Fraud”** includes any fraud, dishonesty and deceit and in particular includes but is not limited to:

- knowingly supplying incorrect information to Us;
- knowingly enabling a Referee to supply incorrect information to Us;
- purporting to act as the Applicant or Referee;



**“Lawful Holder”** means the person to whom the eCard is issued, in other words the successful Applicant.

**“Misconduct”** includes:

- failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions;
- attempting to obtain a Digital CitizenCard by fraud;
- misusing a Digital CitizenCard ;
- misconduct in dealing with our Staff;

**“Supporting Document”** means a document confirming the Applicant's name and date of birth such as a passport, photo driving licence, Government-issued ID Card, Birth Certificate, Government Medical Card

**“We/Us/Our”** means SOAD Secretariat, the issuer of the Digital CitizenCard identity and proof of age eCard scheme.

**“You/Your”** means the Applicant/Applicant's.

**“Referee”** means the person who has verified Your Application and who has countersigned Your Application, Your photograph and, if required, a copy of Your original Supporting Document or who has confirmed such information electronically.

## **2. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

These Terms and Conditions set out the contractual relationship between Us and You.

## **3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STATE OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA MULTI CARD E-ID?**

The SOAD Multicard e-ID has three different functions :

- **A Symbolical Function** : When you are a citizen of the SOAD, of the 6th Region of the African Union, the ID is of great symbolic significance of your belonging to a worldwide African community connecting you to its past, to its present and to its future and unifying African peoples as a whole.
- **A Political Function** : When you are a citizen, you may be a Sovereign Citizen of the State of the African Diaspora (SOAD), and the ID gives you



the right to vote for the Members of Parliament of the State of the African Diaspora .

- **A Social and Economic Function** : When you are a citizen of SOAD of the 6th Region of the African Union, the Multi E-ID gives you priority access to the State of the African Diaspora social and economic benefits, these include discounts from our product partners, discounts in tuition at the SOAD University, and in future repatriation initiatives, access to and participate in our Smart City projects etc. and also the Chamber of Commerce to do business/connect not only to Africa but also in Latin/South America, Caribbean and Asia etc. This what makes the SOAD e-ID Card a Multicard

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A DIGITAL CITIZENCARD

4.1. Based on the **Code of Nationality and Citizenship of SOAD**, the ID of SOAD is accessible to :

- A) Any Person of African Descent of any age, who resides outside of Africa.
- B) Any Person of any age who resides in Africa, and has an African citizenship,
- C) Any Person of any age, who is the spouse, or the partner of the child of a citizen of the State of African Diaspora, regardless of their origin,
- D) Any Person who, without having a genealogical link with Africa, intends to establish investment and/or, in the future, links with Africa and the Diaspora,
- E) Personalities who, through their career and actions, have greatly contributed to the development of Africa, the Diaspora, or the State of the African Diaspora (honorary citizenship).

Each situation will be carefully reviewed and assessed by our Administration for qualifying eligibility.

4.2. A person below the age of sixteen (16) must obtain the consent of a parent or legal guardian with whom they are ordinarily resident.

#### 5. HOW TO APPLY

5.1. To apply for a Digital CitizenCard, you must apply online (make an e-application) in 2 ways, either :



- (1) apply at <https://thestateofafricandiaspora.com/citizenship/> or
- (2) Download the SOAD App at [                      ].

5.2. In reference to Clause 4.1 above, the following will be required:

- **In the case of A) :** Complete the online form and where displayed on the form (1) affirm your African origins; (2) a copy of your birth certificate (if available); (3) recent photo of yourself; (4) copy passport or ID Card or driving licence; (5) the birth certificate of one of your parent/s and/or grandparent/s who has an African citizenship (if available) and tick on the form what was the circumstance in which you or your ancestors left Africa (through migration, deportation, or otherwise).
- **In the case of B) :** Complete the online form and upload with your (1) a copy of your birth certificate (if available); (2) a recent photo of yourself; (3) copy passport, or ID Card, or driving licence.
- **In the case of C):** Complete the online form and where displayed and requested on the form (1) affirm your family connection with a citizen of SOAD; (2) a copy of the SOAD ID of this citizen.
- **In the case of D):** Complete the online form and check the box ***“Citizenship by Investment”*** and upload with; (1) a copy of your passport, or your ID Card or driving licence; (2) a recent photo of yourself and email [soadadmin@thestateoftheafricandiaspora.com](mailto:soadadmin@thestateoftheafricandiaspora.com) explaining why you are interested in becoming a Citizen of the SOAD, 6th Region of Africa, and your projects or investment proposals (Please note: there is a separate fixed fee applicable for the eCard for ‘Citizenship by Investment’).
- **In the case of E) :** Complete the online form and upload with; (1)) a copy of your passport with your ID Card or driving licence; (3) recent photo of yourself and email [soadadmin@thestateofthestateofafricandiaspora.com](mailto:soadadmin@thestateofthestateofafricandiaspora.com). Though people who are eligible for the Honorary Citizenship, are usually identified by the Leadership of SOAD, they may also decide to put themselves forward through this procedure.

5.4. We undertake checks of the information supplied online and via Application form in compliance with certain standards unless all requirements have been met.



- 5.5. Submission of your Application does not necessarily imply approval, therefore, if your Application is not approved, a Digital CitizenCard will not be issued. In this circumstance a refund of the cost of the Application will be returned.
- 5.6. If Your Application is approved, we will issue you with a Digital CitizenCard. By accepting the eCard you agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of its use as amended from time to time. This is in addition to your acceptance of Terms and Conditions on Application.
- 5.7. Any changes to your name, postal address, telephone numbers or email address must be notified by email to [soadadmin@thestateofafricandiaspora.com](mailto:soadadmin@thestateofafricandiaspora.com).

## **6. PAYMENT**

- 6.1. Payment covers the cost of processing and verifying the application for a Digital CitizenCard. As soon as an application is submitted, costs are incurred in processing the information supplied. If an applicant wishes to cancel their application at any time they may do so, however, 50% of the cost of the eCard will **not** be refunded.
- 6.2. The application process does not begin until full payment and all required documentation is received.
- 6.3. Application processing may take up to 28 days.
- 6.4. The cost of the Digital CitizenCard including administration is UK £ 105; US\$ 139 or EUR 123 (depending on prevailing exchange rate for UK £ 105). If you wish to receive a physical Digital CitizenCard, an extra cost will be applied, please email your request to [soadadmin@thestateofafricandiaspora.com](mailto:soadadmin@thestateofafricandiaspora.com)
- 6.5. The validity of the Digital Digital CitizenCard is two (2) years. The cost of renewal is UK £70 or US\$93 or EUR 82. (depending on prevailing exchange rate for UK £ 70).
- 6.6. If you ordered a physical Digital CitizenCard and it is lost or stolen the cost to replace including postage is UK £70 or US\$ 93 or EUR 82 (depending on prevailing exchange rate for UK £ 70).
- 6.7. If the applicant is below the age of sixteen (16) their parent or legal guardian, is responsible for making payment in full at the time of applying.
- 6.8. If full payment is not received the application will not be processed. Cash cannot be accepted.

## **7. DELIVERY**



- 7.1 All Digital CitizenCards are issued via the SOAD App and a notification is also emailed to the address provided at the time of application. Digital issuance may take up to 3 weeks depending on volume of applicants. For the physical Digital CitizenCard to be produced an allowance of 3-4 weeks for production will be required at an extra cost.
- 7.2 All delivery costs are borne by the Applicant or the Referee, if under the age of 16. The physical Digital ID Card will be sent by DHL, FEDEX, UPS or some other secure authorised carrier to ensure safe delivery of your physical CitizenCard.
- 7.3 SOAD Secretariat assumes no responsibility for non-delivery of the ID Card once the proof of collection by the courier company has been issued to us. All queries for non-delivery must be directed at the carrier of which whose details would be provided to the Applicant.

## **8. PARENTAL CONSENT**

- 8.1. If the Applicant is below the age of sixteen (16) a parent or legal guardian with whom the Applicant is ordinarily resident must consent to the application providing their full name, signature and ID.

## **9. PHOTOGRAPHS**

- 9.1. The Applicant must upload a passport-quality colour photograph.
- 9.2. The photographs must be an image of the Applicant's head and shoulders (2 x 2 inches square (51mm x 51mm). The background must be white and the Applicant's face must be completely visible. Headwear cannot be worn other than for religious reasons.
- 9.3. The Applicant's face must display a neutral expression devoid of a smile or grimace.
- 9.4. Applications received that are not in colour and of passport-quality will be rejected.
- 9.5. If you take a mobile selfie, all the criteria listed at 9.1 to 9.4 will apply. Should the selfie not meet this criteria, your application will be rejected.



## **10. USE OF ECARD**

- 10.1. The Digital CitizenCard may only be used by the lawful holder of the eCard who is the Applicant. The eCard may not be lent, sold or given to any other person under any circumstances.
- 10.2. The eCard may only be used, by the lawful holder, for the purpose of proving identity that he/she is a Citizen of the State of the African Diaspora which in order to access goods and/or services, projects and initiatives advertised and initiated by the State of the African Diaspora.
- 10.3. The Digital or physical CitizenCard does not allow you access into another country or be used as a visa or ID to travel to any country in Africa or in the Diaspora. Should the ID in future be accepted by any country, separate notification will be given in writing.
- 10.4. No guarantee can be given that a particular premise, authority or institution, or individual working at that premise, authority or institution, will acknowledge and/or accept the SOAD Digital or physical CitizenCard as valid ID or proof of age.
- 10.5. SOAD Secretariat is in no way liable for non-acceptance of the Digital or physical CitizenCard under any circumstances outside of the 2 institutions above at 10.2. A lawful holder of an eCard must therefore satisfy themselves that a particular premise or institution at which they intend to show or use their eCard may acknowledge and accept the eCard as valid ID and/or proof of age.
- 10.6. Under no circumstances will SOAD Secretariat entertain requests for refunded payments in instances where a eCard is refused as ID by any institution in their country of residence or elsewhere. Payments to SOAD Secretariat are made to cover the cost of the Application Processing, Validation and Production of the ECard.
- 10.7. Digital CitizenCards expire after 2 years from the date of issue. ECardholders can also renew their existing Digital CitizenCard if their name has changed legally since their previous Digital CitizenCard was issued. Please note that if eCardholder's name was changed legally, a copy of change of name deed or marriage certificate or Gender Recognition Certificate must be included with the Renewal application. The cost of the Digital ID renewal is free.

## **11. VARIATION OF THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

We reserve the right at all times to make changes to these Terms and Conditions from time to time. Applicants, Referees, Parents/Legal Guardians or Lawful





Holders who do not accept the amendments may return the eCard to us, if issued, and/or request that data applicable to them is removed from our records in compliance with the policies stipulated under GDPR and the Privacy Policy.

## **12. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

- 12.1. We will not be liable for any Loss resulting from the failure of an Application to result in a eCard being issued. If an Application is refused on the basis of fraudulent identification or information provided, a refund will not be issued.
- 12.1. We will not be liable for any Loss resulting from the failure of an Application not being granted. If an Application is refused, we reserve the right to withhold the reasons as to why it was refused. In such instances, a full refund of the cost of the eCard will be issued.
- 12.2. We will not be liable for any Loss if, by reason of any local or regulatory prohibitions or restrictions whereby we are unable to process an Application or issue an eCard.
- 12.3. Our liability for negligence, breach of contract, regulatory concerns of the country of the applicant or any other matter concerned with its issuance, is limited to reimbursement of the cost of the Digital CitizenCard only.

## **13. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- 13.1. We aim to reply to emails within 10 working days.
- 13.2. If you have queries about these Terms and Conditions, or any other matter related to Digital CitizenCard , please email [soadadmin@thestateofafricandiaspora.com](mailto:soadadmin@thestateofafricandiaspora.com)

## **14. LAW**

- 14.1. Any provision of these Terms and Conditions declared void or unenforceable by any competent authority or court shall, to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability, be deemed severable and shall not affect the other provisions remaining, which shall continue unaffected.

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