



## Centre Granted Citizenship Under CAA

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The **Union Government** has granted citizenship certificates to over 300 people who applied under the **Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019**.

- The **Citizenship Amendment Rules, 2024**, were notified by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, that paved the way for the implementation of the **CAA** after 4 years since its passage by **Parliament** in December 2019.
- The CAA provides citizenship to **undocumented migrants** from **6 non-Muslim communities** (Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, or Christian) from **3 neighboring countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan)**, who entered India on or before **31st December 2014**.
  - It also reduced the period to qualify for citizenship from existing **11 years to 5 years**.
  - The Act states that such minorities "**shall not be treated as illegal migrants**" and will be **exempted from punishable sections** under **Section 3 of the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920** and the **Foreigners Act, 1946**.
  - The insertion of **Section 6B** allows such migrants to obtain citizenship through **registration and naturalisation**.
    - **Section 6B** (introduced by the CAA of 2019 to the **Citizenship Act of 1955**) outlines a specific process for acquiring Indian citizenship by naturalisation for migrants from 3 neighbouring countries mentioned.

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# What the rules state

Centre has implemented CAA, 4yrs after the law was passed, as it notified rules ahead of expected announcement of LS polls

## THE 39-PAGE NOTIFICATION... of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024

### ...STATES THAT AN APPLICANT WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT

- Form VIII A, with affidavits verifying statements and character of applicant
- Declaration that they have adequate knowledge of a language specified in 8th schedule of Constitution
- Supporting papers like a passport, or identity document to show someone in lineage was a citizen of one of the three countries

### APPLICANT MUST ALSO PROVE

- 1 They entered India before December 31, 2014
- 2 The applicant or either of his parents was a citizen of Independent India

### WHAT IS THE 2019 ACT?

CAA made people from Hindu, Sikh, Jain Buddhist, Christian and Parsi faiths who entered India from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan eligible for citizenship

**Read More:** [Citizenship Amendment Act: Unpacked, Centre Notifies Rules for CAA Implementation, Citizenship \(Amendment\) Act, 2019](#)

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