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People who possessed citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania prior to June 15, 1940 and their children and grandchildren who had not acquired citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania prior to coming into effect of the Republic of Lithuania Law on Citizenship (2002) have an open-ended right to restore citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania regardless of whether they are permanent residents the Republic of Lithuania or any another state. The person can prove the fact that they have the right to restore the citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania by submitting documents certifying the possession of citizenship prior to June 15, 1940 and leaving Lithuania prior to March 11, 1990. With certain exceptions (see below) a person who wants to restore the citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania has to renounce any other citizenships of other states already in possession.

If a person is not yet sure whether they want to make use of their right to restore citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania or to acquire it under a simplified procedure, they may apply to a territorial police office, and if they reside abroad - to a diplomatic mission of the Republic of Lithuania to issue them a certificate attesting to their Lithuanian descent or the right to restore citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania. Possessing such certificates will facilitate the process of restoring and granting citizenship. Besides, people of Lithuanian descent and people who have the right to restore citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania and have the documents certifying this are issued temporary or permanent residence permits in Lithuania easier. [Read more.](#)

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