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## Meaning:

- The term '**Citizenship**' is derived from the word **city**.
- Literally Citizen means **Resident of a city**.
- In Political Science. citizen means **resident of a state** other than a foreigner.
- Thus, citizenship means the **membership of the state**.

# Definitions

- "He who has the power to take part in the deliberative or judicial administration is the citizen of the state".- **Aristotle**
- There existed **restricted citizenship** in ancient Greece.
- The modern basis of Citizenship is **allegiance to the state** where one lives and enjoys political rights.
- "A citizen is a permanent member of a state who is engaged with it in a legal relationship of rights and duties".- **Daniel Wit**

Obligation and Duties

Allegiance

**Individual**

**State**

Protection

Rights and Privileges

**Two way Relationship**



In Short,

**A citizen is the one who owes allegiance to the state where he permanently resides, enjoys protection and rights granted by it and makes an intelligent contribution to the public good.**

# Citizen and subjects

- Both are members of the state but **citizens alone enjoy political rights**, the minors, criminals, etc are subjects of the State but do not enjoy any Political Rights.
- **The term subjects used to mean the ruled under monarchy.**

# Citizens and Aliens

## Citizens

- 1 Permanent Resident.
- 2 Enjoy Political Rights.
3. Owes allegiance to the State.
4. Cannot be driven out of the State.
5. A State need not keep a watch over its citizens.
- 6 A citizen is protected at home and abroad.

## Aliens

- 1 Temporary Resident.
- 2 No Political Rights.
- 3 Does not owe allegiance to the State of temporary residence.
- 4 Asked to leave the country for illegal activities and expiration of visa etc.
- 5 State must observe their conduct always.
- 6 Receives protection of the state till he resides here.



# Double Citizenship

- **Means two phased citizenship.**
- It prevails in a federal state like USA.
- Citizen of the federation and citizen of the particular unit/state in the federation.
- In USA citizenship of the federation is primary whereas in Swiss citizenship of the unit primary.
- In India we have single citizenship.



# Methods of acquiring Citizenship

There are two kinds of citizenships-

- 1. **Natural Citizenship** and
- 2. **Naturalized Citizenship.**
- Natural citizenship is determined on the basis of birth or descent.
- Naturalized citizenship on the basis of grant or conferment.

# Methods of acquiring citizenship

- **1 Marriage:** a woman becomes a naturalised citizen of her husband's country.
- **2. Domicile:** a fixed period of residence in a foreign country may entitle a person to become a naturalised citizen.
- **3. Job:** A person appointed in the service of a foreign state may be granted the citizenship of that state.
- **4. Property:** acquiring property in a foreign state may be granted citizenship of that state.
- **5. Application:** by application also citizenship may be availed

# Methods of loosing citizenship

- 1. **Marriage**: a woman marrying a foreigner may loose her citizenship of the mother state.
- 2. **Absence**: long absence from the mother country may cause loosing one's citizenship.
- 3. **Foreign job**: accepting a job in a foreign country may cause in loosing one's citizenship at home.
- 4. **Property**: acquiring property in a foreign country can cause loss of citizenship at home.
- 5. **Expatriation**: by resigning one's citizenship at home and accepting the citizenship of another state.
- 6. **Military** desertion, accepting foreign title, treason against the state, etc.

# Importance of citizenship

Its importance in a democratic state are as follows-

- 1. Political participation.
- 2. Enjoyment of rights.
- 3. Provides an identity and a sense of belongingness to the individual and helps to promote his interests.
- 4. Preserves the concept of Nation-state.
- 5. Promotes the progress of the nation and it promotes the feeling of nationalism and patriotism and increases the national power and progress of the nation.