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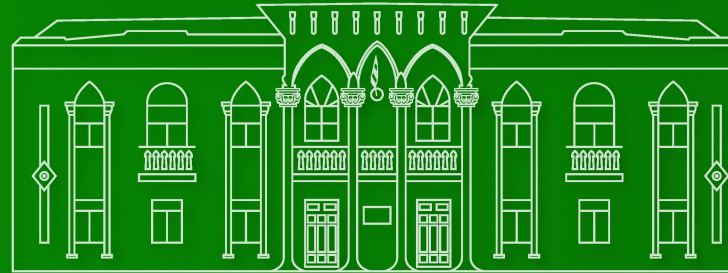
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REPATRIANT'S HANDBOOK

The State Committee for Repatriation of the Republic of Abkhazia is the central body of state administration of the Republic of Abkhazia, which carries out the functions of developing and implementing state policy in the field of repatriation.

The main tasks of the State Committee for Repatriation are:

- Campaign to return Abkhaz (Abaza) to their historical homeland;
- Strengthen ties between Republic of Abkhazia and the Abkhaz (Abaza) diaspora;
- Generate mechanisms for social and economic adaptation of;
- Promote the protection and implementation of the legal rights of repatriants, etc.

Who is a repatriant

Ethnic Abkhaz (Abaza), direct descendants of refugees who left the historical territory as a result of the Russian-Caucasian and Russian-Turkish wars and other events of the 19th century, who received the right to return to The Republic of Abkhazia, in the manner prescribed by the Constitutional Law are recognized as Repatriants

Required documents for obtaining the repatriant status:

- Application for obtaining the repatriant status;
- Copy of Abkhaz passport;
- Copy of birth certificate.
- 2 personal photographs with dimensions 30x40 mm

NOTE!

Repatriant status is valid for **5** years from the date of its acquisition.

Each repatriant has the right to obtain citizenship and Abkhazian passport with his historical Abkhaz (Abaza) family name. To get help in obtaining an internal passport, you should contact the Registration Department of the State Committee of the Republic of Abkhazia:

- original and copy of birth certificate;
- 4 personal photographs with dimensions 40x60 mm
- original and the copy of the national passport;
- A written document submitted by the cultural center of the Abkhaz community in the country of residence, confirming the Abkhaz (Abaza) ethnicity of the person. All documents must be executed in Abkhazian or Russian languages. If the original of the document is drawn up in any third language, an officially certified translation in Abkhaz or Russian is attached to the copy of the document. For help in translating documents, a repatriant can contact the International Department of the State Committee for Repatriation of the Republic of Abkhazia.

Support for repatriants

The State Committee for Repatriation of Abkhazia provides the following comprehensive assistance to compatriots in the presence of a repatriant status:

- social and economic adaptation;
- creation of conditions for living;
- free training in the Abkhaz language;
- payment (one-time or regular) of social assistance funds (after consideration of the application by the commission);
- ensuring access to free medical care;
- The State Committee pays 50% of the total amount of tuition fees for repatriants in the universities (ASU, SOI, SPP ASU).

To receive the above assistance, a repatriant should contact the social adaptation department of the State Committee for Repatriation of the Republic of Abkhazia.

In the organizational and legal department of the Repatriation Committee, the compatriot is provided with the following assistance:

- legal advice;
- in assistance in the protection and implementation of legal rights.

Accommodation

The most common way to solve the housing problem in Abkhazia is to provide housing on the balance of the Repatriation Fund and rent an apartment or house.

The committee assists:

- for rent of rented housing (after consideration of the application by the commission);
- to receive social housing (owned by the state).

To enroll repatriants in need of housing, the following documents are required:

- certificate of the repatriate;
- application form of a repatriant + a free-form application addressed to the chairman of the repatriation committee;
- a photocopy of the passport of all family members;
- birth / marriage certificate;
- certificate of registration;
- certificate of ownership (issued by the Ministry of Justice at the address: Zvanba str., 9).

Documents are accepted in the housing department of the State Committee for Repatriation of the Republic of Abkhazia. Also, in this department, documents for temporary registration on the territory of Abkhazia are processed (if you have the status of a repatriant).

Military service

- All citizens of the Republic of Abkhazia over 18 years old are liable for military service. Repatriants have a deferral from military service for up to two years.

Traffic Laws

- The international driving license of the repatriant must be translated into the state language;
- The repatriant is not exempted from paying fines for violation of traffic rules.