Following government approval of proposed policy changes and legislative developments relating to international protection and citizenship, the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration stated that as of 8 December 2025 people granted international protection must generally have 5 years of reckonable residence in the State before they can apply for citizenship.

Applications received before 8 December 2025 will continue to be processed under the previous 3-year rule, while applications submitted from 8 December 2025 onwards will be assessed in line with the new 5-year residency requirement.

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