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Burkina Faso: Whether a woman who is a citizen of Burkina Faso would lose her Burkinan citizenship if she acquires French citizenship and, if that is the case, whether she could reclaim her Burkinan citizenship and under what conditions

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According to information found in the Citizenship Laws of the World database, which appears on the United States Office of Personnel Management Investigations Service Website, "dual Citizenship is not prohibited by law" in Burkina Faso (United States Mar. 2001).

For information regarding the loss and re-instatement of Burkinan nationality, please consult the attached Chapters IV and V of the Burkinan Family and Nationality Code (*Code de la famille et de la nationalité burkinabé*).

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

#### Reference

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Google

#### Attachments

Burkina Faso. 1996. *Code de la famille et de la nationalité*. "Chapitre IV - De la perte et de la déchéance de la nationalité burkinabé." (Published by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.)

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