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Russia/Pakistan: Whether Russia allows dual citizenship with Pakistan, and whether Pakistan allows dual citizenship with Russia. Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

In 13 April 2006 correspondence, the vice-consul of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Ottawa indicated that although Russia allows its citizens to be nationals of more than one country, it does not recognize dual citizenship. According to Chapter I, Article 6, paragraph 2 of the Federal Law on Citizenship of the Russian Federation "[t]he acquisition by a Russian Federation citizen of another citizenship shall not cause termination of Russian Federation citizenship" (31 May 2002).

According to the Ministry of Interior's Citizenship and Immigration pages on the Government of Pakistan Website, Pakistan, as at 1 February 2006, had "dual nationality arrangements" with the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, United Kingdom and United States of America.

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**Oral Source:** The High Commission for Pakistan in Ottawa did not provide information within the time constraints of this Response.

**Internet site:** Diplomatic Mission of Pakistan in Canada.

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