

Ghana

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Query:

Does marriage to a citizen of Ghana automatically confer permanent resident status or citizenship upon the spouse?

Response:

Article 7, Clause 1 of the Ghanaian constitution states that a man who is married to a citizen of Ghana can become a Ghanaian citizen himself, provided that he submits an application "in the manner prescribed by Parliament" (see attachment). Clause 6 of Article 7 clarifies that Clause 1 is only applicable if the man seeking citizenship permanently resides in Ghana. An official at the Embassy of Ghana was unable to provide additional information (Embassy of Ghana 20 July 1999).

This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the RIC 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.

References:

"Constitution of the Fourth Republic of Ghana (Promulgation) Law, 1992" – as reported on UNHCR REFWORLD CD-ROM.

Embassy of the Republic of Ghana. Telephone Interview. Washington, DC. 20 July 1999.

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