



### **Important Update on Law No. 41 Reacquisition of Lebanese Citizenship**

The Law No. 41, concerning the reacquisition of the Lebanese citizenship for the descendants of the emigrants registered on the Censuses 1921-1924 (Residents & Emigrants) and 1932 (Emigrants), was ratified on November 25, 2015, with a ten-year validity period set to expire on November 25, 2025.

The Maronite Foundation had previously submitted in 2024 to the Lebanese Parliament a draft law signed by 10 Members of Parliament representing all religious communities to eliminate the ten-year limitation and make the law permanent.

Unfortunately, the General Assembly of Parliament has not convened since then, and current political circumstances indicate that it is unlikely to meet before the upcoming deadline.

Nevertheless, the Maronite Foundation wishes to reassure that, with the support of the Administration and Justice committee and its chairman, will submit a new draft law to the Parliament to preserve their right to reclaim Lebanese citizenship and remain hopeful that this proposal will be ratified during the first upcoming General Assembly session.

The Maronite Foundation strongly encourages all descendants who are interested in recovering their Lebanese citizenship to continue registering on our website: [www.maronitefoundation.org](http://www.maronitefoundation.org) to check their eligibility and preserve their right to obtain citizenship under a new law.

The Foundation seeks all its offices in the diaspora to continue receiving and processing applications for the reacquisition of Lebanese citizenship as usual. And in this context the Foundation calls on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants to issue the necessary instructions to Lebanese diplomatic missions and consulates abroad not to reject any application, and to invite citizens to use the Maronite Foundation's website until the "Lebanity" platform is back in operation ensuring that the rights of Lebanese expatriates are not disrupted.

Finally, the Maronite Foundation solemnly promises to continue working diligently and relentlessly to ensure the ratification of a new law with better and simpler conditions, in order to facilitate the process and accelerate decisions for all those entitled to reclaim their Lebanese citizenship.