

citizen. Where, however, a birth out of wedlock occurs outside of Canada, the claim to Canadian citizenship must be made through the national status of the mother. The nationality of the father is irrelevant for the purposes of Canadian law.

d. Adoption does not, by itself, affect the nationality of a child. In cases where a child of alien nationality has been adopted by Canadian citizens, the child does not thereby become a Canadian citizen. It is open to the persons adopting the child in such a case to apply to the Secretary of State of Canada for the issuance of a Certificate of Citizenship to the child under Section 11 (b) of the Act. There is no right to such a Certificate, and its issuance is at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

e. The provisions of Section 8 of the Act may be important in cases where a child has been born abroad to the non-Canadian wife of a Canadian citizen. In cases where the father has died before the birth of the child (and there may be a number of such cases