

Notes on Naturalization

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This Note examines the latest jurisprudence on naturalization of foreign citizens. With the recent rulings, the Supreme Court has adopted a rigid stance in strictly enforcing compliance with the requirements of naturalization as provided in the Constitution. Applicants applying for Filipino citizenship are not entitled to such citizenship through substantial compliance; rather, they must clearly prove that they possess the required age, residence, character, financial and language requirements for citizenship. More so, they must be shown to strictly adhere to these requirements within the period provided by law. Any slight delinquency in observing these requirements will result in a denial of such application.

Cases Noted:

- (1) Yu Lo v. Republic, 92 Phil 105 (1952).
- (2) Yu Keng v. Republic, 92 Phil. 1067 (1952).
- (3) Ong Sang v. Republic, 92 Phil 1068 (1952).
- (4) Limtao v. Republic, 92 Phil. 130 (1952).