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T-1671-96

IN THE MATTER OF THE *CITIZENSHIP ACT*,  
R.S.C. 1985, c. C-29

AND IN THE MATTER OF an appeal from the  
decision of a Citizenship Judge

AND IN THE MATTER OF

**Youssof Ahmed Abdillahi**

Appellant

**REASONS FOR ORDER**

(Delivered orally from the Bench  
at Toronto, Ontario, on March 12, 1997, as edited)

**McKEOWN J.**

This matter came for hearing before me at Toronto on March 12, 1997.

The appellant appeals the decision of the Citizenship Judge dated May 28, 1996, refusing his application for Canadian citizenship on the basis that he did not have an adequate knowledge of Canada and the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship, as required by paragraph 5(1)(e) of the *Citizenship Act* (the Act). The Citizenship Judge also declined to make a recommendation, under subsection 15(1) of the Act, requesting the Minister to exercise her discretion, under subsection 5(3), to grant citizenship on compassionate grounds or for reasons of special hardship.

The appellant was born in Somalia on July 15, 1967. He arrived in Canada in 1990 and was granted landed immigrant status on June 27, 1991. He appeared before me and answered questions which were directed by the *amicus*

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*curiae* to him. It is evident that the appellant, since appearing before the Citizenship Judge, has devoted time and effort to study and learn from the documentation provided by Citizenship Canada. He was able to answer most of the questions and he has a basic fundamental understanding of the composition of Canada and its history. The appellant was able to identify the four maritime provinces, the three prairie provinces and the two largest provinces. He was able to name the three largest cities in Canada. He was aware of the two official languages and knew the names of the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario. He correctly named the federal political parties as well as the provincial political parties. The appellant was able to identify the rights and privileges of Canadian citizenship as well as the duties and responsibilities.

I am satisfied that the appellant qualifies for citizenship and that he meets the requirements of paragraph 5(1)(e) of the Act. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed.

W. P. McKeown

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Judge

OTTAWA, ONTARIO  
April 16, 1997

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