



Home Office

## **FORM MN3**

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**IMPORTANT: Before completing this form, you should read the accompanying Guide. Fill in those parts of the form that apply to this child's application (see pages 7 - 15 in the guide) and cross out all other parts. If there is not enough space use page 11 to provide additional information.**

If you want help to complete this application form, you may wish to contact a competent adviser, for example a solicitor or agent registered with the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner see page 9 of the guide which accompanies this form for details. Or you may wish to use the Nationality Checking Service operated by a number of local authorities. Your Register Office will advise if one is operated in your area.

We recommend that you keep a copy of this application.

NOTE: Some of the information you provide on this form will be stored on a computer which is registered under the Data Protection Act.

Please ensure that you read the guide which accompanies this form. You should ensure that you understand the criteria for registering children before submitting the application. Full fees cannot be returned for applications that fail.

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS using black or blue-black ink.

Please enter all dates as dd-mm-yyyy,  
e.g. 29/04/2013

We do not need applications for children who are already British.



If someone other than the parent or legal guardian is representing the child, for example local authority, social services, agent or solicitor, or you are making the application through a consulate, please tell us their:

**1.15** Name

**1.16** Address

**1.17** Telephone Number  Postcode

**Details of the child's biological parents**

**1.18** Child's father's name

**1.19** Child's father's date of birth  D D M M Y Y Y Y

**1.20** Child's father's town and country of birth

**1.21** Child's father's address if different from child's address   
  
  
 Postcode

**1.22** Child's father's daytime telephone number and e-mail address if different from child's.

**1.23** Child's father's nationality. Please say how this was acquired, eg birth, adoption, descent, registration or naturalisation. If dead, please give date and place of death and nationality at time of death.



## Section 2: Residence

**2.1** If the child is resident in the United Kingdom or a British overseas territory, please give date and place of first arrival.

Date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

Place

**2.2** Please provide all addresses (*including the name of the country*) at which the child has lived in the last 5 years.  
(Continue on page 11 if necessary)

Address	Address
From:	From:
To:	To:
Address	Address
From:	From:
To:	To:
Address	Address
From:	From:
To:	To:

**2.3** In which country will the child live if this application is granted?







You must answer questions 3.9 – 3.15 below even if you have answered no to question 3.5. For help in answering these questions, please see the definitions in the Guide MN3.

**3.9** Has the applicant received any cautions (simple or conditional), warnings or reprimands in the UK or any other country?

Yes – go to 3.10  No – go to 3.11

**3.10** Give details for each caution (simple or conditional), warning or reprimand starting with the most recent one.

If the child has received more than two cautions (simple or conditional), warnings or reprimands, please photocopy this page and enclose it with this form.

**Details of caution (simple or conditional), warning or reprimand 1**

Date of caution, warning or reprimand

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Country where caution, warning or reprimand received

**Details of caution (simple or conditional), warning or reprimand 2**

Date of caution, warning or reprimand

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Country where caution, warning or reprimand received

You must answer questions 3.11 – 3.17 below even if you have answered no to question 3.5. For help in answering these questions, please see the definitions in the Guide MN3.

**3.11** Are the child's details recorded by the police in respect of certain sexual offences (i.e. on the "sex offenders register"), or is he or she subject to a notification order, a sexual offences prevention order, a foreign travel order, or a risk of sexual harm order (or equivalent order made in a British overseas territory or any other country)?

Yes  No

**3.12** Has the child ever been charged in any country with a criminal offence for which s/he has not yet been tried in court? (if they have been recently arrested or are subject to police enquiries, you should check and confirm whether action is outstanding that may lead to a court appearance).

Yes  No

**3.13** In times of peace or war has the child ever been involved in, or suspected of involvement in, war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide?

Yes  No

**3.14** Has the child ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?

Yes  No

**3.15** Have they ever been a member of, or given support to an organisation which has been concerned in terrorism?

Yes  No

**3.16** Has the child ever, by any means or medium, expressed views that justify or glorify terrorist violence or that may encourage others to terrorist acts or other serious criminal acts?

Yes  No

**3.17** Has the child ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that they may not be considered a person of good character (see also pages 13-14 of the guide)?

Yes

No

**3.18** If you have answered yes to question 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14, 3.15, 3.16 or 3.17 you must give further details in the space provided below. If you need more space, continue on a separate sheet and enclose it with this form.

For the purposes of answering questions 3.13 – 3.17 please refer to the Guide MN3 which provides guidance on actions which may constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or terrorist activities.

**Further information not covered in other sections**



# Section 4: Referees and Identity

Please write the child's name and date of birth on the back of a photograph of him/her. This should then be glued or pasted into the space aside.

This part of the form is to be filled in by the child's referees once the child's photograph has been affixed aside as explained above. The referees should read page 15 of the guide to confirm that they are eligible. Checks will be carried out to ensure that referees meet the requirements below and their signatures are genuine, and we may contact them as part of our enquiries.

Affix  
passport  
size photo  
See page 15  
of the guide

Name of applicant

**4.1** Each referee should know the child personally. One referee should be a professional who has engaged with the child in a professional capacity, such as a teacher, health visitor, social worker or minister of religion. The other referee must normally be the holder of a British citizen passport and either a professional person or over the age of 25, (but see also page 15 of the guide).

Referees must:

- not be a relative, solicitor or agent of the applicant;
- not be related to other referee;
- not be employed by the Home Office;
- not have been convicted of an imprisonable offence during the last 10 years (unless that conviction can be disregarded in line with the table shown on page 11 of the Guide MN3)
- have known the applicant personally;
- be willing to give full details of their knowledge of the applicant;
- advise the Home Office of any reason why the applicant should not be registered.

### 1st Referee declaration

I declare that I am qualified to act as referee.  
The photograph above is a true likeness of the applicant. I confirm each of the points in 4.1 above. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the details given on page 3 of this form are correct.

**4.2** Say how you know the applicant, and state your age and profession.

**4.3** 1st Referee full name

**4.4** ✓ Sex Male  Female

**4.5** Address

If you have been at this address for less than 3 years please list previous addresses on page 11.

**4.6** Daytime telephone number

**4.7** E-mail address

**4.8** Current British citizen passport number

I understand that I may be liable for prosecution resulting in a penalty of up to 3 months imprisonment or a fine not exceeding £5,000 or both if I knowingly or recklessly make a false declaration.

Signature of referee

Date

### 2nd Referee declaration

I declare that I am qualified to act as referee.  
The photograph above is a true likeness of the applicant. I confirm each of the points in 4.1 above. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the details given on page 3 of this form are correct.

**4.2** Say how you know the applicant, and state your age and profession.

**4.3** 2nd Referee full name

**4.4** ✓ Sex Male  Female

**4.5** Address

If you have been at this address for less than 3 years please list previous addresses on page 11.

**4.6** Daytime telephone number

**4.7** E-mail address

**4.8** Current British citizen passport number

I understand that I may be liable for prosecution resulting in a penalty of up to 3 months imprisonment or a fine not exceeding £5,000 or both if I knowingly or recklessly make a false declaration.

Signature of referee

Date

# Section 5: Consent to the Application

The consent of both parents is expected for applications made under section 27(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981

## 5.1 Father's consent

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name of father) consent to this application for the registration of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) as a British Overseas citizen.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## 5.2 Mother's consent

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name of mother) consent to this application for the registration of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) as a British Overseas citizen.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## 5.3 If only one parent has signed please say why the other parent has not signed and provide supporting documents (see page 15 of the guide)

## 5.4 Guardian's consent

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (full address in BLOCK LETTERS)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

am the guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child)

and consent to this application for their registration as a British Overseas citizen.

I am authorised to act as guardian by

either the court at \_\_\_\_\_ or

the child's father or mother WHOSE CONSENT IS ATTACHED

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

## 5.5 Child's consent where they are making an application on their own behalf

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name in BLOCK LETTERS)  
apply for registration as a British Overseas citizen and attach the consent of my father/mother/guardian to this application

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 6: Declaration

**WARNING:** To give false information on this form knowingly or recklessly is a criminal offence punishable with up to 3 months imprisonment or by a fine not exceeding £5,000 or both.  
(Section 46(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981, as amended).

**6.1** I, (*full name in BLOCK LETTERS*)

declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this application is correct. I know of no reason why the child should not be registered as a British Overseas citizen. I promise to inform the Home Secretary in writing of any change in circumstances which may affect the accuracy of the information given whilst this application is being considered by the Home Office. I understand that information given by me will be treated in confidence, but may be submitted for checking against records held by other Government departments, the Security Service and other agencies, local authorities and the police, where it is necessary for immigration or nationality purposes, or to enable these bodies to carry out their functions.

I understand that I may be liable for prosecution if I have knowingly or recklessly provided false or incomplete information.

I authorise the HM Revenue & Customs to provide the UK Border Agency with any information relevant to this application, and with any information needed to check the information I have provided. I understand that any information provided to the HM Revenue & Customs in connection with this application may be used by them for the purpose of their statutory functions.

**6.2** ✓ I confirm that I have read and understood the guide MN3

**6.3** ✓ I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate registration fee

**6.4** ✓ I understand that if I withdraw my application, or it is refused, only part of the fee will be returned to me.

**6.5** ✓ I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate documents

**6.6** ✓ I understand that a certificate of citizenship may be withdrawn if it is found to have been obtained by fraud, false representation or concealment of any material fact, or if someone registered as a British Overseas citizen goes on to engage in conduct which is seriously prejudicial to the public good.

**6.7** ✓ [For parents applying for British Overseas citizenship at the same time as their child] I still want my child to be registered as a British Overseas citizen even if my own application is refused.

**6.8** Please sign below once you are satisfied you have completed the form correctly. Fees are not fully refundable for applications that fail. You are recommended to read the guide, particularly the section on how to qualify.

**Signature**

**Date**