Form EM

Application for registration as a British citizen under British Nationality (Hong Kong) Act 1997

The Home Office will use the personal information you provide to consider your application. We may also share your information with other public and private sector organisations in the UK and overseas. For more detail please see the Privacy Notice for the Border, Immigration and Citizenship system at www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship. This also sets out your rights under the Data Protection Act 2018 and explains how you can access your personal information and complain if you have concerns about how we are using it.
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Before completing this form, you should read the accompanying guide. Fill in the parts of the form which apply to your application (see Guide EM) and cross out all other parts. If there is not enough space for your answer, use a separate sheet of paper. Write clearly in block capitals using black pen.

Some of the information you provide in this form will be stored on a computer which is registered under the Data Protection Act 1984.

Section 1: Personal Information

1.1 Title:

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other ☐

1.2 Surname/Family name:

1.3 All other names:

1.4 Name at birth if different from above:

1.5 Any other names by which you are or have been known:

1.6 Chinese commercial code (if any):

1.7 Date of birth: D D M M Y Y Y Y

1.8 Village or town or city of birth:

1.9 Country of birth:
Contact details

1.10 Present address (You must give us any change of address in writing while we are considering this application):


Postcode:

1.11 Daytime/Mobile telephone number:


1.12 Hong Kong permanent identity card number:


1.13 Email address:


1.14 For validation purposes, write your e-mail address again in the box below:


If someone is representing you, that is an agent or solicitor, tell us their details:

1.15 Name:


1.16 Address:


Postcode:

1.17 Telephone number:


If you have completed 1.15 and the address is that of your immigration advisor, give their Office of the Immigration Services Commission (OISC) number:


1.18 Current marital status (tick one box only):

Single/never married

Married or a civil partner

Unmarried partner

Divorced or civil partnership dissolved

Legally separated

Widowed or a surviving civil partner
If married, complete below:

1.19  Spouse’s full name before marriage:

1.20  Spouse’s present address:

Postcode:

1.21  Spouse’s date of birth:  

1.22  Spouse’s place and country of birth:

1.23  Spouse’s nationality:

Your nationality

1.24  What form of British nationality do you currently hold? (Tick one or more boxes):

British protected person

British national (overseas)

British overseas citizen

British subject

1.25  What form of British nationality did you hold on 3 February 1997? (Tick one or more boxes):

British dependent territories citizen

British overseas citizen

British protected person

British national (overseas)

British subject

1.26  If you were a British dependent territories citizen on 30 June 1997, or if you are a British overseas citizen, British subject or British protected person, how did you acquire this nationality? (tick one box; the options shown are explained in paragraph 17 of the guide):

Birth

Ancestry

Registration/Naturalisation

Adoption
1.27 If you acquired the above nationality by registration or naturalisation, complete below:

Number of certificate: 

Date of issue: D D M M Y Y Y Y

Place of issue: 

1.28 Have you held or do you hold any other nationality?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

1.29 If “yes”, give the following details:

Other nationality: 

Date acquired: D D M M Y Y Y Y

How acquired:

Birth [ ] Ancestry [ ] Naturalisation [ ] Other [ ]

If lost, date lost: D D M M Y Y Y Y

How was it lost?
Details of your residence in Hong Kong

1.30 Have you in the last 10 years been outside Hong Kong (other than on holiday or business trips lasting up to a month)?

Yes ☐  No ☐

1.31 If you have answered “yes” to the last question, state below the dates between which you were absent from Hong Kong, the country or countries visited and the reasons for each of the visits. Continue on a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.

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1.32 Were you ordinarily resident in Hong Kong on 3 February 1997?

Yes ☐  No ☐

1.33 If you have answered “yes” to the last question, state below the dates between 1987 and 1997 when you were absent from Hong Kong, the country or countries visited and the reasons for each of the visits. Continue on a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.

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See Guide EM for details of the evidence you must provide.
Your father’s details

1.34 Your father’s full name:

1.35 Your father’s date of birth:   D D M M Y Y Y Y

1.36 Your father’s place and country of birth:

1.37 Your father’s nationality (if more than one, list all):

Your father’s residence (only complete the rest of this section if you are under 18 years of age. If over 18 go to 1.43.)

1.38 Your father’s present address:

Postcode:

1.39 Has he in the last 10 years been outside Hong Kong (other than on holiday or business trips lasting up to a month)?

Yes    No

1.40 If you have answered “yes” to the last question, state below the dates between which he was absent from Hong Kong, the country or countries visited and the reasons for each of the visits. Continue on a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.

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1.41 Was your father ordinarily resident in Hong Kong on 3 February 1997?

Yes ☐ No ☐

1.42 If you have answered “yes” to the last question, state below the dates between 1987 and 1997 when he was absent from Hong Kong, the country or countries visited and the reasons for each of the visits. Continue on a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.

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Your mother’s details

1.43 Your mother’s full name (before marriage):

1.44 Your mother’s date of birth: DDMMYYY

1.45 Your mother’s place and country of birth:

1.46 Your mother’s nationality (if more than one, list all):

Your mother’s residence (only complete the rest of this section if you are under 18 years of age. If over 18 go to Section 2.)

1.47 Your mother’s present address:

Postcode:
1.48 Has she in the last 10 years been outside Hong Kong (other than on holiday or business trips lasting up to a month)?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

1.49 If you have answered “yes” to the last question, state below the dates between which she was absent from Hong Kong, the country or countries visited and the reasons for each of the visits. Continue on a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.

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1.50 Was your mother ordinarily resident in Hong Kong on 3 February 1997?

1.51 If you have answered “yes” to the last question, state below the dates between 1987 and 1997 when she was absent from Hong Kong, the country or countries visited and the reasons for each of the visits. Continue on a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.

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Section 2: Biometric enrolment

In accordance with British Nationality (General) (Amendment) (2) Regulations 2014 anyone applying for naturalisation or registration as a British citizen must register their biometric information. For more information about registering your biometric information, see the accompanying guidance notes, which you must read before completing this form.

If you have a current grant of leave on a biometric residence permit (BRP), you must provide your BRP for the application to be valid and complete.

2.1 Have you been issued with a BRP with a previous application for leave?
Yes [ ] No [ ] go to question 2.14

Give details of your BRP. For the application to be valid and complete, your current BRP must be provided, unless it is not available for one of the reasons specified on the application form.

2.2 BRP number: ____________________________

2.3 Issue date: DDMMYYYY

2.4 Expiry date: DDMMYYYY

2.5 Place of issue: ____________________________

2.6 Nationality: ____________________________

2.7 Is your BRP enclosed with your application?
Yes [ ] No [ ]

If no, tick one of the following reasons:

Returned to Home Office [ ] go to question 2.8

Lost [ ] go to question 2.9

Stolen [ ] go to question 2.10

Other [ ] go to question 2.13

2.8 If the required BRP has been returned to the Home Office, give details of the reason it was sent to us:

Date it was sent to us: DDMMYYYY

2.9 If the BRP was lost give the date this was reported to the Home Office card management service:

DDMMYYYY
2.10 If the biometric resident permit was stolen, give the police report number, crime reference number, the police station and the date reported to the police.

Police report number: 

Crime reference number: 

Police station: 

Date reported to the Police: D D M M Y Y Y Y

2.11 Do you want the Home Office to retain your BRP?

Yes ☐ I confirm that I do not require evidence of my immigration status. Should I subsequently require evidence of my status, I will need to apply for a replacement BRP at my expense.

No ☐ I confirm that if granted British citizenship I must return the BRP to the Home Office within 5 days of receiving the grant of citizenship and if I fail to do so I may receive a financial penalty of up to £1,000.

2.12 If the required biometric residence permit (BRP) is not enclosed give details why you are unable to provide it:

If you do not submit your BRP with this application, you must return it to the Home Office no later than 5 days from the date you attended your citizenship ceremony or the date you were issued with a certificate of naturalisation, so that it can be securely destroyed. Details of how to return your BRP can be found at [www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/report-problem](http://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/report-problem)

If you fail to return your BRP, or notify the department of the reasons for not being able to do so, you may receive a financial penalty of up to £1,000.

If you need to travel to and from the UK after being granted British citizenship you must apply for a British passport or for a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode to be placed in your foreign passport. Guidance on applying for a British passport can be found on Gov.UK. Following a grant of citizenship your BRP will be cancelled which means it will not be accepted as evidence that you are entitled to reside in the UK. You will not be able to use your BRP when travelling to re-enter the UK.

2.13 If the required BRP is not enclosed for any other reason give details why you are unable to provide it:
2.14 Have you had your fingerprints taken as part of a previous UK immigration application made in the UK or abroad?
Yes ☐ go to question 2.15 No ☐ go to question 2.18

2.15 Date your fingerprints were last taken: D D M M Y Y Y Y

2.16 Give details where your fingerprints were taken, including the town or city and country:

2.17 Give details of the British diplomatic post(s) involved if the application(s) was or were made abroad:

2.18 Do you have a medical or physical condition which may require special arrangements for your biometric features to be recorded?
Yes ☐ provide us with a letter from a doctor registered with the appropriate governing body giving details of the condition and/or special needs and explaining any arrangements that may be necessary.
No ☐

2.19 Declaration

As required by British Nationality Regulations 2014, I confirm that I wish to register my biometric information.

Signature

Date D D M M Y Y Y Y
Section 3: Good character requirement

In this section you need to give information which will help the Home Secretary to decide whether they can be satisfied that you are of good character. Checks will be made with the police and possibly other government departments, the security service and other agencies.

Personal History (criminal convictions, war crimes, etc.)

This section asks about any criminal convictions, any civil judgments or civil penalties made against you and details of any involvement you may have had in war crimes, genocide, crimes against humanity or terrorism. If you fail to answer all of these questions as fully and accurately as possible, your application may be refused.

It is an offence under Section 46(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981 to make a statement or representation which is known to be false or is not believed to be true. Information given will be checked with other agencies.

3.1 Have you been convicted of any criminal offence in the UK or any other country?

[ ] Yes go to question 3.2  [ ] No go to question 3.3

3.2 Give details below for each criminal conviction, starting with the most recent one. If you have received more than 2 convictions photocopy this page and enclose it with this form.

**Note:** We will carry out criminal record checks on all applicants. You must give details of all criminal convictions. This includes road traffic offences (including all drink driving offences).

Fixed penalty notices (such as speeding or parking tickets) do not form part of a person’s criminal record and will generally not be considered in the caseworker’s assessment of character unless the person either:

- failed to pay and there were criminal proceedings as a result
- received 3 or more fixed penalty notices at any level
- in the past 3 years received 2 or more fixed penalty notices, at least one of which was at the upper levels (fine of £200 or more)

You must give details of any fixed penalty notices received.

**Criminal conviction 1**

Country where convicted:

Nature of offence:

Sentence given:

Date sentenced:  

If you were sentenced to a period of imprisonment, what was the length of the prison sentence (in months)?  

[ ] months
Criminal conviction 2

Country where convicted:

Nature of offence:

Sentence given:

Date sentenced:   D D M M Y Y Y Y

If you were sentenced to a period of imprisonment, what was the length of the prison sentence (in months)?   months

3.3 Do you have any civil judgments against you or any civil penalty under the UK Immigration Acts?

Yes   go to question 3.4  
No   go to question 3.5

3.4 Give details for each civil judgment or any civil penalty under the UK immigration acts, starting with the most recent one.

If you have received more than 2 civil judgments and/or civil penalties under the UK immigration acts, photocopy this page and enclose it with this form.

Details of judgment or civil penalty 1:

Date of judgment or civil penalty:   D D M M Y Y Y Y

Country where judgment was made:

Details of judgment or civil penalty 2:

Date of judgment or civil penalty:   D D M M Y Y Y Y

Country where judgment made:

You must answer questions 3.5 to 3.14 below even if you have answered no to question 3.1. For help in answering these questions, see the definitions in Guide EM.

3.5 Have you received any cautions (simple or conditional), warnings or reprimands in the UK or any other country?

Yes   Give details below  
No   go to question 3.7
3.6 Give details for each caution (simple or conditional), warning or reprimand starting with the most recent one.

If you have received more than 2 cautions (simple or conditional), warnings or reprimands, 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 |
| Country where caution, warning or reprimand received: |

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

| Date of caution, warning or reprimand: | D D M M Y Y Y Y |
| Country where caution, warning or reprimand received: |

You must answer questions 3.7 to 3.14 below even if you have answered no to question 3.6. For help in answering these questions, see the definitions in Guide EM.

3.7 Are your details recorded by the police in respect of certain sexual offences (for example on the “sex offenders register”), or are you 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 [ ]

3.8 Have you ever been charged in any country with a criminal offence for which you have not yet been tried in court?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

3.9 In times of peace or war have you ever been involved in, or suspected of involvement in, war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

3.10 Have you ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

3.11 Have you ever been a member of, or given support to an organisation which has been concerned in terrorism?

Yes [ ] No [ ]
3.12 Have you 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  ☐

3.13 Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered a person of good character?

Yes  ☐  No  ☐

3.14 Have you ever been declared bankrupt?

Yes  ☐  No  ☐

3.15 If you have answered yes to question 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, or 3.14 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 3.7 to 3.14 refer to Guide EM which provides guidance on actions which may constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or terrorist activities.
Section 4: Declaration

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 promise to inform the UKVI in writing of any change in circumstances which may affect the accuracy of the information given while this application is being considered by them.

I have read and understood the Guide EM (tick this box) 

I have read and understood the fees leaflet and have enclosed the appropriate registration fee (tick this box) 

If application is being made on behalf of a person under 18 years of age, state your relationship with the applicant.

If you are not a parent of the applicant, state the nature of your responsibility for the applicant and how this responsibility was assumed. 

Warning: To give false information on this form knowingly or recklessly is a criminal offence under the British Nationality Act 1981.

Signature 

Date  

D D M M Y Y Y Y