

Form AN

Application for naturalisation as a British citizen

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 Guide AN as well as the Booklet AN. Fill in those parts of the form that apply to your application. If there is not enough space for your answer, use page 22 to provide additional information.

If you want help to complete your 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 6 of the Guide AN 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 completed copy of this application.

Ensure that you read the Guide AN and the Booklet AN. You should ensure that you understand the criteria for naturalisation before submitting your application. Full fees cannot be returned for applications that fail.

Write in block capitals using black ink. Please enter all dates as dd-mm-yyyy, for example 21/09/2017.

Each individual applying for naturalisation must complete a separate application form. Therefore husbands, wives and civil partners wishing to naturalise, must complete separate forms. Family applications should include separate forms for each child, either an AN Form where the child is now an adult or an MN1 Form for a minor. **We do not need applications for adults or minors who are already British.**

Before making your application, you may wish to check whether you are eligible to apply under the Windrush Scheme. If you are covered by the scheme you should not apply for British citizenship on this form. For more information, and to access the Windrush Scheme application form, see www.gov.uk/government/publications/undocumented-commonwealth-citizens-resident-in-the-uk

If you are acting as responsible adult for someone who is not of sound mind and unable to make and understand their own application (see page 11 of the Booklet AN), you must take full responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided and sign the declaration on behalf of the applicant. This includes liability in law.

1. Personal Information

1.1 Give any reference numbers used in your immigration applications:

1.2 Current passport/travel document number:

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1.3 Date you were given indefinite leave to enter/remain, including indefinite leave to remain granted under the EU Settlement Scheme (referred to as “settled status”), and where you wish to use this to support your application. (This is not necessary if you are a Commonwealth citizen with right of abode in the United Kingdom). If you are an EEA national, a Swiss national or a family member of an EEA national or Swiss national, and you wish to use a permanent residence document to support your application you should read page 9 of the Booklet AN and complete section 2.4. If you are an Irish national you do not need to complete this section.

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1.4 Title - please select:

Mr

Mrs

Miss

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Other (state)

1.5 State your name as it appears on your passport:

Surname/family name:

Other names:

You must provide evidence of this name, such as a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or deed poll. It is your responsibility to ensure that the information you provide is correct. Any suspicion of deception will be investigated.

We will not normally issue a certificate of registration or naturalisation in the name that is different from a person’s official documents. A British passport will not be issued in a different name from the one in a person’s foreign passport or travel document.

If you do not have a passport, state the name used on your official documents (Home Office travel document, national identity card, biometric residence permit).

1.6 If the name stated above is not the name you use for all purposes, state:

The surname/family name that you use:

Other names used:

The reason why this is different from the name on your passport or other official documents:

I am aware that the name used on my Naturalisation certificate is different to the name in my foreign passport. I must change my name in my foreign passport, before applying to Her Majesty’s Passport Office, for a British passport.

Knowledge of language/life in the UK

1.22 How do you intend to satisfy the requirement to have sufficient knowledge of language and life in the UK? See pages 12 to 16 in the accompanying Booklet AN.

I have passed the Life in the UK test and attach confirmation:

The test number is:

And either

I have a speaking and listening qualification in English at B1 CEFR or higher, that is on the Home Office's list of recognised tests and was taken at an approved test centre (go to question 1.23).

Or

I have obtained an academic qualification (Bachelor's or Master's degree or PhD) in the United Kingdom.

Or

I have obtained an original degree certificate that was taught or researched in a majority English speaking country and:

- an Academic Qualification Level Statement (AQUALS) from UK NARIC confirming the qualification is equivalent to a UK qualification

Or

an original degree certificate that was taught or researched in a non-majority English speaking country and both:

- an Academic Qualification Level Statement (AQUALS) from UK NARIC confirming the qualification is equivalent to a UK qualification
- English Language Proficiency Statement (ELPS) from UK NARIC showing that the degree was taught in English

Or

I met the knowledge of language and life requirement to qualify for settlement on or after 28th October 2013.

Or

I am a national of a majority English speaking country. (You must check the list of acceptable countries that are considered "a majority English speaking country", to meet this requirement).

Or

I wish to claim exemption on the basis of my age.

Or

I wish to claim an exemption on the basis of a physical and/or mental condition (applying on this basis may not automatically lead to exemption. You should provide reasons on page 22. Your application may fail and the fee retained if sufficient reasons for exemption are not provided).

Further guidance about the knowledge of language and life in the UK requirement can be found in the Guide and Booklet AN that accompanies this form. Additional information can also be found on our website.

1.50 Employment history in UK during past 10 years, or since date of entry if you have been here for less than 10 years (continue on page 22 and use additional sheets if needed).

From	To	Occupation	Employer Name	Employer address

2.3 Tell us in which country you intend to have your main home if you are naturalised:

If this country is outside the United Kingdom and i) you are not married to or the civil partner of a British citizen and ii) you intend to enter into or continue Crown service, service in an international organisation or employment with a company or association established in the United Kingdom, include a letter of explanation.

EEA or Swiss nationals with permanent residence

2.4 If you are an EEA or Swiss national or the family member of an EEA or Swiss national and wish to use a permanent residence card to support your application, please complete the following section.

If you have been granted indefinite leave to remain under the EU Settlement Scheme you do not need to complete this section – make sure you have completed section 1.3 and then move on to section 3.

Are you an EEA or Swiss national or the family member of an EEA or Swiss national?

State the number of your Permanent Residence card and the date of issue:

Card number Date of issue

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If you are not an EEA or Swiss national (see page 9 of the 'Booklet AN'), go to section 3.

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 judgements 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.

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 not be considered in the caseworker's assessment of character unless either:

- the person has failed to pay and there were criminal proceedings as a result
- the person has received numerous fixed penalty notices

Criminal conviction 1

Country where convicted:

Nature of offence:

Sentence given:

Date sentenced:

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

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Criminal conviction 2

Country where convicted:

Nature of offence:

Sentence given:

Date sentenced:

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

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3.3 Do you have any civil judgements 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 judgements and/or civil penalties under the UK Immigrations Acts, photocopy this page and enclose it with this form.

Details of judgment or civil penalty 1:

Date of judgment or civil penalty:

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Country where judgment was made:

Details of judgment or civil penalty 2:

Date of judgment or civil penalty:

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Country where judgment made:

You must answer questions 3.5 to 3.10 below even if you have answered no to question 3.1. For help in answering these questions, see the definitions in the Booklet AN.

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:

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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 3.7 to 3.13 below even if you have answered no to question 3.5. For help in answering these questions, see the definitions in the Booklet AN.

3.7 Are your details recorded by the police in respect of certain sexual offences (i.e 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 3.13 please refer to the Booklet AN which provides guidance on actions which may constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or terrorist activities.

4. Crown Service

4.1 Complete this section if your application is based on your Crown service, or your husband's, wife's or civil partner's Crown service, or specially designated service.

If not, please go to section 5.

Serving members of the Armed Forces will not automatically qualify under the Crown service provision. (see Booklet AN page 17).

Please tick

Your Crown service? Were you recruited In the United Kingdom? Yes No

Your husband's/wife's/civil partner's Crown service or specially designated service? Were you recruited In the United Kingdom? Yes No

Description of relevant service	Branch/regiment etc. where serving	Length of Crown or other service (dates)	Staff/service or personal ID Number

5. Referees and Identity

Write your name and date of birth on the back of a photograph of yourself. This should then be glued into the space aside.

This part of the form is to be filled in by your referees once your photograph has been affixed aside as explained above. Your referees should read page 10 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.



Name of applicant:

5.1 One referee should be a person of any nationality who has professional standing, such as a minister of religion, civil servant, or a member of a professional body such as an accountant or solicitor (who is not representing you with this application). The other referee must normally be the holder of a British citizen passport and either a professional person or over the age of 25.

Both should declare that:

- they are not a relative, solicitor or agent of the applicant
- they are not employed by the Home Office
- they have not been convicted of an imprisonable offence (unless that conviction can be disregarded in line with the table shown on page 13 of the Booklet AN)
- they have known the applicant personally for more than 3 years
- they are willing to give full details of their knowledge of the applicant
- they will advise the Home Office of any reason why the applicant should not be naturalised

1st Referee declaration

I declare that I am qualified to act as a referee. The photograph above is a true likeness of the applicant. I confirm each of the points in 5.1 above. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the details given on page 3 of this form are correct.

5.2 Say how you know the applicant, and state your age and profession:

5.3 Date of birth:

5.4 1st referee full name:

5.5 Sex: Male Female

Further information not covered in other sections

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying most of the page. It is intended for providing additional information not covered in other sections of the form.

6. Biometric enrolment

In accordance with British Nationality (General) (Amendment) (2) Regulations 2015 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.

6.1 Have you been issued with a BRP with a previous application for leave?

Yes go to question 6.2

No go to question 6.16

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 below.

6.2 BRP number:

6.3 Issue date:

6.4 Expiry date:

6.5 Place of issue:

6.6 Nationality:

6.7 BRP enclosed? Yes go to 6.11 No

If not enclosed then state the location of biometric residence permit:

Returned to Home Office go to question 6.8

Lost go to question 6.9

Stolen go to question 6.10

Other go to question 6.12

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 in Guide AN and at 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 may not be accepted as evidence that you are entitled to reside in the UK.

6.13 Date your fingerprints were taken:

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

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

6.16 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 General Medical Council (GMC) giving details of the condition and/or special needs and explaining any arrangements that may be necessary.

No

6.17 Declaration

As required by British Nationality (General) (Amendment) (2) Regulations 2015, I confirm that I wish to register my biometric information.

Signature

Date

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7. 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 £5000 or both.

(Section 46(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981, as amended).

By submitting this application, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- the information in the application is correct and complete
- the information in the supporting documents is correct
- the photograph is an accurate likeness

I understand that the data I have given can be used as set out in the privacy policy. 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.

I consent to organisations, including financial institutions, providing information to the Home Office when requested in relation to this application.

I understand that if false information is given the application can be refused and I may be prosecuted, and, if I am the applicant, I may be banned from the UK.

7.1 I confirm that either:

I am the applicant.

I am submitting the form on behalf of the applicant. I have discussed with them and confirmed that the contents of the application are correct and complete and that they understand that their data can be used as set out in the privacy policy and that they consent to organisations providing information to the Home Office in relation to this application.

7.2 If you are submitting the form on behalf of the applicant, in what capacity are you representing the applicant?

Immigration adviser or legal representative

Other (provide information):

Special circumstances – which requirements do you think you fail to meet and what are the special circumstances? If you do not meet the statutory requirements to become a British citizen are there any special circumstances why you think the Home Secretary should still grant your application? Continue on page 22 if necessary.

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 AN and Booklet AN, particularly those sections on how to qualify and the residence requirements.

Applicant's signature

Date

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Representative's signature (if applicable)

Date

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Supporting Documents

Your application cannot be considered without certain evidence. You must provide documents to cover each of the sections shown below that are relevant to your application, and tick to indicate the type of evidence you have enclosed. If you are concerned about submitting your original documents then you may wish to consider using the Nationality Checking Service described on page 3 of the Guide. We reserve the right to call for documents to satisfy ourselves as to their authenticity. Providing forged or fraudulent documents may result in prosecution leading to fines, imprisonment and deportation.

SECTION 1 Evidence of identity: required for all applications, either:

- *your passport
- *National identity card
- *Home Office travel document
- *Home Office entitlement card
- *Home Office ARC letter
- Home Office Biometric Residence Permit
- your birth certificate
- *your driving licence

*if you used one of these documents when you took the Knowledge of Life in the UK test you will be expected to use it again by enclosing it with your naturalisation application.

If the name you are currently using is different from the name on your passport or travel document you must send evidence of the change of name.

SECTION 2 Evidence of knowledge of Language and of Life in the UK: required for all applicants:

- letter confirming success in the Life in the UK Test, stamped and signed by the Test Supervisor and either;
 - certificate showing that you have a speaking and listening qualification in English at B1 CEFR or higher, or an equivalent level qualification - if you took a test on or after 6 April 2015, write the number of your qualification at section 1.25 on page 7
 - certificate showing that you have obtained an academic qualification deemed by UK NARIC to meet the recognised standard of a Bachelor's or Master's degree or PhD in the United Kingdom and (i) UK NARIC has confirmed that the qualification was taught or researched in English or (ii) the qualification was taught or researched in the UK or a majority English speaking country (other than Canada)
- if you are awaiting graduation or no longer have your certificate and cannot get a new one you must send either:

- an original academic reference from the institution awarding the academic qualification that is on official letter headed paper and shows your name and the title of the award - the letter should also explain when the academic qualification was, or will be awarded; and state either the date that the certificate will be issued (if you have not yet graduated) or confirms that the institution is unable to reissue the original certificate of award
 - an original academic transcript that is on official letter headed paper and shows your name, the name of the academic institution, the course title and provides confirmation of the award
- your passport showing that you are a national of a majority English speaking country
 - a letter from a medical practitioner to show that you should be exempt on the grounds of poor physical and/or mental health
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SECTION 3 Evidence of lawful residence during the 5 (or, if the applicant is married or in civil partnership to a British citizen, 3) years before the date of the application: required for applications made on the basis of residence in the United Kingdom: required for all applicants, either:

- your passports
 - letters from employers, educational establishments or other Government Departments indicating presence in UK
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SECTION 4 Evidence of permanent residence for applicants from Switzerland or the European Economic Area or their non-EEA direct family members (see page 9 of the Booklet AN), who wish to use permanent residence to support their application. (You do not need to provide this if you have been granted indefinite leave to remain, including under the EU Settlement Scheme - see SECTION 5.)

both of the following:

- your valid passport or valid EEA national identity card as evidence of your nationality
- a permanent residence card issued by UKVI

Further information on how to apply for a permanent residence card and the current fee, can be found on the Gov.uk website, at this link:

www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/eu-eea-commonwealth

SECTION 5 Evidence of freedom from immigration time restrictions: required for all applicants except those covered by SECTION 4 above, either:

- your passport showing permission to remain permanently in the UK
 - the Home Office letter by which you were given permission to remain permanently in the UK
 - if you came to the UK as an asylum seeker you should have evidence of appeal applications
 - evidence of being freely landed
 - if you are an Irish national you must provide your Irish passport
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SECTION 6 Evidence of marriage for applications made on the basis of marriage or civil partnership to a British citizen, both:

- your spouse's or civil partner's current passport or naturalisation/registration certificate showing that he/she is a British citizen - if you are making your application by post, you can send a complete and full copy of your spouse's or civil partner's current passport (every page of the passport must be copied including any blank pages)
 - the marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate
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SECTION 7 Evidence of tax for self-employed applicants only

- the most recent HM Revenue & Customs Self Assessment Statement of Account
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SECTION 8 Evidence of Crown service for applications made on the basis of marriage to or civil partnership with a British citizen in Crown or designated service

- a letter from the relevant employer confirming date and place of recruitment, position held, and the extent to which it would be in the employer's interests for the application to be granted
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SECTION 9 Joint applications

- marriage or civil partnership certificate
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SECTION 10 Evidence of National Insurance contributions covering the relevant period:

- payslips
- P60's
- letter or letters from your employer or employers confirming you have worked in their employment including start and finish dates