Form MN4
Application for registration of a child under 18 as a British subject

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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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 to 15 in the guide) and cross out all other parts. If there is not enough space, please use the ‘Further information not covered in other sections’ page.

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).

We recommend that you keep a copy of this application.

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 ink. Please enter all dates as dd-mm-yyyy, for example, 29/04/2013

We do not need applications for children who are already British.
Section 1 - Personal information

1.1 Give any reference numbers used in your immigration applications

1.2 Title - please select:

- Mr
- Mrs
- Miss
- Ms
- Other (please state)

1.3 Surname/Family name (Note: The name you give here will be the name shown on the child’s certificate so please ensure it is spelt correctly and you have written it in the correct order):

1.4 Other names (If different from the name shown on the child’s passport/birth certificate, please explain why on final page of the form):

1.5 If the child is or has ever been known by any name or names apart from those mentioned above, please give details here:

1.6 The date and reason for the change of name (marriage, adoption, change of name by deed poll):

1.7 Current nationality:

1.8 National Insurance number (if any):

1.9 Date of birth: D D M M Y Y Y Y

1.10 Village or town or city of birth:

1.11 Country of birth:
1.12 Sex: (Please tick appropriate box)  Male ☐  Female ☐

1.13 What is child’s current marital status? (Please tick one box only)
- Married ☐
- Civil partnership dissolved ☐
- In a civil partnership ☐
- Legally separated ☐
- Divorced ☐
- Widowed ☐
- Single/never married ☐

1.14 Current address (You must give us any change of address in writing while we are considering this application).

[Address lines]

Postcode:

1.15 Daytime/Mobile telephone number:

1.16 Evening telephone number:

1.17 Email address:

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

1.19 Name

1.20 Address

[Address lines]

Postcode:

1.21 Telephone number:
Details of the child’s biological parents.

1.22 Child’s father’s name:

1.23 Child’s father’s date of birth: D D M M Y Y Y Y

1.24 Child’s father’s town and country of birth:

1.25 Child’s father’s address if different from child’s address:

Postcode:

1.26 Child’s father’s contact telephone number and email address (if different from child’s):

1.27 Child’s father’s nationality. Please say how and when this was acquired, for example, birth, adoption, descent, registration or naturalisation. If dead, please give date and place of death and nationality at time of death:

1.28 Child’s mother’s full name and maiden name:

1.29 Child’s mother’s date of birth: D D M M Y Y Y Y

1.30 Child’s mother’s town and country of birth:
1.31 Child’s mother’s address if different from child’s address:

Postcode:

1.32 Child’s mother’s contact telephone number and email address (if different from child’s):

1.33 Child’s mother’s nationality. Please say how this was acquired, for example, birth, adoption, descent, registration or naturalisation. If dead, please give date and place of death and nationality at time of death:

1.34 Date of parents’ marriage or civil partnership (if applicable): D D M M Y Y Y Y

If the child is married, in civil partnership or living with someone as if married or in civil partnership, please provide details of their partner.

1.35 Full name (before marriage/civil partnership) of partner:

1.36 Name at birth:

1.37 Partner’s date of birth: D D M M Y Y Y Y

1.38 Partner’s village, town or city and country of birth:

1.39 Partner’s nationality:

1.40 Partner’s current address:

Postcode:
1.41 Date and place of marriage/civil partnership (if applicable):

1.42 Date and place of legal separation (if applicable):
Section 2 - Residence requirements

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

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Please provide all addresses (including the name of the country) at which the child has lived in the last 5 years.

Continue on Further Information page if necessary.

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In which country will the child live if this application is granted?
Section 3 - Good character requirement

This section applies to the child applicant if they are aged 10 and over. 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.

3.1 Child’s occupation/job if any? Enter ‘student’ if the child is in full time education or part time education and they are not employed:

3.2 Name of employer or school or college:

3.3 Address of employer or school or college:

Postcode:

3.4 Address of tax office or tax office reference (if applicable):

Postcode:

Personal history (criminal convictions, war crimes)

This section asks about any criminal convictions, any civil judgements or civil penalties made against the applicant and details of any involvement the applicant 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, the 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.

3.5 Has the applicant been convicted of any criminal offence in the UK or any other country?

Yes ☐ go to question 3.6

No ☐ go to question 3.7
3.6 Please give details below for each criminal conviction, starting with the most recent one. If the applicant has received more than 2 convictions please 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 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  **DDMMYYYY**

If the applicant was 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  **DDMMYYYY**

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

  months
3.7 Does the applicant have any civil judgements against him/her or any civil penalty under the UK Immigration Acts?

Yes ☐ go to question 3.8  No ☐ go to question 3.9

3.8 Give details for each civil judgment or any civil penalty under the UK immigration acts, starting with the most recent one.
If the applicant has received more than 2 civil judgements and/or civil penalties under the UK Immigration Acts, please photocopy this page and enclose it with this form.

**Details of judgment or civil penalty 1**

[Blank field for details]

Date of judgment or civil penalty  

[Blank field for date]

Country where judgment was made  

[Blank field for country]

**Details of judgment or civil penalty 2**

[Blank field for details]

Date of judgment or civil penalty  

[Blank field for date]

Country where judgment made  

[Blank field for country]

You must answer questions 3.9 to 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 MN4.

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 question 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 2 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: DDMMYYY

Country where caution, warning or reprimand received:

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

Date of caution, warning or reprimand: DDMMYYY

Country where caution, warning or reprimand received:

You must answer questions 3.11 to 3.17 below even if your have answered no to question 3.5. For help in answering these questions, please see the definitions in the guide MN4.

3.11 Are the child’s details recorded by the police in respect of certain sexual offences (for example, on the ‘sex offenders register’), or are they 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 they have 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 Good character section 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 to 3.17 please refer to the guide MN4 which provides guidance on actions which may constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or terrorist activities.
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.

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 the 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 MN4)

• 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 a 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 child and state either your age or your profession:

4.3 Date of birth: D D M M Y Y Y Y
4.4 1st referee full name:

4.5 Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

4.6 Address:

Postcode:

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

4.7 Daytime telephone number:

4.8 Email address:

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

4.9 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 £5000 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 a 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.

4.10 Say how you know the applicant, and state either your age or your profession:
4.11 Date of birth: D D M M Y Y Y Y

4.12 2nd referee full name:

4.13 Sex: Male □ Female □

4.14 Address:

Postcode:

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

4.15 Daytime telephone number:

4.16 Email address:

For validation purposes, please write your email address again in the box below.

Email address:

4.17 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 £5000 or both, if I knowingly or recklessly make a false declaration.

Signature of referee: Date:

D D M M Y Y Y Y
Section 5 - Consent to the application

The consent of both parents is expected for applications made under section 32 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 subject.

Signed

5.2 Mother’s consent

I, [Name of Mother] consent to this application for the registration of [Name of Child] as a British subject.

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]

Postcode:

[Grid]
am the guardian of [name of child] and consent to this application for their registration as a British subject. 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

[ ] (name) apply for registration as a British subject 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 £5000 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 subject. 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 Visas and Immigration 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 MN4

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 subject goes on to engage in conduct which is seriously prejudicial to the public good.

6.7 [For parents applying for British subject status at the same time as their child] I still want my child to be registered as a British subject 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

D D M M Y Y Y Y