



Home Office

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 - www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-to-register-as-british-citizen-form-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):

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1.7 Date of birth:

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1.8 Village or town or city of birth:

1.9 Country of birth:

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.

Date left Hong Kong	Date returned to Hong Kong	Country visited	Reason or reasons

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.

Date left Hong Kong	Date returned to Hong Kong	Country visited	Reason or reasons

See Guide EM (www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-to-register-as-british-citizen-form-em) for details of the evidence you must provide.

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.

Date left Hong Kong	Date returned to Hong Kong	Country visited	Reason or reasons

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.

Date left Hong Kong	Date returned to Hong Kong	Country visited	Reason or reasons

See Guide EM for details of the evidence you must provide.

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 (www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-to-register-as-british-citizen-form-em), which you must read before completing this form.

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.

2.1 Have you had your fingerprints taken as part of a previous UK immigration application made in the UK or abroad?

Yes go to question 2.2

No go to question 2.5

2.2 Date your fingerprints were last taken:

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

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2.4 Give details of the British diplomatic posts involved if the application or applications was or were made abroad:

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2.5 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

2.6 Declaration

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

Signature

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Date

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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 and war crimes)

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:

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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:

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:

Country where judgment was made:

Details of judgment or civil penalty 2:

Date of judgment or civil penalty:

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:

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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 3.14 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

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