



Home Office

BOTC (M)

Application to become a British Overseas Territories citizen (BOTC) and British citizen by a person born before 1983 to a British mother

To be used by people in the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and British Overseas Territories, and by people who live elsewhere and want to apply by post.

Use this form if you are applying on or after 29 January 2025.

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.

January 2025

Application for registration as a British Overseas Territories citizen and British citizen by a person whose mother was British and whose parents were not married

Important: Before completing this form, you should read the accompanying [Guide BOTC \(M\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/registration-as-british-if-your-mother-had-connection-to-a-british-overseas-territory) (www.gov.uk/government/publications/registration-as-british-if-your-mother-had-connection-to-a-british-overseas-territory). Fill in those parts of the form that apply to your application. If there is not enough space for your answer, use a separate sheet of paper 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 immigration adviser registered with the Immigration Advice Authority (IAA).

We recommend that you keep a copy of this application.

You should ensure that you understand the criteria for registration for BOTC (M) before submitting your application. Fees cannot be returned for applications that fail. Please write in block capitals using black or blue ink. Please enter all dates as dd/mm/yyyy, for example, 21/04/2024.

1.17 Provide your addresses for the past 5 years (continue on a separate sheet and enclose it with your application if necessary).

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1.26 Your mother's maiden name:

1.27 Your mother's town and country of birth:

1.28 Your mother's nationality:

1.29 Your mother's date of birth:

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State how your mother acquired British Overseas Territories Citizenship, for example from birth, naturalisation or registration:

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If this was by registration or naturalisation, give the certificate number:

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1.30 Your father's full name:

1.31 Your father's town and country of birth:

1.32 Your father's nationality:

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1.33 Your father's date of birth:

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Details of your mother's parents if relevant (see Guide BOTC (M)):

1.34 Your grandfather's full name:

1.35 Your grandfather's town and country of birth:

2. Referees and identity

Please write your name and date of birth on the back of a photograph of yourself. This should then be glued or pasted 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 the Referees and identity section of the [Nationality forms guide \(www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationality-forms-guide\)](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationality-forms-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 Guide BOTC (M) for information

Name of applicant:

2.1 One referee should be a person of any nationality who has professional standing, for example, 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 a 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 in the last 10 years
- 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 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 2.1 above. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the personal details of the applicant given on this form are correct.

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

1st referee full name:

2.3 Sex: Male Female

3. Biometric enrolment

In accordance with British Nationality (General) Regulations 2003 anyone applying for naturalisation or registration as a British citizen must register their biometric information. For more information about registering your biometric information, please see the accompanying [guidance notes](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/registration-as-british-if-your-mother-had-connection-to-a-british-overseas-territory) (www.gov.uk/government/publications/registration-as-british-if-your-mother-had-connection-to-a-british-overseas-territory), which you must read before completing this form.

3.1 Have you had your fingerprints taken as part of a previous BOTC or UK immigration application made in the UK, an overseas territory or abroad?

No go to question 3.2

Yes continue below

Please give the details specified below in each case. If you need more space, continue on a separate sheet and enclose it with this application form.

The name in which your fingerprints were taken	Date on which they were taken (dd/mm/yyyy)	Place at which they were taken, including the town, city and country	British diplomatic post if they were taken abroad

3.2 Do you have a medical or physical condition which may require special arrangements for your biometrics to be recorded?

No go to question 3.3

Yes please 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.

Applicants under the age of 16

3.3 Are you under the age of 16 years?

No go to question 3.4

Yes continue below

Give details of the person who will be accompanying you when you attend your biometric information registration appointment:

Name of responsible adult:

4. Declaration by applicant

Read this section carefully before inserting your name clearly in box 4.1 and ticking each box at 4.2 – 4.6 to confirm the points raised.

If you meet the requirements described in the Guide BOTC (M), please sign and date the form in box 4.7. You are advised to read this guide carefully to ensure that you do satisfy all the requirements.

You must normally sign the form yourself. If you cannot sign the form, you must make a mark or a fingerprint and ask one of your referees to sign saying that it is your mark or fingerprint. If the applicant is not of sound mind and you are acting on their behalf, you should sign to indicate your responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the information provided. You must support this by explaining, in a covering letter, who you are and why the applicant cannot act on their own behalf. Confirmation from the applicant's medical practitioner or consultant should also be provided.

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).

4.1 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 I should not be granted British citizenship or British Overseas Territories citizenship. I promise to inform the relevant Governor and/or the Home Office in writing of any change in circumstances which may affect the accuracy of the information given whilst this application is being considered. 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 and Customs to provide the Home Office with 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 and Customs in connection with this application may be used by them for the purpose of their statutory functions.

4.2 I agree that the relevant body may disclose personal information obtained as part of their statutory function

4.3 I confirm that I have read and understood the Guide BOTC (M) on registration as a British citizen

4.4 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate fee and payment slip

4.5 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate documents

4.6 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 on the basis of my conduct the Governor or Home Secretary consider it to be conducive to the public good.

4.7 Please sign below once you are satisfied that you have completed the form correctly. Your application will not be valid if you do not enclose the correct fee. Fees are not refundable for applications that fail. You are recommended to read the Guide BOTC (M), particularly those sections on how to qualify.

Signature

Date

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