



Home Office

Form S3

Application for registration as:

- a British citizen, or
- a British Overseas citizen

by or on behalf of a stateless person born in the UK or an overseas territory on or after 1 January 1983

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.

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.

Important: Before completing this form, you should read the accompanying [guide](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-s-guidance) (www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-s-guidance). If there is not enough space for your answers, 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 agent registered with the Immigration Advice Authority (IAA) - see page 3 of the [guide](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationality-forms-guide) (www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationality-forms-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 registration before submitting your application. Full fees cannot be returned for applicants that fail or withdraw their application.

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS using black or blue-black ink. Please enter all dates as dd-mm-yyyy, for example, 29/04/2024.

Section 2 - Residence requirements

2.1 Date and place of first arrival in the United Kingdom or the British Overseas territories.

Date:

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Place:

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2.2 Please give details of all absences from the United Kingdom or the British Overseas Territories during the last 3 years. Failure to complete this will result in delay to your application. If necessary, please continue on a separate sheet of paper.

Country visited	Reason, for example, holiday, business, visiting relative	Date of departure from the United Kingdom / British overseas territories ddmmyyyy	Date of return to the United Kingdom / British overseas territories ddmmyyyy	Total number of days absent

More absences shown on separate sheet of paper: Yes No

Total number of days absent (including any shown on a separate sheet of paper):

2.3 Please provide details of the applicant's residence throughout the 5 year qualifying period:

Address	Address
From:	From:
To:	To:

Address	Address
From:	From:
To:	To:

Address	Address
From:	From:
To:	To:

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2.4 If absences from the United Kingdom and the British Overseas Territories exceed the 450 day allowance please explain the special circumstances which it is felt the Home Secretary/ Governor should take into account when considering the application (see page 4 in the guide):

Section 3 - Referees and Identity

This part is to be filled in by your referees after you have fixed a photograph of yourself aside. Your referees should read the [guide](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-s-guidance) (www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-s-guidance) 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:

3.1 One referee should be a person of any nationality who has professional standing, for example, doctor, minister of religion, civil servant, or a member of a professional body for example, accountant or solicitor (who is not representing you with this application). The other referee must 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 related to either referee
- 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 attached photograph above is a true likeness of the applicant. I confirm each of the points in 3.1 above. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the personal details of the applicant given on this form are correct.

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

3.3 1st referee full name:

3.4 Sex: Male Female

Section 4 - Biometric enrolment (British citizenship applications only)

In accordance with British Nationality (General) (Amendment) 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, please see the accompanying guidance notes (www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-s-guidance), which you must read before completing this form.

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

Yes go to question 4.2

No go to question 4.5

4.2 Date your fingerprints were taken:

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

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

4.5 Do you have a medical or physical condition which may require special arrangements for your biometric features to be recorded?

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.

No

Applicants under the age of 16

Please complete questions 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8.

(Applicants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian).

4.6 Is the applicant:

16 years old or more complete questions 4.1 to 4.5, then go to 4.10

Less than 16 years old go to question 4.7

4.7 Give details of the person who will be accompanying the applicant when he or she attends their biometric information enrolment appointment.

Name of responsible adult:

Date of birth:

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Nationality:

Relationship to child:

4.8 is this person the applicant's parent or legal guardian?

Yes go to question 4.10 No go to question 4.9

4.9 Please explain why a person other than the applicant's parent or legal guardian will be accompanying the applicant:

4.10 Declaration

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

Signature:

Date:

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Section 5 - Declaration by applicant or person signing the form

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).

5.1 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 registered as a British citizen. 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.

5.2 I confirm that I have read and understood the guide S3 - stateless persons registration

5.3 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate registration fee and payment slip

5.4 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate documents

5.5 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 Home Secretary considers it to be conducive to the public good.

5.6 *I declare that, although I do not meet all of the statutory requirements for registration, I believe that, in view of the following special circumstances, the Home Secretary should treat me as fulfilling those requirements or waive the need in my case to fulfil them.

*Delete if not applicable

5.7 Special circumstances - which requirements do you think you fail to meet and what are the special circumstances? (continue on a separate sheet of paper).

5.8 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 (www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationality-forms-guide), particularly those sections on how to qualify and the residence requirements.

Signature:

Date:

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