



British Embassy Brussels

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The following information is prepared to assist those requesting a 'Certificate of Nationality'.

British Passport

The British Embassy is not able to confirm definitively whether anyone is a British National. Although possession of a valid British passport should be sufficient for most purposes to demonstrate British nationality, it is not prima facie evidence of nationality. Anyone who does not hold a British passport can apply for a Confirmation of British Nationality Status certificate from UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-for-confirmation-of-british-nationality-status-form-ns>.

The UK holds no record of population and 'certificates of nationality' do not exist; therefore they cannot be issued by the UK authorities.

Consular Birth Certificate

This is the registration of a child born outside the UK who has automatically acquired British Citizenship at birth, through one or both of the parents, as seen in the 'claim to citizenship' section of such a certificate. This does not take the place of a local issued Birth Certificate but is only the record of a British national born abroad.

Certificate of Naturalisation or Certificate of Registration

Either of these certificates, issued by the UK Home Office, are if a person acquired British nationality *after birth*. The date indicated on these certificates is the date the person acquired their nationality.

This information contained in this Note is general and should not be taken as a definitive statement of law.

