



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 24 February 2026.

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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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.

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

4. Declaration by applicant

Read this section carefully before inserting your name clearly in box 4.1 and ticking each box at 4.2 – 4.5 to confirm the points raised.

If you meet the requirements described in the Guide BOTC (M), please sign and date the form in box 4.6. 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.

4.1 By sending this application, you
(full name in block letters):

confirm that to the best of your knowledge and belief the following is correct:

- the information relating to the application
- the supporting evidence

I understand that the data I have given can be used as set out in the privacy policy: www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship.

I understand that organisations, including financial institutions, may provide information to the Home Office when requested in relation to this application.

If I am acting on behalf of the applicant, I have discussed with them and confirmed that the contents of the application are correct and complete and they are aware of the privacy policy. If the applicant is unable to act on their own behalf, I confirm I am authorised to act for them in relation to this application.

I understand the application fee will not be refunded if the application is refused.

I understand that if false information is given, the application can be refused and I may be prosecuted, and, if I am the applicant, I may be banned from the UK.

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.

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

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

4.4 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate documents

4.5 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 Governor or Home Secretary consider it to be conducive to the public good.

4.6 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. You are recommended to read the Guide BOTC (M), particularly those sections on how to qualify.

Signature

Date

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