



Home Office

Form RS1

Application for registration as a British citizen by a person who has made a declaration of renunciation

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.

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1.14 Provide your addresses for the past 5 years:

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1.42 Give date and place where your declaration or renunciation was registered and the registration number:

1.43 What other citizenship or nationality did you have or acquire on or after making your declaration of renunciation:

1.44 Was your renunciation necessary for you to keep or acquire the citizenship or nationality shown in part 1.43:

Yes No

1.45 If you renounced citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies, did you have reasonable cause to believe that you would be deprived of citizenship of a Commonwealth country if you did not renounce?

Yes No

1.46 Have you previously resumed British citizenship after renouncing British citizenship?

Yes No

1.47 Have you been registered before as a British citizen after renunciation of citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies?

Yes No

1.48 Did you renounce British citizenship in order to apply for a repatriation grant to return to your country of origin?

Yes No

1.49 If you do not have the right to registration, explain why you renounced and why you now wish to be registered as a British citizen (see page 4 of Guide RS1):

Section 2 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, war crimes and other penalties)

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.

2.1 Have you been convicted of any criminal offence in the UK or any other country?

Yes go to question 2.2

No go to question 2.3

2.2 Give details below for each criminal conviction, starting with the most recent one. If you have received more than 2 convictions please photocopy this page and enclose it with this form.

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)

However 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)?

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Criminal conviction 2

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)?

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2.3 Do you have any civil judgments against you or any civil penalty under the UK Immigration Acts?

Yes go to question 2.4

No go to question 2.5

2.4 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 two civil judgments and/or civil penalties under the UK Immigrations Acts, photocopy this page and enclose it with this form.

Details of judgment or civil penalty 1

Date of judgment or civil penalty:

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Country where judgment was made:

Details of judgment or civil penalty 2

Date of judgment or civil penalty:

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Country where judgment made:

You must answer questions 2.5 to 2.14 below even if you have answered no to question 2.1. For help in answering these questions, please see the definitions in Guide RS1.

2.5 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 2.7

2.6 Give details for each caution (simple or conditional), warning or reprimand starting with the most recent one.

If you have received more than two 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 2.7 to 2.14 below even if you have answered no to question 2.5. For help in answering these questions, please see the definitions in Guide RS1.

2.7 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

2.8 Have you ever been charged in any country with a criminal offence for which you have not yet been tried in court?

Yes No

2.9 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

2.10 Have you ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?

Yes No

2.11 Have you ever been a member of, or given support to an organisation which has been concerned in terrorism?

Yes No

2.12 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

2.13 Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered a person of good character?

Yes No

2.14 Have you ever been declared bankrupt?

Yes No

2.15 If you have answered yes to question 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, or 2.14 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 2.7 to 2.14 please refer to Guide RS1 which provides guidance on actions which may constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or terrorist activities.

Section 3 Referees and identity

This part of the form is to be filled in by your referees after you have fixed a photograph of yourself aside. Your referees must read Guide RS1 (www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-rs1-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.

Affix passport size photo. See Guide RS1 for information

Name of applicant:

3.1 One referee should be a person of any nationality who has professional standing, for example a 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 the holder of a British citizen passport and either a professional person or over the age of 25 (see Guide RS1).

Both should declare that:

- they are not a relative, solicitor or agent of the applicant
- they are not related to the other 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 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 details given on page 2 of 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

In accordance with British Nationality (General) (Amendment) (2) 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 Guide RS1 (www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-rs1-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:

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

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4.5 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 treating clinician 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

4.6 Declaration:

As required by British Nationality (General) (Amendment) (2) Regulations 2015, I confirm that I wish to register my biometric information.

I understand that the Home Office may make enquiries about any responsible adult nominated to be present when my child's fingerprints and/or a photograph are taken.

Signature:

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Date:

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Section 5 - Declaration

5.1 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.

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. 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.

5.2 I confirm that I have read and understood the guide to registration as a British citizen

5.3 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate 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 Sign below once you are satisfied 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 Guide RS1, particularly those sections on how to qualify.

Signature

Date

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