



Home Office

Form MN4

Application for registration of a child under 18 as a British subject

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Before completing this form, you should read the accompanying guide. Fill in those parts of the form that apply to this child's application (see pages 7 to 15 in the guide) and cross out all other parts. If there is not enough space, please use the 'Further information not covered in other sections' page.

If you want help to complete this 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 9 of the 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 registering children before submitting the application. Full fees cannot be returned for applications that fail.

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS using black ink. Please enter all dates as dd-mm-yyyy, for example, 29/04/2025

We do not need applications for children who are already British.

1.41 Date and place of marriage/civil partnership (if applicable):

1.42 Date and place of legal separation (if applicable):

Section 2 - Residence requirements

2.1 If the child is resident in the United Kingdom or a British overseas territory, please give date and place of first arrival:

Date:

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Place of first arrival:

Please provide all addresses (including the name of the country) at which the child has lived in the last 5 years.

Continue on Further Information page if necessary.

Address	Address
From:	From:
To:	To:

Address	Address
From:	From:
To:	To:

Address	Address
From:	From:
To:	To:

In which country will the child live if this application is granted?

3.6 Please give details below for each criminal conviction, starting with the most recent one. If the applicant has received more than 2 convictions please photocopy this page and enclose it with this form

Note: 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 not be considered in the caseworker's assessment of character unless either:

- the person has failed to pay and there were criminal proceedings as a result
- the person has received numerous fixed penalty notices

Criminal conviction 1

Country where convicted

Nature of offence

Sentence given

Date sentenced

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If the applicant was sentenced to a period of imprisonment, what was the length of the prison sentence (in months)?

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 months

Criminal conviction 2

Country where convicted

Nature of offence

Sentence given

Date sentenced

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If the applicant was sentenced to a period of imprisonment, what was the length of the prison sentence (in months)?

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 months

3.7 Does the applicant have any civil judgements against him/her or any civil penalty under the UK Immigration Acts?

Yes go to question 3.8

No go to question 3.9

3.8 Give details for each civil judgment or any civil penalty under the UK immigration acts, starting with the most recent one.

If the applicant has received more than 2 civil judgements and/or civil penalties under the UK Immigrations Acts, please 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 3.9 to 3.17 below even if you have answered no to question 3.5. For help in answering these questions, please see the definitions in the Guide MN4.

3.9 Has the applicant received any cautions (simple or conditional), warnings or reprimands in the UK or any other country?

Yes go to 3.10

No go to question 3.11

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

If the child has received more than 2 cautions (simple or conditional), warnings or reprimands, please 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 3.11 to 3.17 below even if your have answered no to question 3.5. For help in answering these questions, please see the definitions in the guide MN4.

3.11 Are the child's details recorded by the police in respect of certain sexual offences (for example, on the 'sex offenders register'), or are they 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

3.12 Has the child ever been charged in any country with a criminal offence for which they have not yet been tried in court? (if they have been recently arrested or are subject to police enquiries, you should check and confirm whether action is outstanding that may lead to a court appearance).

Yes No

3.13 In times of peace or war has the child ever been involved in, or suspected of involvement in, war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide?

Yes No

3.14 Has the child ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?

Yes No

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

Yes No

3.16 Has the child 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

3.17 Has the child ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that they may not be considered a person of good character (see also Good character section of the guide)?

Yes No

3.18 If you have answered yes to question 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14, 3.15, 3.16, or 3.17 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 3.13 to 3.17 please refer to the guide MN4 which provides guidance on actions which may constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or terrorist activities.

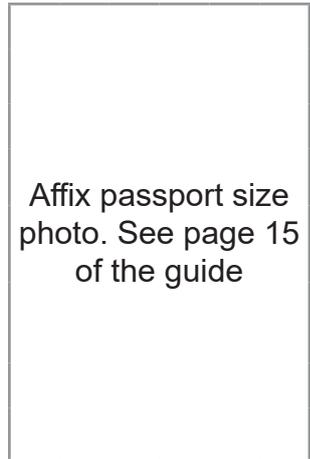
Further information not covered in other sections

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Section 4 - Referees and identity

Please write the child's name and date of birth on the back of a photograph of him/her. This should then be glued or pasted into the space aside.

This part of the form is to be filled in by the child's referees once the child's photograph has been affixed aside as explained above. The referees should read page 15 of the 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.



Name of applicant:

4.1 Each referee should know the child personally. One referee should be a professional who has engaged with the child in a professional capacity, such as a teacher, health visitor, social worker or minister of religion. The other referee must normally be the holder of a British citizen passport and either a professional person or over the age of 25, (but see also page 15 of the guide).

Referees must:

- not be a relative, solicitor or agent of the applicant
- not be related to the other referee
- not be employed by the Home Office
- not have been convicted of an imprisonable offence during the last 10 years
- have known the applicant personally
- be willing to give full details of their knowledge of the applicant
- 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 4.1 above. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the details given on page 3 of this form are correct.

4.2 Say how you know the child and state either your age or your profession:

4.3 Date of birth:

4.4 1st referee full name:

Section 6 - Declaration

6.1 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 that 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.

6.2 I confirm that I have read and understood the guide MN4

6.3 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate registration fee

6.4 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate documents

6.5 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 someone registered as a British subject goes on to engage in conduct which is seriously prejudicial to the public good.

6.6 (For parents applying for British subject status at the same time as their child) I still want my child to be registered as a British subject even if my own application is refused.

6.7 Please sign below once you are satisfied you have completed the form correctly. You are recommended to read the guide, particularly the section on how to qualify.

Signature

Date

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