



Form AN

Application for Naturalisation as a British Citizen

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Important: Before completing this form, you should read the Guide AN as well as the Booklet AN. Fill in those parts of the form that apply to your application. If there is not enough space for your answer, use page 22 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 Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (see page 6 of the Guide AN which accompanies this form for details). Or you may wish to use the Nationality Checking Service operated by a number of local authorities. Your Register Office will advise if one is operated in your area.

We recommend that you keep a completed copy of this application.

Note: Some of the information you provide on this form will be stored on a computer which is registered under the Data Protection Act.

Please ensure that you read the Guide AN and the Booklet AN. You should ensure that you understand the criteria for naturalisation before submitting your 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, e.g. 21/09/2013

Please note that each individual applying for naturalisation must complete a separate application form. Therefore husbands, wives and civil partners wishing to naturalise, must complete separate forms. Family applications should include separate forms for each child, either an AN Form where the child is now an adult or an MN1 Form for a minor. **We do not need applications for adults or minors who are already British.**

If you are acting as responsible adult for someone who is not of sound mind and unable to make and understand their own application (see page 11 of the Booklet AN), you must take full responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided and sign the declaration on behalf of the applicant. This includes liability in law.

1. Personal Information

1.1 Please give any reference numbers used in your immigration applications.

1.2 Current passport/travel document number

1.3 Date you were given indefinite leave to enter/remain in the UK (not necessary if you are a Commonwealth citizen with right of abode in the United Kingdom). If you are an EEA national, a Swiss national or a family member of an EEA or Swiss national you should read pages 10 to 11 of the Booklet AN.

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1.4 Title - please select:

Mr

Mrs

Miss

Ms

Other (please state)

1.5 State your name as it appears on your passport:

Surname/family name:

Other names:

If you do not have a passport, state the name used on your official documents (Home Office travel document, national identity card, biometric residence permit).

1.6 If the name stated above is not the name you use for all purposes, state:

The surname/family name that you use:

Other names used:

The reason why this is different from the name on your passport or other official documents:

You must provide evidence of this name, such as a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or deed poll. It is your responsibility to ensure that the information you provide is correct. Any suspicion of deception will be investigated.

We will not normally issue a certificate of registration or naturalisation in the name that is different from a person's official documents. A British passport will not be issued in a different name from the one in a person's foreign passport or travel document.

1.7 Name at birth if different from above:

Surname/family name:

Other names:

2. Residence requirements

2.1 Date and place of first arrival in the United Kingdom (see page 8 of the Guide):

Date:

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Place:

2.2 Please give details of all absences from the United Kingdom during the last five years. If you are married or in a civil partnership to a British citizen, give details for the last three years only (see page 8 of the Guide). Please list the absences in date order, ending with the most recent one.

Failure to complete this will result in a delay to your application.

If necessary, please continue on page 22 of this application form.

Country visited	Reason. For example holiday, business, visiting relatives	Date of departure from the United Kingdom/territory						Date of return to the United Kingdom/territory						Total number of days absent
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More absences shown on page 22 Yes No

Total number of days absent (including any shown on page 22)

2.3 Please tell us in which country you intend to have your main home if you are naturalised

If this country is outside the United Kingdom and i) you are not married to or the civil partner of a British citizen and ii) you intend to enter into or continue Crown service, service in an international organisation or employment with a company or association established in the United Kingdom, please include a letter of explanation.

EEA and Swiss nationals exercising free movement rights

2.4 If you are an EEA or Swiss national or the family member of an EEA or Swiss national, please complete the following section.

Are you an EEA or Swiss national or the family member of an EEA or Swiss national?

Please state the number of your Permanent Residence card and the date of issue:

Card number Date of issue

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If you are not an EEA or Swiss national (see pages 10 to 11 of the 'Booklet AN'), go to section 3.

3. 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, etc.)

This section asks about any criminal convictions, any civil judgements 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.

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

Yes go to question 3.2

No go to question 3.3

3.2 Please give details below for each criminal conviction, starting with the most recent one. If you have received more than two 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:

- the person has failed to pay and there were criminal proceedings as a result; or
- 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 you were sentenced to a period of imprisonment, what was the length of the prison sentence (in months)?

months

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)?

months

3.3 Do you have any civil judgements against you or any civil penalty under the UK Immigration Acts?

Yes go to question 3.4

No go to question 3.5

3.4 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 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 3.5 to 3.10 below even if you have answered no to question 3.1. For help in answering these questions, please see the definitions in the Booklet AN.

3.5 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 3.7

3.6 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, 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 3.7 to 3.13 below even if you have answered no to question 3.5. For help in answering these questions, please see the definitions in the Booklet AN.

3.7 Are your details recorded by the police in respect of certain sexual offences (i.e 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

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

Yes No

3.9 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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

3.12 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

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

Yes No

3.14 Have you ever been declared bankrupt?

Yes No

3.15 If you have answered yes to question 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, or 3.14 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 3.7 to 3.13 please refer to the Booklet AN which provides guidance on actions which may constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or terrorist activities.

4. Crown Service

4.1 Please complete this section if your application is based on your Crown service, or your husband's, wife's or civil partner's Crown service, or specially designated service.

If not, please go to section 5.

Please note that serving members of the Armed Forces will not automatically qualify under the Crown service provision. (see Booklet AN page 20).

Please tick

Your Crown service? Were you recruited In the United Kingdom? Yes No

Your husband's/wife's/civil partner's Crown service or specially designated service? Were you recruited In the United Kingdom? Yes No

Description of relevant service	Branch/regiment etc. where serving	Length of Crown or other service (dates)	Staff/service or personal ID Number

5. Referees and Identity

Please write your name and date of birth on the back of a photograph of yourself. This should then be glued 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 page 12 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.

Affix passport size photo. See Guide AN for information

Name of applicant:

5.1 One referee should be a person of any nationality who has professional standing, such as 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.

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 (unless that conviction can be disregarded in line with the table shown on page 17 of the Booklet AN);
- 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 naturalised.

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 5.1 above. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the details given on page 3 of this form are correct.

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

5.3 Date of birth:

5.4 1st referee full name:

5.5 Sex: Male Female

Further information not covered in other sections

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying most of the page. It is intended for providing additional information not covered in other sections of the form.

6. Biometric enrolment

In accordance with British Nationality (General) (Amendment) (2) Regulations 2014 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, which you must read before completing this form.

If you have a current grant of leave on a biometric residence permit (BRP), you must provide your BRP for the application to be valid and complete.

6.1 Have you been issued with a BRP with a previous application for leave?

Yes go to question 6.2

No go to question 6.16

Please give details of your BRP. Please note for the application to be valid and complete, your current BRP must be provided, unless it is not available for one of the reasons specified below.

6.2 BRP number

6.3 Issue date

6.4 Expiry date

6.5 Place of issue

6.6 Nationality

6.7 BRP enclosed? Yes go to 6.11 No

If not enclosed then please state the location of biometric residence permit:

Returned to Home Office go to question 6.8

Lost go to question 6.9

Stolen go to question 6.10

Other go to question 6.12

If you do not submit your BRP with this application, you must return it to the Home Office no later than 5 days from the date you attended your Citizenship Ceremony or the date you were issued with a certificate of naturalisation, so that it can be securely destroyed. Details of how to return your BRP can be found in Guide AN and at www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/report-problem

If you fail to return your BRP, or notify the department of the reasons for not being able to do so, you may receive a financial penalty of up to £1,000.

If you need to travel to and from the UK after being granted British citizenship you must apply for a British passport or for a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode to be placed in your foreign passport. Guidance on applying for a British passport can be found on Gov.UK. Following a grant of citizenship your BRP will be cancelled which means it may not be accepted as evidence that you are entitled to reside in the UK.

6.13 Date your fingerprints were taken:

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

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

6.16 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

6.17 Declaration

As required by British Nationality (General) (Amendment) (2) Regulations 2014, I confirm that I wish to register my biometric information.

Signature

Date

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7. Declaration

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).

7.1 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 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. 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.

I authorise the UK Visas and Immigration to make enquiries of

- the Insolvency Service (England and Wales)
- the Accountant in Bankruptcy (Scotland)
- the Official Receiver (Northern Ireland)
- other appointed Receiver concerning my declaration of bankruptcy

I agree that the relevant body may disclose personal information obtained as part of their statutory function

7.2 I confirm that I have read and understood the Guide AN and the Booklet AN

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

7.4 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate documents

7.5 Where I have provided a photocopy of my spouse's or civil partner's passport, I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is a complete and full copy of that original document.

7.6 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.

7.7 *I declare that, although I do not meet all of the statutory requirements for naturalisation, 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

Special circumstances – which requirements do you think you fail to meet and what are the special circumstances? If you do not meet the statutory requirements to become a British citizen are there any special circumstances why you think the Home Secretary should still grant your application? (continue on page 22 if necessary).

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 AN and Booklet AN, particularly those sections on how to qualify and the residence requirements.

Signature

Date

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Supporting Documents

Your application cannot be considered without certain evidence. You should provide documents to cover each of the sections shown below that are relevant to your application, and tick to indicate the type of evidence you have enclosed. If you are concerned about submitting your original documents then you may wish to consider using the Nationality Checking Service described on page 3 of the Guide. We reserve the right to call for documents to satisfy ourselves as to their authenticity. Providing forged or fraudulent documents may result in prosecution leading to fines, imprisonment and deportation.

SECTION 1 Evidence of identity: required for all applications

- *Your passport Or
- *National identity card Or
- *Home Office travel document Or
- *Home Office entitlement card Or
- *Home Office ARC letter Or
- Home Office Biometric Residence Permit Or
- Your birth certificate Or
- *Your driving licence

*if you used one of these documents when you took the Knowledge of Life in the UK test you will be expected to use it again by enclosing it with your naturalisation application.

If the name you are currently using is different from the name on your passport or travel document you should send evidence of the change of name.

SECTION 2 Evidence of knowledge of Language and of Life in the UK: required for all applicants:

- Letter confirming success in the Life in the UK Test, stamped and signed by the Test Supervisor; and either
- Certificate showing that you have a speaking and listening qualification in English at B1 CEFR or higher, or an equivalent level qualification. If you took a test on or after 6 April 2015 write the number of your qualification at section 1.25 on page 7; or
- Certificate showing that you have obtained an academic qualification deemed by UK NARIC to meet the recognised standard of a Bachelor's or Master's degree or PhD in the United Kingdom and (i) UK NARIC has confirmed that the qualification was taught or researched in English or (ii) the qualification was taught or researched in the UK or a majority English speaking country (other than Canada); or
- If you are awaiting graduation or no longer have your certificate and cannot get a new one you must send either:
 - an original academic reference from the institution awarding the academic qualification that is on official letter headed paper and shows your name and the title of the award. The letter should also explain when the academic qualification was, or will be awarded; and state either the date that the certificate will be issued (if you have not yet graduated) or confirms that the institution is unable to reissue the original certificate of award; or

- an original academic transcript that is on official letter headed paper and shows your name, the name of the academic institution, the course title and provides confirmation of the award; or
 - Your passport showing that you are a national of a majority English speaking country; or
 - A letter from a medical practitioner to show that you should be exempt on the grounds of poor physical and/or mental health.
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SECTION 3 Evidence of lawful residence during the 5 (or, if the applicant is married or in civil partnership to a British citizen, 3) years before the date of the application: required for applications made on the basis of residence in the United Kingdom: required for all applicants

- Your passports Or
 - Letters from employers, educational establishments or other Government Departments indicating presence in UK
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SECTION 4 Evidence of settlement for applicants from Switzerland or the European Economic Area or their non-EEA direct family members see pages 10 to 11 of the Booklet AN

- Your valid passport or valid EEA national identity card as evidence of your nationality; And
- A permanent residence card issued by UKVI

Further information on how to apply for a permanent residence card and the current fee, can be found on the Gov.uk website, at this link:

www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/eu-eea-commonwealth

SECTION 5 Evidence of freedom from immigration time restrictions: required for all applicants except those covered by SECTION 4 above.

- Your passport showing permission to remain permanently in the UK Or
 - The Home Office letter by which you were given permission to remain permanently in the UK
 - If you came to the UK as an asylum seeker you should have evidence of appeal applications Or
 - Evidence of being freely landed
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SECTION 6 Evidence of marriage for applications made on the basis of marriage or civil partnership to a British citizen.

- Your spouse's or civil partner's current passport or naturalisation/registration certificate showing that he/she is a British citizen. If you are making your application by post you can send a complete and full copy of your spouse's or civil partner's current passport. Every page of the passport must be copied including any blank pages; And
 - The marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate
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SECTION 7 Evidence of tax for self-employed applicants only

The most recent HM Revenue & Customs Self Assessment Statement of Account

SECTION 8 Evidence of Crown service for applications made on the basis of marriage to or civil partnership with a British citizen in Crown or designated service

- A letter from the relevant employer confirming date and place of recruitment, position held, and the extent to which it would be in the employer's interests for the application to be granted
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SECTION 9 Joint applications

- Marriage or civil partnership certificate
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