



Home Office

Form B(OTA)

Application for registration as a British citizen by:

- a British overseas territories citizen
- a British overseas citizen
- a British protected person
- a British subject (under the British Nationality Act 1981)
- a British national (overseas)
- an Irish national

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 22 July 2025.

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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Before completing this form, you should read the relevant guide:

- **Guide B1** if you are a British overseas territories citizen (if you are a British overseas territories citizen who has previously renounced British citizenship, or became a British overseas territories citizen only through a connection with the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia, you should read Guide B2)
- **Guide B2** if you are a British overseas citizen, British National (Overseas), British subject or British protected person and have lived in the UK for 5 years
- **Guide B3** if you are an Irish national

Only fill in those parts of the form that apply to your application. If there is not enough space for your answers, 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 agent registered with the Immigration Advice Authority (IAA) (see the guide for details).

We recommend that you keep a copy of this application.

Ensure that you read the relevant guide. You should ensure that you understand the criteria for registration before submitting your application. Full fees cannot be returned for applicants that fail or withdraw their application.

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

Each person applying for registration must complete a separate application form. Therefore husbands, wives and civil partners wishing to register must complete separate forms. Applications for your children should also be on separate forms.

Section 1 - Personal information

1.1 Are you:

Please tick the appropriate box:

a British overseas territories citizen	a British overseas citizen	a British subject (under the British Nationality Act 1981)	a British national (overseas)	a British protected person	an Irish national
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

1.2 Please give any previous Home Office reference numbers:

1.3 Title - please tick:

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

1.4 Surname/family name (the name you give here will be the name shown on your certificate, so please ensure it is spelt correctly and you have written it in the correct order):

[illegible]

1.5 All other names:

[illegible]

1.6 Name at birth if different from above. (If the names you have given are different or spelt differently from the name shown on your passport, please explain why on a separate sheet of A4 paper):

[illegible]

1.7 If you are or have ever been known by any name or names apart from those mentioned above, please give details here:

1.8 National insurance number:

[illegible]

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Male ☐Female ☐Single/never married ☐

Divorced or civil partnership dissolved ☐

Married or a civil partner ☐

Legally separated ☐

Unmarried partner ☐

Widowed or a surviving civil partner ☐[illegible]

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Daytime/mobile telephone number:

[illegible]

Evening telephone number if different:

[illegible][illegible][illegible][illegible]

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[illegible][illegible]

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All other applicants should go to 'Section 2 - Residence requirements'.

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Certificate number	Date of issue	Place of issue	Reference number if known

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Yes - please give details below:

Renunciation number	Date of renunciation

1.23 State any close connections that you have with the United Kingdom or with any particular British overseas territory (continue on a separate sheet of A4 paper if required):

Section 2 - Residence requirements

If you are a British overseas territories citizen (and you have not previously renounced or been deprived of British citizenship) you do not need to complete this section - go to ‘Section 3 - Good character requirement’.

All other applicants should complete this section.

2.1 Date and place of first arrival in the United Kingdom (see the requirements section of the guide):

Date:

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Y

Y

Y

Place:

If you were not in the UK 5 years before the date of your application, please note that your application may be unsuccessful. If you still wish to submit your application, please give reasons why you think your application should be considered **exceptionally** on page 21 of this application form.

2.2 Were you settled in the United Kingdom immediately before 1 January 1983? (This means you did not have time limits on your stay in the UK, such as having indefinite leave to remain. Irish nationals are usually settled in the UK.)

☐ No

☐ Yes

2.3 Please give details of all absences from the United Kingdom during the last 5 years (see the ‘Absences from the UK’ section of the guide). Failure to complete this will result in delay to your application. If necessary, please continue on a separate sheet of A4 paper and include it with your application:

Country visited	Reason, for example, holiday, business, visiting relative	Date of departure from the UK / territory (dd mm yyyy)	Date of return to the UK / territory (dd mm yyyy)	Total number of days absent

More absences shown on separate sheet of paper:

Yes

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No

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2.4 Please provide your addresses for the past 5 years (continue on a separate A4 sheet if necessary):

Address:	Address:
From:	From:
To:	To:

Address:	Address:
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Address:	Address:
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Section 3 - Good character requirement

In this section you need to give information which will decide whether 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

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 as well as any other behaviours which may mean you are not of good character. 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 Give details below for each criminal conviction, starting with the most recent one. If you have received more than 2 convictions, 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 not be considered in the caseworker's assessment of character unless either:

- you have failed to pay and there were criminal proceedings as a result
- you have received multiple fixed penalty notices

Please give full details in the box after 3.16 (below).

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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 months

3.3 Do you have any civil judgments 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 2 civil judgments and/or civil penalties under the UK Immigration Act, 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 was made:

You must answer questions 3.5 to 3.16 below even if you have answered no to question 3.1. For help in answering these questions, see the definitions in the guide.

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 2 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 3.7 to 3.15 below even if you have answered no to question 3.5. For help in answering these questions, see the definitions in the guide.

3.7 Are your details recorded by the police in respect of certain sexual offences (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 Are you, or have you ever been, the subject of an international travel ban?

Yes ☐ No ☐

3.14 Have you ever been declared bankrupt?

Yes ☐ No ☐

3.15 Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered a person of good character (see the guide for further information)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

For the purposes of answering question 3.15 you should include details of any activities which might indicate that you may not be considered a person of good character. This may, for example, include but not be limited to situations such as failing to pay taxes or accruing significant debt, engaging in activities that cast serious doubt on your standing in the local community, making false claims in order to obtain benefits.

Section 4 - Relevant service in a British overseas territory

You should only complete this section if your application is based on Crown or other service in a British overseas territory. If not, please go to 'Section 5 - Referees and identity'.

4.1 Details of service:

Type of service	Territory where service took place	Date service started	Date service ended

Section 5 - Referees and identity

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 the section on 'referees and identity' in the Nationality Forms Guide to confirm that they are eligible. The guide can be found on our website at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationality-forms-guide. 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 photograph. See Nationality Forms Guide 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 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 attached 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 personal details of the applicant given on this form are correct.

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

5.3 1st referee full name:

5.4 Sex:

Male

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Female

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5.5 Address:

[illegible]

Postcode:

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If you have been at this address for less than 3 years, please list previous addresses on a separate piece of paper.

5.6 Daytime telephone number:

[illegible]

5.7 Email address:

5.8 Current British citizen passport number:

I understand that I may be liable for prosecution resulting in a penalty of up to 3 months imprisonment or a fine not exceeding £5000 or both if I knowingly or recklessly make a false declaration.

Signature of 1st referee:

Date:

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2nd Referee declaration

I declare that I am qualified to act as a referee. The attached 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 personal details of the applicant given on this form are correct.

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

5.10 2nd referee full name:

5.11 Sex:

Male

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Female

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5.12 Address:

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Postcode:

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If you have been at this address for less than 5 years, please list previous addresses on a separate piece of paper.

5.13 Daytime telephone number:

[illegible]

5.14 Email address:

5.15 Current British citizen passport number (if any):

I understand that I may be liable for prosecution resulting in a penalty of up to 3 months imprisonment or a fine not exceeding £5000 or both, if I knowingly or recklessly make a false declaration.

Signature of 2nd referee:

Date:

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Section 6 - Biometric enrolment

This section must be completed by all applicants.

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 guide, which you must read before completing this form.

6.1 Have you had your fingerprints taken as part of a previous UK immigration application made in the UK or abroad?

Yes ☐ go to question 6.2

No ☐ go to question 6.5

6.2 Date your fingerprints were taken:

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

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

6.5 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 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 ☐

Applicants under the age of 16

Applicants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

6.6 Is the applicant:

16 years old or more ☐ go to question 6.10

Less than 16 years old ☐ go to question 6.7

6.7 Give details of the person who will be accompanying the applicant when he or she attends their biometric information enrolment appointment.

Name of responsible adult:

Date of birth:

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Nationality:

Relationship to child:

6.8 Is this person the applicant's parent or legal guardian?

Yes ☐ go to question 6.10

No ☐ go to question 6.9

6.9 Please explain why a person other than the applicant's parent or legal guardian will be accompanying the applicant:

6.10 Declaration to be completed by all applicants

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

(If applying for a person under the age of 16), I understand that the Home Office may make enquiries about any responsible adult nominated to be present when fingerprints and /or a photograph are taken.

Signature of applicant/parent or guardian:

Date:

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Section 7 - Declaration by applicant

This section must be completed by all applicants.

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 registered as a British citizen. 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 UK Visas and Immigration may use a different date as the date of my application if it gives my application a better chance of success. I also agree to pay the full fee in force on that date.

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 UK Visas and Immigration to make enquiries of:

- the Insolvency Service (England and Wales)

- the Accountant in Bankruptcy

- the Official Receiver (Northern Ireland)

- other appointed Receiver concerning my declaration of bankruptcy
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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 relevant Guide B1, B2 or B3

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

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7.4 I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate documents

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7.5 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. ☐

7.6 *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

7.7 Special circumstances - which requirements do you think you fail to meet and what are the special circumstances? (Continue on a separate sheet of A4 paper if necessary).

7.8 Please sign below once you are satisfied you have completed the form correctly. Fees are not fully refundable for applications that fail or are withdrawn. You are recommended to read the guide, particularly those sections on how to qualify.

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. 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 applicants - you may provide either:

- your passport
- national identity card
- Home Office travel document
- Home Office entitlement card
- Home Office ARC letter
- your birth certificate
- your driving licence

Section 2: Evidence of freedom from immigration time restrictions.

If you are an Irish national you will be treated as being free of immigration time restrictions and so do not need to send this evidence. You only need to submit the evidence in Section 2a.

Applicants who need to provide evidence of freedom from immigration time restrictions may provide either:

- your passport showing permission to remain permanently in the UK
- any other documents confirming your right to remain permanently in the UK
- your 16-digit unique application number (UAN) (if you have been granted indefinite leave (also known as settled status) under the EU Settlement Scheme).
- the Home Office letter by which you were given permission to remain permanently in the UK
- evidence of being freely landed
- your valid passport showing a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode in the UK (ROA)

Section 2a: Evidence for Irish nationals to show freedom of immigration time restrictions:

- your passport or passport card

Section 3: Evidence of residence in the UK for the last 5 years:

- your passports covering the last 5 years
- if you are unable to provide your passports, or you are an Irish national and your passport has not been stamped on entering the UK, other evidence of residence can be found in the 'Residence requirements' section of the guide

Section 4: Evidence of Crown service for applications made on the basis of your Crown 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

Section 4: Evidence of tax for self-employed applicants only:

- the most recent HM Revenue and Customs self-assessment statement of account