

# Application for New Zealand Citizenship

Raraunga Aotearoa - Taiohi

# Child

(under 16 years)

**1** Before you start, read the 'Application guide for adults and children' and check that you have these things. You will need to send them with this child's application.

- child's full birth certificate or country's equivalent
- child's current passport (or most recent if it has expired)
- both parents' / legal guardians' passports
- the application fee of \$235.10 per child
- two passport-sized photographs (that are less than six months old) of the child applying


You must send original documents.  
DON'T send photocopies, they will not be accepted.

You might also need to send other documents.

This form is a statutory declaration. It needs to be signed by a parent / legal guardian or both. Please make sure the information you provide is true and correct. If it is later found that you have provided false or misleading information, your child may be denied / lose New Zealand citizenship, or you could face criminal charges, or both.

Go online to [www.citizenship.govt.nz](http://www.citizenship.govt.nz) for more information.

**2** How to answer

- you or one of your parents must answer all the questions on this form
- use a blue or black pen
- tick answers in boxes like this
- print answers in CAPITAL letters like this
- when you see this icon it means you need to take extra care with your answers 

**3** What is your child's full name?

Title, please tick one of the following options

Mr  Ms  Miss  Master

First and middle names

Surname or family name

**4** Is your child?

Male  Female  Other

You will need to send your child's original birth document with this application.

**5** What is your child's date of birth?

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If the birth document is not in English, it will need to be translated. See pg 17 of the guide.

**6** Where was your child born?

City, town or village where your child was born

Country where your child was born

Office use only

NOTES

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Name

**7** What country or countries does your child have citizenship from now?

**8** Apart from the ones you listed in question **7**, has your child been a citizen of any other countries?

Yes. Print them here.  No → go to **9**

**9** Is this the first time your child has applied for New Zealand citizenship?

Yes.  
 No my child has applied before.

**10** In the last five years, what passports / travel documents has your child had?

Print the details in the table below.

Include all expired passports / travel documents for all countries or where the child has been endorsed on a parent's passport.

Remember, if you have the original passports, you need to send them AND both parents' passports with this application.

Passport / travel document number	Which country is this passport / travel document from?

**11** People use different names for all sorts of reasons.

Has your child used any other names during their life?



Include all other names your child is known as, or has been known as. For example; official changes of name, English names, names used at school or work, adoptive names or any other names.

Yes. Print your child's other names here.  No → go to **12**

First name(s)	Surname or family name	Why did the child use this name?	When did the child use this name? (e.g. 2005-2009)



**14** Where does your child live?

Print the full address in the spaces below.

Street number

Flat number

Street name

Suburb

Postcode

Town / city

Email address of parent (if any)

Home phone

Work / cell phone of parent (if any)

**15** What is your child's postal address?

This is where we will send your child's documents, papers and letters.

Same as above, where my child lives → go to **16**

I want my child's documents sent to this address

Name

Street number

PO Box number

Street name

Suburb

Postcode

Town / city

**16** If your child is granted citizenship, do they intend to travel outside New Zealand in the next 12 months?


Include trips that are planned, explain why they are going, for example: holiday, work, study, to live.

Yes. Print the travel plans here. →  No → go to **17**

On what date are they leaving New Zealand?	Why are they going?	How long are they going for?



**21** Remember, if your child is aged 14 years or older all these questions need to be answered.

 Has your child ever been convicted or found guilty of any offence against the law of New Zealand or any other country?

You do not need to include any information that is covered by the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004. See pg 22 of the guide.

Include convictions even if your child has paid the fines or served sentences for them.

Yes. You need to send us a letter with the details of what happened. → go to **22**

No → go to **22**

The letter needs to include the date, place and what happened. Please see pg 22 of the guide for more information about what must be in these letters.

**22** Has your child ever committed any offence against the law of New Zealand or any other country for which they have not yet been convicted?

Yes. You need to send us a letter with the details of what happened. → go to **23**

No → go to **23**

**23** Has your child ever had any infringements / fines in New Zealand or any other country?

Include traffic fines, fishery breaches, immigration infringements, etc even if the fines have been paid. DON'T include parking fines.

Yes. You need to send us a letter with the details of what happened. → go to **24**

No → go to **24**

**24** Tick yes or no for each of the following.


Is your child being or has your child been, investigated or reviewed or has any other legal action been taken against them by any of these agencies in New Zealand or any other country?

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Police
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Customs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Immigration Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NZ Transport Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of Internal Affairs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport Issuing Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Work and Income, Ministry of Social Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inland Revenue
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministry of Justice
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

It is an offence against the Citizenship Act 1977 to give information that is false or misleading. If it is later found that you have provided false or misleading information, the child may be denied / lose New Zealand citizenship, or you could face criminal charges, or both.

→ If you answered yes to any of the above, you need to send us a letter with details of what happened.

**25** If your child is aged 14 years or older, all of these questions need to be answered.

 Has your child ever been involved in any activity that may have contributed to terrorism?

If you do not regard something as an act of terrorism but you know that others might, you should mention it.

Yes. You need to send us a letter with a detailed explanation. → go to **26**

No → go to **26**

**26** Has your child ever been involved in the making or use of weapons such as biological, chemical, nuclear or radiological weapons?

Yes. You need to send us a letter with a detailed explanation. → go to **27**

No → go to **27**

See  
pg 23 of the  
guide for more  
information.

**27** Has your child ever committed a war crime or a crime against humanity?

Yes. You need to send us a letter with a detailed explanation. → go to **28**

No → go to **28**

**28** The next few questions ask about the citizenship ceremony.

If your child is aged 14 years or older they must attend a ceremony. During the ceremony they will read aloud a statement that says they will be loyal to New Zealand.

Your child will need to choose which statement they will say.

A religious statement WITH the words 'so help me God' - called an 'Oath'

A statement NOT using the words 'so help me God' - called an 'Affirmation'

If  
you are filling out  
this form for a child  
aged under 14 years  
old see  
pg 23 of the guide.

**29** Are any of the child's family members also applying for New Zealand citizenship?

Yes

No

**30** Does your child require any special assistance so that they can attend an interview or public ceremony?

This could include needing access for a wheelchair, or help if your child is hearing impaired etc.

Yes. Please print the details here ↓  No

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**31** Is there anything else we should know that might affect your child's application?



Some examples are:

If your child is planning to move to another country, if your child wears a head covering for medical or religious reasons, if your child has ever used a different date of birth, if your child has ever been deported from New Zealand or any other country, if your child has an outstanding warrant for their arrest in another country, or anything else we should know.

Yes. Print the details here.



No → go to **32**

Three horizontal lines for writing details.

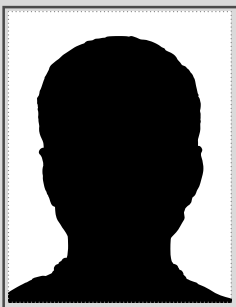
**32** The next set of questions is only for the child's parent / legal guardian to complete.



Because this Citizenship Application Form is for a child (aged under 16 years old), the Statutory Declaration on the next page must be completed by a parent / legal guardian.

Children must NOT sign their own Statutory Declarations.

**33** Do you have an authorised person ready to witness the parent's / legal guardian's signature on the next page, complete their details and sign the back of the child's photos?



CERTIFIED TRUE LIKENESS  
OF  
*Ana Marie Wells*  
(FULL NAME OF APPLICANT)  
*J. Mitchell*  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS/  
IDENTIFIER  
*20/08/2010*  
DATE

Here is an example of what the authorised person has to do on the back of the child's photos.

By signing the back of the child's photos, the authorised person is saying that the photos are of the child.

See pg 14 and 15 of the guide for information about photo standards.

Authorised people include: some members of the Department of Internal Affairs, Justices of the Peace, lawyers, Members of Parliament, New Zealand representatives overseas.



Yes → go to **34**

No. Wait, you need an authorised person.

**34** Statutory Declaration - One parent / legal guardian must read, complete and sign this section for the child applicant.



Warning: It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly give false information or conceal any facts for the purpose of gaining New Zealand citizenship for oneself or on behalf of someone. If you do so, your child may be denied / lose their New Zealand citizenship, or you could face criminal charges, or both.

- I understand this application and warning.
  - The documents provided for this application are genuine and unaltered.
  - I confirm that if applicable, my child understands the responsibilities and privileges of New Zealand citizenship.
- Responsibilities:** things that my child must do
1. Obey and promote the laws of New Zealand.
  2. Not to act in a way that is against the interests of New Zealand.
  3. Register to vote.
  4. Pay tax.
  5. Behave as a responsible New Zealander.
- Privileges:** things that citizenship lets my child do
1. Have the right to live in New Zealand indefinitely.
  2. Travel overseas and return to New Zealand on a New Zealand passport.
  3. Stand for Parliament or local government.
  4. Have full access to education.
  5. Have full access to economic rights.
  6. Represent New Zealand in many international sports.
- Unless I have stated otherwise in this application, my child intends, if granted New Zealand citizenship, to continue to reside in New Zealand.
  - I confirm that I have read and understood the Application Guide for adults and children, including the section relating to the Privacy Statement.
  - If there is any change in my / my child's circumstances which affects the answers given in this application, I will send written advice to the Department of Internal Affairs up until the point my child has received their citizenship certificate.
  - I understand that if I do not provide sufficient information to enable a claim to New Zealand citizenship, my child's application may be declined.
  - I authorise the release by any government agency of personal information about me and / or my child which may assist the Minister of Internal Affairs to decide whether my child qualifies for the grant of citizenship. I recognise that this information may be provided by agencies including, but not limited to: New Zealand Police, New Zealand Customs Service, Immigration New Zealand, Ministry of Social Development, Passport Office, Births, Deaths and Marriages Registry, Ministry of Justice.
  - I authorise the Department to release my child's name and address to his / her local Member of Parliament and local councillors in order that they can formally welcome my child to New Zealand following his/her grant of citizenship.

Parent's / legal guardian's details and signature

I

of

solemnly and sincerely declare that I believe the facts in this application are correct and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously, believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.



Stop. Do you have an authorised person to witness your signature?

Declared at

Signed

On  /  /

This application must be received by the Department of Internal Affairs within three months of being witnessed.

**35** This part is for the authorised person.

Before me

Signed

The authorised person must sign this form and complete the photo information on the same day.

## 36 Checklist

Before you send us your child's application, please make sure you have everything you need.



If you don't provide all the original documents that you need to, your child's application will be delayed. All original documents will be returned to you. DON'T send photocopies.

Every child needs to send these with their application:

- |                          |  |           |
|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | child's full birth certificate, or equivalent  | <b>6</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | current passport(s), travel documents or equivalent (or most recent if it has expired) | <b>10</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | both parents' passports  | <b>10</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | two passport photos (less than six months old), signed by an authorised person         | <b>33</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | the application fee (\$235.10 per child); please see the back page of this form        | <b>40</b> |

Question numbers

If you answered 'yes' to this question, you will also need to send your child's name change documents:

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|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | all your child's name change documents or proof of other name use | <b>11</b> |
|--------------------------|---|-----------|

Question numbers

If your child is aged 14 years or older, check the answers to these questions, you might also need to send these documents:

- |                          |  |                        |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | if English is not your child's first language, proof of their ability to speak English | <b>20</b>              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | offences, infringements / fines, legal action, a letter of explanation for each        | <b>21</b> to <b>24</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | any of these questions, a letter of explanation for each                               | <b>25</b> to <b>27</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | anything else we should know that might affect your child's application                | <b>31</b>              |

You might also need to send:

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | authorised translations, if your documents are not in English                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a translation fee if you wish the Department of Internal Affairs to translate your documents |

See pg 17 of the guide for more information about authorised translations.

If you are unable to give us these documents you will need to explain why in the space below. Or you could send us a letter with your application.

**37** If you want someone else to talk to us on your child's behalf you will need to send us a signed letter that provides the following information:

1. The person's name or company name
2. Their postal address
3. Their contact phone number, email address and fax number or cell phone number (if they have any of these).

For more information see pg 18 in the guide .

**38** How to contact us



New Zealand: Freephone 0800 22 51 51  
or (+64 4) 474 8123



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**39** Posting us your application and documents.

If you want to post us your application, we advise you to use a 'track and trace' courier bag from New Zealand Post (within New Zealand) or registered mail (from overseas) to keep track of your original documents. We will return your documents to you by courier.

Post your application and documents to:  
Department of Internal Affairs  
PO Box 10680  
Wellington, 6143

Or you can give us your application in person at one of our offices.  
See pg 18 of the guide for more information or go online to [www.citizenship.govt.nz](http://www.citizenship.govt.nz) for more information.

Now please turn to the back page to fill out your payment details.

