

ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

(Including South Africa and Zimbabwe)

These notes will help you get the right documents for your citizenship application.

Original documents must be sent in with your application.

Do not send photocopies, we will not accept them.

These are the documents you need to send with your application:

- **Birth Certificate**
- **Passport(s)**
Passports covering the past 5 years.

If you have **changed your name** for any reason, you will also need to send us:

- **Marriage/Divorce Certificates**
If you have changed your name by marriage please send marriage certificates or divorce documents for each marriage you have been in.
- **Other Name Change Documents**
If you have changed your name by statutory declaration or deed poll, please send us your official name change document.

If you do not have these documents you must contact the relevant authority in your country of origin and get these documents sent to you. Further assistance can be obtained from your local embassy, consulate or the information below:

AUSTRALIA

Birth Certificates are available from the Registrar's Office in the state you were born in. You can apply to the relevant state:

ACT <http://www.ors.act.gov.au/bdm/index.html>

Northern Territory <http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/bdm/index/shtml>

NSW <http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/>

QLD <http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm/>

South Australia <http://ocba.sa.gov.au/bdm/>

Tasmania <http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/>

VIC <https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/CA2574F700805DE7/HomePage?ReadForm&1=Home~&2=~&3=~>

WA <http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/>

CANADA

Alberta

Birth certificates are available from Alberta Registries, P.O. Box 2023, Edmonton, AB T5J 4W7.

Tel: 780-427-7013.

British Columbia

Birth certificates are available from the Division of Vital Statistics, 818 Fort Street, Box 9657, Station Provincial Government, Victoria, BC.

Manitoba

Birth certificates are available from the Division of Vital Statistics, Community Services & Corrections, 254 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB. R3C 0B6, Tel: 204-945-3701.

New Brunswick

Birth certificates are available from the Registrar General, Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB. E3B 5H1. Tel: 506-453-2385.

Newfoundland

Birth certificates are available by both residents and non-residents from the Vital Statistics Division, Department of Govt. Devices & Land, Box 8700, St. John's, NFLD, A1B 4J6.

Northwest Territory

Birth certificates are available from the Department of Health and Social Services, Bag #9, Inuvik, NWT. X0E 0T0. Tel: 867-873-7404.

Nova Scotia

Birth certificates are available from the Deputy Registrar General, P.O. Box 157, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M9.

Ontario

Birth certificates are available from the Office of Registrar General, P.O. Box 4600, 189 Red River Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, P7B 6L8.

Prince Edward Island

Birth certificates are available from the Director of Vital Statistics, Department of Health & Social Services, Box 3000, Montague, PEI. C0A 1R0.

Quebec

Birth certificates are available from the Ministere De La Justice, Direction de L'etat Civil, 205 Rue Montmagny, Quebec City, PQ. G1N 4T2.

Saskatchewan

Birth certificates are available from the Division of Vital Statistics & Health Insurance Registration, 1942 Hamilton Street, Regina, SK. S4P 3V7.

Yukon Territory

Birth certificates are available from the Registrar General of Vital Statistics, P.O. Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory Y1A 2C6.

FIJI

Birth certificates are available from the Registrar General's office, Ground Floor, Suvavou House, Victoria Parade, Suva. Ph:(670)3315280 Fax: (679) 3304917.

IRELAND

Birth certificates are available from the Registrar General's Office Ireland

http://www.groireland.ie/apply_for_a_cert.htm

MALAYSIA

Birth and death certificates can be obtained from the Registrar of Births and Deaths in the area where the birth or death was registered or from the Registrar-General of Births and Deaths, Registration Department Headquarters, Petaling Jaya. It should be noted that service is faster if an application is made to the Registrar of the appropriate registration area (Petaling Jaya for West Malaysia, Kuching for Sarawak and Kota Kinabalu for Sabah). The Malaysian National Registration Department website is:

<http://www.jpn.gov.my/en>

Adoption Certificates

Available from Registrar of Adoptions as above.

Marriage certificates

Civil marriage certificates (certified copies of entries in a marriage register) may be obtained from the Malaysian Registrar-General of Marriages, National Registration Department, Headquarters at Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.

Certified copies of civil marriages for those marriages contracted in the state of Sabah and Sarawak may be obtained from the Superintendent Registrar of Marriages in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah and Kuching, Sarawak, respectively.

Islamic marriage certificates may be obtained from the Mahkamah Syariah Court, Headquarters at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Divorce Certificates

Extract copies of civil marriage certificate with endorsement of divorce particulars are obtainable at the Marriage Registry. It should be noted that service is faster if application is made to the appropriate courts where the proceedings took place.

Islamic divorce decrees may be obtained from the Mahkamah Syariah Court headquarters at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

SOUTH AFRICA

Birth Certificates are available from the Department of Home Affairs, Private Bag X114, Pretoria 0001; you should request a "long-form" birth certificate, which lists the details of the parents. Applicants should also provide their full name given at birth, their date and place of birth, and both parents' names, including the mother's maiden name. The request should specify that an English language copy is desired. Please be aware that replacement documents from South Africa can take longer than six months to be issued.

THE PHILIPPINES

Birth Certificates can be obtained from the local civil registrar at the place of birth. Births Certificates for births occurring since 1946 may also be obtained from the National Census and Statistics Office (NCSO), Office of the Civil Registrar-General, Magsaysay Blvd., Santa Mesa, Metro Manila, Philippines. Birth Certificates for births before 1946 are maintained at the National Archives Division at T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila. Getting a birth certificate takes approximately three to four working days. Marriage Certificates can be obtained from the local civil registrar of the place where the marriage occurred. Marriage Certificates for marriages before 1946 may also be obtained from the National Census and Statistics Office (NCSO). Divorce decrees can be obtained from the appropriate court.

U.K.

General Register Office Scotland www.gro-scotland.gov.uk
General Register Office England and Wales www.gro.gov.uk
General Register Office Northern Ireland www.groni.gov.uk

U.S.A

Office of Vital Statistics <http://www.vitalrec.com>

Please note we do not accept hospital issued birth certificates.

ZIMBABWE

Birth certificates are available from the Registrar General, Central Registry for Passports, Citizenship, Births, Deaths and Marriages. Private Bag 7734, Causeway, Harare. Full name of the applicant, date and place of birth, and birth registry number should be supplied. Please be aware, replacement documents from Zimbabwe can take longer than six months to be issued.

Please note that this list of documents is not final. Your case officer may ask you to send more documents at a later date or ask you to attend an interview.

For further information on how to complete your citizenship application, acceptable documents and translations, please look at the application guide book, visit our website (www.citizenship.govt.nz), call us on 0800 22 51 51 or visit one of our offices (Auckland, Manukau, Wellington, Christchurch).