

INDIA

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

Original documents must be sent with your application.

Do not send photocopies, we will not accept them.

If your documents are not in English, you will need to get them translated by an approved translation agency. A list of approved agencies is in the guide book and on our website at www.citizenship.govt.nz.

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

- **Birth Certificate**

We accept birth certificates issued under Section 12 & 17 of the Registration of Births & Deaths Act of 1969 by the State or City authority where you were born. We **do not** accept birth certificates issued from a High Commission.

If your birth has never been registered you must declare this on your application form or in a letter and supply:

- your School Leaving Certificate and/or
- Ration Card or Election Card and/or
- an affidavit by your parents.

If you were **born on or after 1 January 1970** you will also need to provide an original 'No birth record found' certificate issued from your local birth registrar.

- **Passports**

All Passports covering the past 5 years

- **Proof that you speak English (*unless you are making an appointment to lodge your application in person*)**

For example: Indian education certificates, an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) certificate, a letter from your current employer, a New Zealand secondary or tertiary qualification.

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 State Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages in India. Or look on these websites www.india.gov.in/ or <https://yourmaninindia.com>. The Department does not endorse the 'Your man in India' website, but some people may find it useful.

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).