

Verification of applicant's citizenship(s)

Introduction Personal documents and reports are used to verify an applicant's citizenship.

Policy statements

General This policy does not apply to people with refugee status in New Zealand.

Use of applicant's passport to verify citizenship

Many applicants hold a passport for a country other than their birth country. If this is the case the applicant may be required to provide evidence to confirm that they are entitled to hold this document. In most cases, this evidence should be in the form of a citizenship certificate, or a certificate of confirmation of citizenship. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide this evidence.

A team leader should be consulted to determine whether to request evidence. Team leaders are to then use their discretion to determine whether or not to do so. If a team leader decides that evidence should be sought and no evidence is available, the applicant is required to provide a statutory declaration to explain the circumstances and reason(s) why no documented evidence is available.
