

Verification of citizenship applicant's photographic identification

- Introduction** Photographs provided with citizenship applications are:
- used to verify identity
 - checked to determine if they meet identity verification requirements (or further evidence required).

For more information, see DIA website [Photographic Requirements](#).

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Policy statements

Photographic identification An applicant must provide photographic identification with his or her citizenship application in addition to the photographs provided with the application form. Acceptable photographic identification is a valid passport, a valid travel document or an Immigration New Zealand (INZ) issued certificate of identity.

If an applicant does not possess one of the above documents, then the Citizenship Office may accept an expired passport, a national identity card, a driver's licence, a firearms licence or a certified photograph from an applicants INZ record as photographic identification instead.

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide this evidence. A copy of a photograph from INZ must be certified by INZ as being a true copy.

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Policy statements, Continued

Spontaneous refugees All spontaneous refugees are fingerprinted and photographed on arrival. Since 1999 all photographs have been held in electronic format by INZ.

Comparison of photographs The case officer must compare the photographic identification with the photographs provided with the application form. If there is a concern regarding the identity of an applicant, or the photographic identification they have provided, refer the application to a Team Leader or the Investigations Unit.
