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PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP SERVICE AUTHORITY

Citizenship Act 1975

APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP BY NATURALISATION – LONG TERM RESIDENCY AND APPLICATION FOR DUAL CITIZENSHIP

Important information for applicants

The attached application form should be used to apply for Citizenship by Naturalisation (Long Term Residency). It also provides the option to request approval for Dual Citizenship with a prescribed country.

If you have any questions regarding Citizenship or wish to make an appointment to discuss your circumstances, prior to lodging an application, please contact us: Citizenship@immigration.gov.pg or via our client service counter at the Central Government Office Waigani (Monday to Friday 9am-12pm).

Citizenship by Naturalisation (Long Term Residency)

This form is for applicants who have resided in PNG continuously for more than 8 years prior to application. During the 8 year residency period you must not have been outside of PNG for any period greater than 180 days.

Fees

- K10,000 - if seeking Citizenship by Naturalisation only
- K15,000 - if seeking Citizenship by Naturalisation **and** approval for Dual Citizenship)
- Your children (biological or legally adopted) that are under 18 years at time of application can be included for Naturalisation at no additional cost. They cannot, however, be included in your application for Dual Citizenship. Once they reach the age of 18 years, they may apply separately for Dual Citizenship of a prescribed country via the appropriate form, and paying the prescribed fee.
- If you are including children in your application please provide their details at the end of this application form.
- If your spouse is also seeking Citizenship they must make a separate application, under the circumstances for which they qualify, and pay the prescribed fee.
- Before lodging your application you must pay the application fee. You will receive a receipt which you must include with your application. The application fees can be paid at:
 - **Within PNG:** Department of Finance, ground floor Vulupindi Haus, Waigani, or Provincial Treasury Offices
 - **Outside of PNG:** at your nearest PNG Diplomatic Mission (contact the overseas mission for equivalent fees in the local currency)
- You **MUST** include the original copy of your fee receipt with your application. The PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority cannot accept payment of fees.
- There are no refunds on the application fee if you decide to withdraw your application or if the application is refused. You are welcome to make an appointment with a Citizenship Officer, prior to application, if you wish to discuss your circumstances.

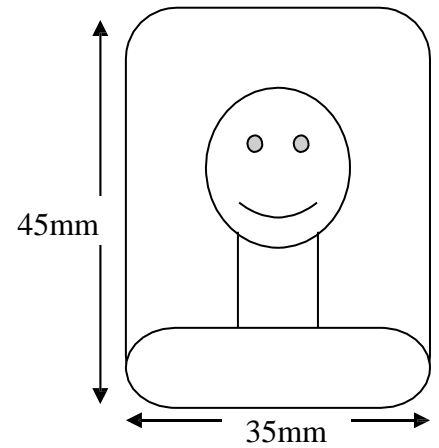
- Citizenship applicants must meet ‘good character’ criteria. You need to attach to this application a notarised copy of police clearance certificates from any country where you have resided for more than 6 months in the last 10 years. In addition you need to provide character references from two PNG Citizens, who have both known you for at least 2 years and who can attest to your good character and suitability for Citizenship.
- If you do not seek approval to hold Dual Citizenship with a prescribed country, you will be required to renounce all existing Citizenships as part of your PNG Citizenship ceremony.
- You need to ensure your application is completed in full and all supporting documents, including your receipt for applications fees, are included when you lodge your application. If an application is found to be incomplete then the application will be returned.
- You need to carefully check your application and support documents for accuracy as false or misleading information can result in severe penalties.
- Your signature on the application must be witnessed by an Authorised Officer:
 - **For applicants residing in PNG** – this is a Magistrate or Court Official from the National/Provincial/District Court House, or a qualified Legal Officer, with a Commissioner of Oaths title. The Authorising Officer must also provide a copy of his/her identification (passport bio data page, drivers licence, employee ID card, National ID Card, etc).
 - **For applicants residing overseas** – this is any PNG Consular Officer or accredited public notary or justice of the peace within the country where the applicant resides.
- The Authorised Officer is also required to sight your original identity documents and certify a copy of those identity documents. They are also required to confirm that the application photo is a true likeness of you. This also applies to any child you are including in your application.

Dual Citizenship approval

- **Approval to hold Dual Citizenship is limited to prescribed countries:** Australia, Fiji, Germany, New Zealand, Samoa, United Kingdom, United States of America and Vanuatu
- If your request for Dual Citizenship is approved, you are required to advise the PNG’s Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority in writing if your Citizenship of a prescribed country is subsequently renounced or revoked.
- If you are a PNG Citizen who holds Dual Citizenship **your rights are limited under PNG’s Constitution** (Sections 50, 51 & 65). Dual Citizens do not have the right to vote in elections, hold public office positions or acquire freehold land. Access to freedom of information rights is also restricted. Dual Citizenship may also have implications in the other country for which Citizenship is held.
- PNG Citizens under 18 years can lawfully hold Dual Citizenship with another country(s). They cannot seek approval from the PNG Government to hold Dual Citizenship before they are 18 years old.
- PNG Citizens aged between 18 and 19 years, who already hold Dual Citizenship are required to:
 1. Renounce Citizenship of the other country(s) for which they hold Citizenship; or
 2. Seek approval by the PNG government to hold Dual Citizenship with a prescribed country, currently Australia, Fiji, Germany, New Zealand, Samoa, United Kingdom, United States of America or Vanuatu; or
 3. Renounce their PNG Citizenship.

PNG Citizenship is automatically lost if options 1 or 2 are not completed by the age of 19 years.

- **Photograph:** With your application you should submit one recent photograph. These should be head and shoulders only, taken 'Full Face' without had or tinted glasses and with a light coloured background. The photograph should be within the dimensions of 35mm x 45mm.



Lodgement

- You or your representative can lodge your application at the Central Government Office Waigani (Monday to Friday 9am-12pm). At the time of lodgement you will receive an application receipt. Please keep a copy of your application and the lodgement receipt for future reference.
- Alternatively, you or your representative can lodge your application by mail to:

**The Chief Migration Officer
 PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority
 PO Box 1790
 Boroko
 National Capital District
 Papua New Guinea.**

- If overseas, you may lodge your application at the nearest PNG Embassy, High Commission, or Consulate.
- Within 5 working days of receiving the application you (or your representative where requested) will be issued with an email acknowledging receipt. Please keep a copy of your application and the email acknowledging receipt of the application for future reference.
- Following lodgement of your application, a Citizenship Officer may contact you to clarify details in your application and/or to establish an interview appointment, if required.
- Offering Citizenship or approval for Dual Citizenship is an important decision for the PNG Government. Your application will be processed efficiently however it is important to note that the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority needs to undertake extensive checks and verifications as part of the application process. Further your application needs to be considered by the PNG Citizenship Advisory Committee before a final decision is made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration.

BEFORE LODGING THIS APPLICATION PLEASE REMOVE AND RETAIN THESE INFORMATION PAGES FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Further information can be obtained at www.immigration.gov.pg



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A: Your personal details

1. Family name:

2. First/given name:

3. Middle names:

4. Have you ever been known by any other names (including maiden names)?

Yes No

If yes, provide details:

5. Gender Male Female

6. Date of birth:

7. Place of Birth (province/state, country):

8. Country of Citizenship:

9. Passport number:

B: Your contact details

10. Residential address

12. Postal Address

13. Phone number:

14. Email address:

Attach applicant's
passport photo here
using adhesive tape or
glue.

Do not staple.

C: Name and contact details of your next of kin

15. Family name:

16. First given name:

17. Middle names:

18. Citizenship:

19. Residential address:

20. Relationship to applicant:

D: Agent details

21. (If applicable) Name, business address, phone number and email address of the representative who is lodging this application on your behalf

22. Where you have provided details of a representative (question 21) would you prefer the PNG Immigration and Citizenship to liaise directly with yourself or your representative regarding this application? (tick one) Myself My Representative

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23. Have you ever been convicted of a crime in any country? No Yes

24. Do you have any charges pending in a court of law? No Yes

If you answered 'yes' to questions 23 or 24, please provide details

25. Do you intend to reside permanently in Papua New Guinea? No Yes

If you answered 'no' to question 25, please provide details

26. Do you speak, understand or commit to learn Tok Pisin or Motu or another Papua New Guinean language? No Yes

If you answered 'no' to question 26, please provide details

27. If offered Citizenship will you respect the customs and cultures of Papua New Guinea?

No Yes

If you answered 'no' to question 27, please provide details

28. If offered Citizenship, are you aware of any reason you would become dependent on public funds?

No Yes

If you answered 'yes' to question 28, please provide details

29. Do you have a reasonable knowledge and understanding of the rights, privileges, responsibilities and duties of Papua New Guinean Citizenship?

No Yes

If you answered 'no' to question 29, please provide details

30. How many years have you continuously resided in PNG?

31. List your places of residence (including full addresses) for the past 8 years (attach evidence).

32. Details of employer(s) and length of employment since arriving in PNG (attach evidence).

F: Renouncing Citizenship or seeking Dual Citizenship

33. If offered PNG Citizenship, are you willing to renounce your current Citizenship? (note: unless you are seeking Dual Citizenship from a prescribed country you are required to renounce all other Citizenships at your PNG Citizenship ceremony)

No Yes

If you answered 'yes' to question 33 please go to question 37.

34. If you answered 'no' to question 33, are you seeking approval for Dual Citizenship with a prescribed country (Australia, Fiji, Germany, New Zealand, Samoa, United Kingdom, United States of America and Vanuatu)? Note – you **MUST** be 18 years or older to apply for and be granted Dual Citizenship.

No Yes

35. If you answered 'yes' to question 34, indicate which prescribed country you are seeking Dual Citizenship with:

36. If you answered 'yes' to question 34, indicate reasons why you are seeking Dual Citizenship:

I have a spouse, parent, child or relatives who are Citizens of the prescribed country No Yes

I have business interests in the prescribed country No Yes

I was born in the prescribed country No Yes

I have medical reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country No Yes

I have religious reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country No Yes

I have education reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country No Yes

I have employment reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country No Yes

I have other reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country No Yes

Where you have answered 'yes' to any part of question 36 please provide details. You can also attach any supporting evidence to this application

37. If the Minister approves your PNG Citizenship application please indicate if you are prepared to:

Make an Affirmation of Allegiance; or

Take an Oath of Allegiance, to her Majesty the Queen.

38. I have attached to this application:

Original copy of the prescribed fee receipt

A notarised/certified copy of my passport bio data page

A notarised/certified copy of my birth certificate

Notarised/certified copies of at least one other form of identity, for example:

- Driver's license
- Military service identification or discharge papers
- Government agency identity card
- Employee identification
- National identity card

Character references from two PNG Citizens, who have known me for at least 2 years, who can attest to my good character and suitability for Citizenship.

Notarised/certified copies of police clearance certificates for each country where I have resided for more than 6 months in the last 10 years.

For each child included in this application – a notarised copy of the child’s birth certificate and passport bio data page and the fees receipt if applying for Dual Citizenship approval.

39. By signing this application:

I hereby apply for PNG Citizenship by Naturalisation (Long Term Residency).

If I am applying for Dual Citizenship, having attained the age of 18 years and being to the best of my knowledge a national or Citizen (or being qualified to hold the nationality or Citizenship) of a prescribed country I apply for approval to hold that nationality or Citizenship, and to hold the Citizenship of Papua New Guinea.

I understand if I withdraw my application, or it is refused, I am not entitled to a refund of the prescribed fee(s).

I understand that if I have applied for Dual Citizenship, if granted this will restrict my rights under sections 50, 51 and 56 of the PNG Constitution, which relate to rights of Citizens to stand and vote, stand for Public Office, Freedom of Information, and the right to acquire freehold land.

I declare that the information I have provided in this application and accompanying documents is accurate, true and correct in every particular. I understand that there are severe penalties for providing false or misleading information in this application.

The signing of this application must be witnessed by an Authorised Officer (see next page).

Signature of applicant

Date

G. Verification

40. Statement of Authorised Officer

Authorised Officer qualifications:

- *For applicants residing in PNG – this is a Magistrate or Court Official from the National/Provincial/District Court House, or a qualified Legal Officer, with a Commissioner of Oaths title. The Authorising Officer must also provide a copy of his/her identification (passport bio data page, drivers licence, employee ID card, National ID card etc) which should be lodged with the application.*
- *For applicants residing overseas – this is any PNG Consular official, accredited public notary or justice of the peace within the country where the applicant resides.*

By completing and signing below I declare that I:

- have witnessed the applicant sign this application ;
- confirm that the applicant's photo(s) included in this application, is a true likeness of the applicant(s);
- confirm that I have sighted the original identity documents before certifying a copy; and
- that my statement is accurate, true and correct in every particular and I understand that there are severe penalties for providing a false or misleading statement.

Full name:

Business address:

Authorised Officer Qualification

Telephone:

Email:

Signature:

Date

Wet stamp or Seal (if applicable)

H. Additional page for each dependent child included in this application

Please complete one copy of this page for each child you are including in your application and attach a notarised (by an Authorised Officer) copy of the child's birth certificate and passport bio data page.

- Your biological or legally adopted children (under 18 years at time of application) can be included in an application for Citizenship by Naturalisation at no additional cost.
- They cannot, however, be included in your application for Dual Citizenship. Once they reach the age of 18 years, they may apply separately for Dual Citizenship of a prescribed country via the appropriate form, and paying the prescribed fee.
- Other children, by virtue of marriage (step-children), customarily adopted children, or where you are a guardian, cannot be included in your application.

Attach child's passport photo here using adhesive tape or glue.

Do not staple.

Details of child

1. Family name:

2. First/given name:

3. Middle names:

4. Has this child ever been known by any other names (including maiden names)?

Yes No

If yes, provide details:

5. Gender Male Female

6. Date of birth:

7. Place of Birth (province/state, country):

8. Country of Citizenship:

9. Passport Number

10. Father's name:

11. Mother's name:

12. Is this child adopted? Yes No

If yes, attach full details and adoption papers along with relevant Court Orders.