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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP SERVICE AUTHORITY

*Citizenship Act 1975*

### APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT AND APPLICATION FOR DUAL CITIZENSHIP

#### Important information for applicants

The attached application form should be used to apply for Citizenship by Descent. 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](mailto:Citizenship@immigration.gov.pg) or via our client service counter at the Central Government Office Waigani (Monday to Friday 9am-12pm).

This form is for applicants who:

1. have a parent or grandparent who is or was a PNG Citizen (or was qualified to be a PNG Citizen if they had survived to Independence Day – 16 September 1975); and
2. have resided in PNG for at least 12 months in the 3 years prior to making an application for Citizenship.

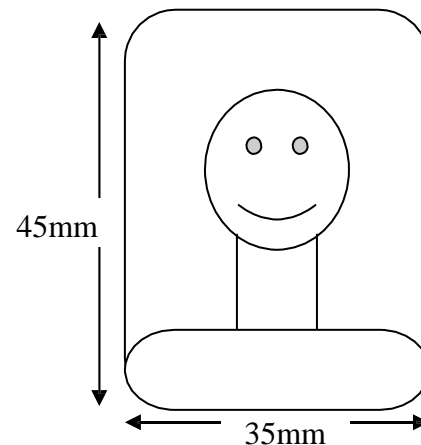
#### Application fee

- **K10,000** – application for Citizenship by Descent.
- **K15,000** – application for Citizenship by Descent and approval for Dual Citizenship (applicant aged 19 years or older).
- **K12,000** – application for Citizenship by Descent and approval for Dual Citizenship (applicant aged 18 but under 19 years old).
- Your children and spouse cannot be included in your application. If your spouse or children are 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 of 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.

- **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.



- Citizenship applicants must meet 'good character' criteria. You need to attach to this application a certified/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 etc).
  - **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.

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.

- PNG Birth Certificates – the previous "blue hard cover" Birth Certificates are no longer an acceptable form of identity by PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority. If you are a holder of the old style certificate you will need to obtain a new Birth Certificate before lodging this application.
- 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 make 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 need 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.

### **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. 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.*

**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](http://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

**E: Application for Citizenship by decent**

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 long have you resided in PNG in the last 3 years? Years  Months**

**31. List your places of residence (including full addresses) for the past 3 years: (Attach evidence)**

**32. Details of employers, schools, educational institutions, addressed and length of employment/study in the last 3 years? (Attach evidence)**

**F: Details of the PNG Citizen (parent or grandparent) who you are claiming Descent**

33. Family name:

34. First/given name:

35. Middle names:

36. Has this parent/grandparent ever been known by any other names (including maiden names)?

Yes  No

If yes, provide details:

37. Gender

Male  Female

38. Date of birth:

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

40. Passport number:

41. Relationship to the applicant:

**G: Renouncing Citizenship or seeking Dual Citizenship**

42. 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 42 please go to question 46.

43. If you answered 'no' to question 42, 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

44. If you answered 'yes' to question 43, indicate which prescribed country you are seeking Dual Citizenship with?

45. If you answered 'yes' to question 43, 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 45 please provide details. You can also attach any supporting evidence to this application

**46. 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.

**47. I have attached to this application:**

- Original copy of the prescribed fee receipt
- A notarised copy of my passport bio data page
- A notarised copy of my Birth Certificate
- Notarised copies of at least one other form of identity, for example:
- Driver's license
  - Military service identification or discharge papers
  - Government agency identity card
  - National identity card
- Notarised copy of parent's Birth Certificates or other legalised evidence of birth.
- Notarised copy of parent's identity documents, including notarised copies of at least one of:
- Passport bio-page
  - Driver's license
  - Military service identification or discharge papers
  - Government agency identity card
  - National identity card
- Evidence of grandparent's birth and identity, consistent with the documentary evidence required for your parents set out immediately above (where claiming Descent to a grandparent).
- 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 copies of police clearance certificates for each country where I have resided for more than 6 months in the last 10 years.

**48. By signing this application:**

- I hereby apply for PNG Citizenship by Descent.
- 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

## H: Verification

### 41. 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 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)