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PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP SERVICE AUTHORITY

Citizenship Act 1975

APPLICATION BY A PNG CITIZEN TO HOLD DUAL CITIZENSHIP WITH A PRESCRIBED COUNTRY

Important information for applicants

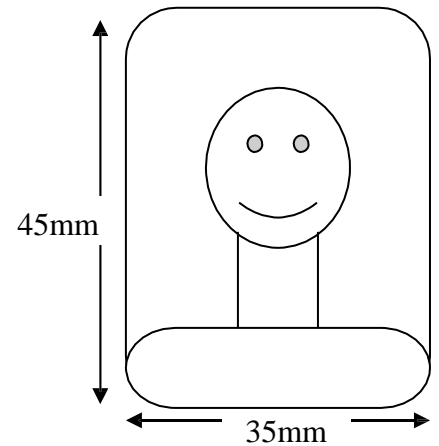
The attached application form should be used by PNG Citizens seeking approval to hold Dual Citizenship.

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).

- **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 you are currently under 18 years of age**, you can lawfully hold Dual Citizenship with other country(s). You cannot seek approval from the PNG Government to hold Dual Citizenship before you are 18 years old. You must wait until you turn 18 years of age before making this application.
- **If you are 18 years of age, but have not yet turned 19**, you may apply for approval for an existing Dual Citizenship with a prescribed country. You may also seek approval to obtain Dual Citizenship with a prescribed country if you do not already hold that other Citizenship.
- **If you are aged 19 or older at the time of the application you must not hold Citizenship with another country at the time of application.** You may only seek approval to obtain Dual Citizenship with an prescribed country where you do not already hold that other Citizenship. *If you were PNG Citizen and obtained Citizenship with another country without Dual Citizenship approval and kept that other Citizenship past your 19th birthday, you will have automatically lost your PNG Citizenship. In this case you are a former PNG Citizen, and will need to apply for: resumption of your PNG Citizenship, or PNG Citizenship by Naturalisation (Long Term Resident, Investor or Sports person), or PNG Citizenship by Descent (parent/grandparent) or PNG Citizenship by Marriage.*
- The application fee for Dual Citizenship is:
 - **K5,000** for applicants aged 19 years or older; or
 - **K2,000** for applicants aged 18, but under 19 years.
- 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 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.
- 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 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

- 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.

Existing Dual Citizens 18 years of age, but less than 19 years of age:

- If you are a PNG Citizen aged between 18-19 years, and you already hold Dual Citizenship, you are required to:
 1. Renounce Citizenship of the other country(s) for which you hold Citizenship; or
 2. Seek approval by the PNG government to hold Dual Citizenship with a prescribed country (Australia, Fiji, Germany, New Zealand, Samoa, United Kingdom, United States of America or Vanuatu); or
 3. Renounce your PNG Citizenship.

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

Application explanatory notes

- **Application question 8** (PNG Passport number) – if you have never held a PNG passport please answer “Never held”.
- **Application question 9** (Date of PNG Citizenship) – This is the date you became a naturalised Citizen (long term resident, sportsperson or investor) or Citizen by marriage or descent, or the date your Citizenship was resumed under Section 73 or 74 of the Constitution. You do not need to complete this answer if you are an automatic PNG Citizen under Section 65 or 66 of the Constitution.

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. PNG Passport number:

9. Date gained PNG Citizenship:

(See explanatory notes)

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 Dual Citizenship with a prescribed country

Note – you **MUST** be 18 years or older to apply for and be granted Dual Citizenship.

23. Which prescribed country you are seeking Dual Citizenship with?

24. Reasons why you are seeking Dual Citizenship:

- | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| I have a spouse, parent, child or relatives who are Citizens of the prescribed country | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have business interests in the prescribed country | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I was born in the prescribed country | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have medical reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have religious reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have education reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have employment reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I have other reasons to be a Citizen of the prescribed country | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |

Where you have answered 'yes' to any part of question 24 please provide details. You can also attach any supporting evidence to this application

25. 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 two forms of identity, for example:
 - Passport bio-page
 - Driver's license
 - Military service identification or discharge papers
 - Government agency identity card
 - National identity card
- Evidence to support my reasons for Dual Citizenship (question 24)

26. By signing this application:

- 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 understand that if I receive Ministerial approval to seek Dual Citizenship, PNG's Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority will assume that Citizenship of the prescribed country has been granted within 12 months of the date of Ministerial approval.
- I undertake to inform PNG's Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority if my application for Citizenship of a prescribed country is refused.
- I undertake to inform PNG's Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority if my Citizenship of a prescribed country is subsequently renounced or revoked.
- 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

F: Verification

27. 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)