

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Application for Naturalisation as a British Overseas Territories Citizen

Section 18(1) (Grounds of Residence)

Applicants must be aged 18 or over.

Read this section before you fill in the form

NOTES

- The process of Naturalisation is governed by the British Nationality Act, 1981. Please note that Naturalisation is a discretionary process.
- If applicant is applying on grounds of possessing Permanent Residence, annual fees must be paid up-to-date before application can be considered.
- Any document in a foreign language must be translated by a registered translator in the Cayman Islands.
- Please answer ALL questions. If a section of the form does not pertain to your application, please write N/A. If there is not enough space for your answer, use a separate sheet. Please ensure that all answers are legible, preferably in blue or black ink.
- 12 months must have elapsed between acquiring the Right to be Caymanian /Permanent Residence and applying for Naturalisation.
- Please submit completed application form with fee and certified copies of accompanying documents addressed to the Office of the Deputy Governor (**in a sealed envelope**) by placing in the drop-box on the Ground Floor of the Government Administration Building.
- Please note that only cheques or banker's drafts made payable to the Cayman Islands Government will be accepted as payment.
- Applicants from a non-English speaking country must have sufficient knowledge of the English language (you may be required to attend our Office for an English test).
- Applications should be processed within 3 months and you will receive written communication of the outcome.
- If your application is successful, you will be required to attend a pledge ceremony.

CHECK LIST

- Completed Application Form.
- **Certified copies of the following documents:**
 - Certificate of Caymanian Status/Right to be Caymanian OR
 - Letter of Permanent Residence and Residency & Employment Rights Certificate
 - Original birth certificate
 - Original marriage certificate, if applicable
 - Divorce decree, if applicable
 - Data/photo page of current passport
 - Original birth certificate of spouse, if applicable
 - Original deed poll of change of name or Statutory Declaration authorising retention of maiden name, if applicable
- One recent colour full-face photograph (passport size).
- Employment Letter
- A fee of C\$825 (of which \$200 is a non-refundable filing fee).

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that relevant supporting documents are attached to the application form in order of the Check List and all certified copies and other documentation submitted must be printed one sided, using 8.5 x 11 paper only.

VERY IMPORTANT: If an application is deemed incomplete, you will be contacted to collect the envelope with its contents, accompanied with a cover sheet conveying the missing documents. Once an application is viewed as complete and is accepted by this Office, a receipt shall be forwarded to you.

WARNING:

To give false information on this form knowingly or recklessly is a criminal offence punishable with up to 3 months imprisonment or up to a fine of \$500 dollars or both as stated in the British Nationality Act 1981.

1. Details of Applicant

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Surname/Last Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Name(s) _____

Date of birth DD/MM/YYYY Place and Country of birth _____

Nationality: _____ **NOTE: Present nationality is based on your current passport.**

Marital Status: Single (never married) Married Divorced Widowed

Caymanian Status/Right to be Caymanian Permanent Residence Date acquired _____

Is this your first application? If not, give date of previous application _____

2. Applicant's Previous Name

Is your name at birth different from your present name? If yes, state previous names _____

Reason for change (adoption, deed poll, marriage etc.) _____

3. Contact Information

P.O. Box _____ Postal Code KY _____ House No & Street Name _____

District _____ Telephone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

NOTE: This is the information that we will use to contact you. If you are being represented by an agent, please enter their details here.

4. Convictions/Arrests

Have you ever been convicted in a court of law of any crime/offence? YES NO

If yes, state conviction(s) _____

If crime/offence was committed overseas, provide full details on a separate sheet, if applicable.

Have you been arrested for any crime or offence? YES NO

If yes, state details _____

5. Residency Information

Give below all physical addresses in the Territory for the last 5 years (*continue on separate sheet if necessary*).

Address (include house # & district)	From	To

Date of first arrival in the Cayman Islands (to reside). If exact date is not known, you must reflect the year. _____

The following guide is provided to determine if you meet the residency requirement or not:

- that the applicant was in the relevant Territory at the beginning of the period of five years ending with the date of the application, (*this is unwaivable*) and that the number of days on which he/she was absent from the Territory in that period does not exceed 450; and
- that the number of days on which the applicant was absent from that Territory in the period of twelve months so ending does not exceed 90; and
- that the applicant was not at any time in the period of twelve months so ending subject to the Immigration Law to any restrictions on the period for which he/she might remain in Territory; and
- that the applicant was not at any time in the period of five years so ending in that Territory in breach of the Immigration Law.

If you were or are outside the Territory for an extensive period for educational / medical/business purposes, original documentation to support this must be provided by the university or college / medical facility/employer. This information must stipulate the length of time that you were away or expect to be away to achieve your degree / complete medical treatment/for business.

Note: The applicant's principal home must be in the Territory. The "Territory" meaning the Cayman Islands and intend to continue residing in the Cayman Islands for the foreseeable future.

***Unwaivable Requirement: For example: If applicant departed the Cayman Islands on March 3, 2009 and did not return until March 17, 2009, he / she would not be eligible to apply for Naturalisation until after March 17, 2014.**

Naturalisation as a British Overseas Territories Citizen is at the discretion of the Home Secretary in the United Kingdom and, in the case of the Cayman Islands, that power has been delegated to the Governor of the Territory.

The grant of citizenship is on the basis of several factors, including:-

- complying with the unwaivable requirement,
- complying with the residency requirements,
- the intention to remain in the Territory,
- sufficient knowledge of the English language,
- being of good character.

6. Referees

This section of the form is to be filled in by the applicant's referees who must be a **British Overseas Territories Citizen of the Cayman Islands** aged **25 or over** and listed on the Electoral Register. A referee cannot be a relative, solicitor or agent of the applicant, and must have known the applicant for a minimum of 5 years.

1) I, (referee's full name in BLOCK LETTERS) _____

Date of birth _____ Country of birth _____

District Registered to Vote _____ have known the applicant personally for _____ years and I confirm that he/she is of good character. I support his/her application for Naturalisation as a British Overseas Territories Citizen of the Cayman Islands.

Telephone Number _____ Signature of Referee _____ Date _____

2) I, (referee's full name in BLOCK LETTERS) _____

Date of birth _____ Country of birth _____

District Registered to Vote _____ have known the applicant personally for _____ years and I confirm that he/she is of good character. I support his/her application for Naturalisation as a British Overseas Territories Citizen of the Cayman Islands.

Telephone Number _____ Signature of Referee _____ Date _____

7. Declaration

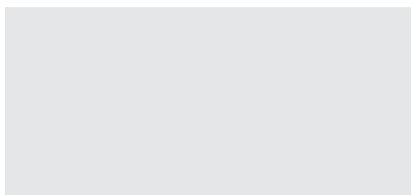
I, (full name in BLOCK LETTERS) _____

declare that to the best of my knowledge the information given in this application is correct. I promise to inform the Office of the Deputy Governor in writing of any change in circumstance which may affect the accuracy of the information given while the application is being considered.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Signed in the presence of a Justice of the Peace/Notary Public).

Signature of JP/NP: _____ ***Date*** _____



(affix seal/stamp here)