

# Kirirautanga o Aotearoa - Pakeke

## Application for New Zealand citizenship by grant - Adult



Internal Affairs  
Te Tari Taiwhenua

GNT002 - CBG ADULT

Use this form if you are aged 16 years or over and want to apply for New Zealand citizenship by grant.

Check you meet the requirements and learn about how to apply at [govt.nz/citizenship](https://govt.nz/citizenship).

The easiest way to apply is online.

### Before you apply

#### To be eligible for a grant of citizenship, you must meet the following criteria:

- You are entitled to reside indefinitely in New Zealand; AND you have been present in New Zealand:
  - for at least 1,350 days with New Zealand residence during the 5 years immediately before you make your application; and
  - for at least 240 days with New Zealand residence in each of those 5 years; and
  - fully met any and all residence conditions imposed by Immigration New Zealand (INZ).
- You are of good character.
- You understand the responsibilities and privileges of New Zealand citizenship.
- You are able to hold a basic conversation in English.
- You intend to continue living in New Zealand, if granted citizenship.

‘New Zealand residence’ means you have a current residence permit, permanent residence visa or residence visa issued by INZ, you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or you are a New Zealand citizen by descent.

#### What you need to complete this application

- Your original birth certificate or your country’s equivalent document.
- Your current passport(s) or most recent passport if it has expired.
- 2 identical colour photos of yourself that are less than 6 months old. We recommend you have your photos taken by a business that offers a passport photo service. These businesses can ensure your photos meet our requirements. Do not staple, glue or paper-clip photos to this application as this damages the photos.
- A person who can act as a witness for you. They must complete Section 10: Witness section.
- Evidence that you can speak English in everyday situations, if it is not your first language.
- The application fee of \$470.20 per adult aged 16 years or over.

We do not accept photocopies.

If you are living as a different gender than what appears on your birth record, passport or travel document, you must provide a statutory declaration with this application that states:

- the gender you want on your citizenship certificate (male, female or non-binary)
- how long you have been living with that gender identity.

Make sure the information you provide is true and correct. All questions must be answered. If you need

more space to answer a question, use another piece of paper. If it is later found that you have provided false or misleading information, you may be denied citizenship or lose citizenship once it is granted, or face criminal charges, or both.

## Withdrawals and refunds

If you do not meet the requirements for citizenship, you can withdraw the application and get a partial refund of your application fee. Part of the fee is kept to cover the costs of the initial processing of your application.

## Contact us

**Website:** [govt.nz/contact-citizenship-office](https://govt.nz/contact-citizenship-office)

**Email:** [citizenship@dia.govt.nz](mailto:citizenship@dia.govt.nz)

Only use email for queries about this form. Do not email your application to us.

## Privacy statement

### Collection, authorisation, and use of information in support of this application

In order to process your citizenship application, we will need to collect some personal information from you. The decision to give us your information is your choice. If you do not give us all the information we need, we may decline your application.

We need your information to:

- verify your identity, and
- assist the Minister of Internal Affairs to decide whether you qualify for a grant of New Zealand citizenship.

We collect and hold information from this form at the Department of Internal Affairs, PO Box 10680, Wellington. Under the Privacy Act 2020 you can request access to and correction of the personal information we hold about you.

The information collected in your application may be used in statistical analysis and reporting for service improvement and business management purposes. Personal information will only be used where necessary for those purposes.

Data is stored, accessed and retained in accordance with our Privacy Policy, Information Management Policy, and the DIA Code of Conduct which incorporates our ICT and security policies, and in compliance with the Privacy Act 2020 and the Public Records Act 2005.

### Information sharing

The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) relies on the Identity Services Approved Information Sharing Agreement (IS AISA) to access information relating to your birth, death, marriage, name change, civil union and passport when verifying your identity.

DIA relies on the Customer Nominated Services Approved Information Sharing Agreement (CNS AISA) to share information with Immigration New Zealand (INZ) to verify your identity and confirm eligibility requirements are met for a grant of New Zealand citizenship.

DIA may share your citizenship information once you have been granted citizenship with other government agencies. Full details of the DIA's information-sharing practices are available on our website: [dia.govt.nz/Legal-Privacy-Index](https://dia.govt.nz/Legal-Privacy-Index).

## Fees statement

All fees are in New Zealand dollars. All fees are correct as at the form version date.

## Quick quiz

Use this quiz to help you find out if you can become a citizen.

### 1. Do you live in New Zealand?

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to question 2.  
☐ No ► Go to Statement 2.

### 2. Are you Samoan?

- ☐ Yes ► Go to Statement 3.  
☐ No ► Continue to question 3.

### 3. Have you lived in New Zealand with residence status for 5 years or more?

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to question 4.  
☐ No ► Go to Statement 2.

### 4. During the last 5 years have you gone on any overseas trips that lasted more than 4 months?

- ☐ Yes ► Go to Statement 2.  
☐ No ► Continue to question 5.

### 5. Do you plan to continue living in New Zealand?

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to question 6.  
☐ No ► Go to Statement 2.

### 6. Have you been convicted of any offence in the past 3 years?

- ☐ Yes ► Go to Statement 2.  
☐ No ► Continue to question 7.

### 7. Are you able to speak and understand English in everyday situations?

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to question 8.  
☐ No ► Go to Statement 2.

### 8. Have you read and understood the responsibilities and privileges of being a New Zealand citizen on page 20?

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to Statement 1.  
☐ No ► Go to Statement 2.

**Statement 1: You probably meet the requirements for New Zealand citizenship by grant**

**Statement 2: You might not meet one of the requirements for New Zealand citizenship by grant**

You can apply when you meet the requirements.

Read more about the requirements at:  
[govt.nz/requirements-for-nz-citizenship](http://govt.nz/requirements-for-nz-citizenship)

**Statement 3: You may need to fill out the New Zealand citizenship - Samoan form**

Requirements are specific to the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982. Find out more information, apply online or download the paper form at: [govt.nz/apply-for-nz-citizenship](http://govt.nz/apply-for-nz-citizenship)

## Disclaimer

The questions above are based on the legal requirements for citizenship by grant. The result is only a general indicator to give you an idea of your eligibility. The questions do not form part of the formal application or assessment process.

A formal assessment of your ability to meet each relevant requirement will be carried out by the Department of Internal Affairs if you apply for citizenship. The results of the questions above are not legal advice. For more information, read the rest of the guide notes on page 1 to page 4.

## Checklist

Before you bring or send us your application, make sure you have everything you need.

You must provide original documents — not copies.

All original documents will be returned to you.

If you do not provide all the original documents that you need to, your application will be delayed.

If you are unable to give us these documents, you will need to explain why in a letter with your application.

### What you need to send:

- ☐ your full birth certificate, or equivalent
- ☐ all your current passports, travel documents or equivalent (or most recent if it has expired)
- ☐ 2 passport-style photos that your witness has signed, dated and written your name on the back on one of the photos
- ☐ filled out payment details in question 49 on page 25 (application fee is \$470.20 per adult).

### You might also need to send these documents:

- ☐ if you have changed your name, all your marriage, civil union, divorce, name change, or adoption documents that prove your names
- ☐ if English is not your first language, proof of your ability to speak English in everyday situations
- ☐ if you have committed any offence, a letter of explanation of any offence or legal action
- ☐ overseas police clearance if you lived overseas while you had an NZ residence visa for more than 4 months in the last 3 years, or more than 12 months in the last 12 years
- ☐ if you have ever had to return money to any New Zealand government agency, proof of your payment plan, or a letter from the agency saying you have repaid the debt in full
- ☐ if you are being, or have been, investigated, reviewed, or had any other legal action taken against you by government agencies in New Zealand or any other country, provide a letter of explanation
- ☐ anything else we should know that might affect your application.

### If your documents are not in English, you may also need:

- ☐ authorised translations of your documents (if your documents are not in English and you already have an authorised translation, provide the translation with the original document).

If you do not have an authorised translation, provide your original documents and we will arrange for them to be translated. There is no charge for this unless you require a copy of the translation for your own purposes. If you require a copy of the translation, download a T100 Request for translation form from [govt.nz/request for translation](https://govt.nz/request-for-translation) and include this with your application.


### If you have already registered as a New Zealand citizen by descent and want to change your status to citizenship by grant you need to bring in or send:

- ☐ your original New Zealand citizenship by descent certificate.



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How to answer this form:

- You can complete this form by hand or on-screen using Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- You can use the tab key to move to the next fillable form field in Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- You must still print off the application and sign by hand.
- When you see this icon  it means you need to take extra care with your answers.

### Section 1: Applicant information

#### 1. Your name

##### 1a. Your current name

The name you provide will be on your citizenship certificate, and it must be your legal name. While we process your application, we will verify that you are entitled to use this name.

First and middle names

Surname or family name (if you have a single name, enter it here)

##### 1b. Choose why you use this name: (tick one)

- ☐ This is my birth name ► Go to question 2.
- ☐ This is the name I assumed by marriage or civil union ► Continue to question 1c.
- ☐ This is my name from a formal name change ► Continue to question 1c.
- ☐ This is my adoptive name ► Go to question 2.

##### 1c. Details of marriage, civil union or formal name change

Country of event

Date of event (dd/mm/yyyy)

## 2. Your birth details as they appear on your birth document

Gender (male, female or non-binary)

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Country of birth

Place of birth (smallest place shown on your birth document)

## 3. Which of these options best describes your situation? (tick one)

- ☐ I am not a New Zealand citizen and I would like to apply for New Zealand citizenship by grant  
▶ Go to question 5 on page 7.
- ☐ I have already registered as a New Zealand citizen by descent and I want to change my status to citizen by grant ▶ Continue to question 4.

## 4. Your citizenship by descent certificate details

### 4a. Certificate details

First and middle names on your certificate

Surname or family name on your certificate

Certificate number

### 4b. How are you returning your certificate? (tick one)

You must return your descent certificate when you submit this application.

- ☐ I have included the certificate with this application.
- ☐ I have not included the certificate with this application for the reasons explained below.

Reason for not returning the original descent certificate (for example, it has been lost or stolen)

## 5. Your citizenship status and passport details

Country or countries that you are a citizen of

Passport or travel document last used to enter NZ

Country this passport or travel document is from

## 6. Have you ever been married or in a civil union?

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to question 7.
- ☐ No ► Go to question 9 on page 8.

## 7. Marriage or civil union details

Enter the details as shown on the original marriage or civil union certificate.

Enter the surname or family name your marriage or civil union partner used before the marriage or civil union.

If you have entered into more than 2 marriages or civil unions, send us this information on a separate piece of paper with your application form.

If you assumed your marriage or civil union partner's surname or family name, provide all original marriage, civil union, or divorce documents.

### 7a. Details of your most recent marriage or civil union partner

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Year of marriage or civil union

- ☐ Ceremony was held in New Zealand.
- ☐ Ceremony was held outside New Zealand.

### 7b. Details of second most recent marriage or civil union partner (if applicable)

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Year of marriage or civil union

- ☐ Ceremony was held in New Zealand.
- ☐ Ceremony was held outside New Zealand.

## 8. Have you used any other names during your life?

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to question 9.
- ☐ No ► Go to question 10 on page 9.

## 9. Other names

We need to know all the names you have ever used during your life to verify your identity.

Provide proof of names you have used. For example, marriage, civil union, divorce, name change, or adoption documents.

If you have more than 2 name changes, send us this information on a separate piece of paper with your application form.

### 9a. Details of most recent name change

This is the name you used before your current name from question 1 on page 5.

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Year you last used this name

Why did you use this name? (tick one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted name     | <input type="checkbox"/> Formally changed name                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth name       | <input type="checkbox"/> Common use (name you were 'known as') |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married name     | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport or travel document name      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil union name |  |

### 9b. Details of second most recent name change (if applicable)

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Year you last used this name

Why did you use this name? (tick one)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted name     | <input type="checkbox"/> Formally changed name                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth name       | <input type="checkbox"/> Common use (name you were 'known as') |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married name     | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport or travel document name      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil union name |  |



## 10. Your parents' details

Provide details about your parents by birth or legal adoption as they appear on your birth record. Complete this section even if a parent has died. Do not include step-parents or guardians.

### 10a. Parent 1

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Country or countries they are a citizen of

### 10b. Parent 2

Leave this section blank if you only have 1 parent on your birth record.

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Country or countries they are a citizen of

## Section 2: Applicant's contact details

You must tell us if any of your contact details change while we are processing your application. If we are unable to contact you, or you do not respond, your application will be presented to the Minister of Internal Affairs for a decision based on the information available.

### 11. Your contact details

Provide at least one contact number.

Email address

Mobile number

Landline number (if applicable)

### 12. Your residential address

Street number and name

Suburb

Town or city

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Postcode

Country

### 13. Where do you want us to send your documents, papers and letters?

- ☐ My residential address from question 12 ► Go to Section 3 on page 11.
- ☐ My postal address in question 13a ► Continue to question 13a.
- ☐ I will provide a representative's postal address in question 15 ► Go to Section 3 on page 11.

#### 13a. Your postal address (if different from your residential address)

Street number and name

Suburb

Town or city

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Postcode

Country

### Section 3: Nominate a representative

If you want, you can nominate someone else to act on your behalf for this application. This means we will talk to them about your application, and we will send any letters or documents to them.

You can nominate any person aged 16 years or over. For example, a family member, a friend, or an immigration agent. We will only contact your nominated person.

#### 14. Do you want to nominate someone else to act on your behalf?

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to question 15.
- ☐ No ► Go to Section 4 on page 12.

#### 15. Nominate someone to act on your behalf

##### 15a. Details of person you nominate to act on your behalf

Organisation name (if applicable)

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Street number and name

Suburb

Town or city

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Postcode

Country

Contact phone number

Email address

##### 15b. Applicant's signature

I nominate the person named in question 15a to act on my behalf for this application.

Signature of applicant (sign by hand)

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

## Section 4: Applicant's intention to continue living in New Zealand

If you intend to travel outside New Zealand in the next 12 months, provide your travel plans. To be eligible for New Zealand citizenship you must plan to keep living in New Zealand. If you do not plan to live in New Zealand once you have citizenship, you must intend to enter into, or continue in, 1 of the following:

- Crown service under the New Zealand Government
- service under an international organisation of which the New Zealand Government is a member, or
- service in the employment of a person, company, society or other body of persons resident or established in New Zealand.

### 16. Do you intend to travel outside New Zealand in the next 12 months?

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to question 17.
- ☐ No ► Go to Section 5 on page 13.

### 17. Travel plans within the next 12 months

Include any overseas trips you have planned and explain why you are going. For example, for a holiday, work, study or to visit family.

#### 17a. First travel plans

Departure date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Reason for travelling

Return date (dd/mm/yyyy)

#### 17b. Second travel plans (if applicable)

Departure date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Reason for travelling

Return date (dd/mm/yyyy)

#### 17c. Third travel plans (if applicable)

Departure date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Reason for travelling

Return date (dd/mm/yyyy)

## Section 5: Applicant's English abilities

### 18. Is English your first language?

You can answer 'yes' if you grew up in an English-speaking country.

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

### 19. Can you have a conversation about a lot of everyday things in English?

- ☐ Yes ► If you did not grow up in an English-speaking country, provide evidence.  
☐ No ► Read the information below and contact us if necessary.

If English is not your first language, you must send us one of the following original documents with your application:

- proof of English study at a New Zealand school, polytechnic or university
- a signed letter from a past or current employer (who speaks English fluently)
- an IELTS certificate
- other school reports or exam results.

## Section 6: Character requirements

Criminal history is important for assessing an applicant's character. You need to show you are of good character to be granted New Zealand citizenship. All questions in this section must be answered.

The Citizenship Office will complete background checks for all citizenship by grant applicants aged 14 and over, in order to determine that they meet the good character requirement. This includes checking your information with:

- New Zealand Police
- agencies in New Zealand, and
- agencies outside New Zealand.

Failing to provide all relevant information in this section may mean you are declined citizenship.

Do not include parking tickets or speed camera fines. If you have had more than 100 demerits on your driver licence, this may affect your citizenship application.

### 20. Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of any offence against the law of New Zealand or any other country?

Answer 'yes' if you have ever been convicted or found guilty of a crime, unless you qualify under the Clean Slate scheme.

Find out more about the Clean Slate scheme at: [justice.govt.nz/criminal-records/clean-slate/](https://justice.govt.nz/criminal-records/clean-slate/)

☐ Yes ► Provide details in question 21.

☐ No ► Go to question 22.

### 21. Conviction details

If you have been convicted or found guilty of more than 2 offences, send us this information on a separate piece of paper with your application form.

#### 21a. Details of first conviction

What was the conviction?

Estimated date of conviction (dd/mm/yyyy)

What country did this occur in?

#### 21b. Details of second conviction (if applicable)

What was the conviction?

Estimated date of conviction (dd/mm/yyyy)

What country did this occur in?

**22. Have you ever committed any offence against the law of New Zealand or any other country for which you have not yet been convicted?**

If you do not regard something as an offence but you know that others may, you should tick 'yes'.

- ☐ Yes ► Provide details in question 23.
- ☐ No ► Go to question 24.

**23. Offence details**

If you have committed more than 3 offences against the law of New Zealand or any other country for which you have not yet been convicted, send us this information on a separate piece of paper with your application form.

**23a. Details of first offence**

What was the offence?

Estimated date of offence (dd/mm/yyyy)

What country did this occur in?

**23b. Details of second offence (if applicable)**

What was the offence?

Estimated date of offence (dd/mm/yyyy)

What country did this occur in?

**23c. Details of third offence (if applicable)**

What was the offence?

Estimated date of offence (dd/mm/yyyy)

What country did this occur in?

**24. Have you ever had a protection order issued against you?**

Protection orders generally mean that you have been told by the police or courts to stay away from someone.

- ☐ Yes ► Provide a letter explaining details with this application.
- ☐ No

**25. Are you being, or have you been, investigated, reviewed, or had any other legal action taken against you by any of these agencies in New Zealand or any other country?**

Provide answers for all agencies.

If you tick 'yes' to any of the following, provide a letter explaining details with this application.

Police (exclude background checks or traffic offences)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Work and Income, Ministry of Social Development (WINZ)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Customs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Inland Revenue (IRD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Immigration NZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Ministry of Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
NZ Transport Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Other government or enforcement agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Department of Internal Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Passport Issuing Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

**26. Have you ever had to return money to any New Zealand government agency?**

Examples of this include loans from WINZ, having a fraudulent debt or being overpaid for a benefit, either accidentally or on purpose. This does not include student loan payments or Covid support payments.

- ☐ Yes ► Continue to question 27.
- ☐ No ► Go to question 28 on page 17.

**27. Payment details**

If you have more than 1 debt to a New Zealand government department or agency, send us this information on a separate piece of paper with your application form.

Agency name

Amount returned or to return (\$)

Year this debt was incurred

**Have you paid this money back or do you have a payment plan in place?**

Yes ► Provide evidence of payment.

No

Evidence of payment can be:

- documents showing the details of your payment plan, or
- a statement from the government department or agency saying you have repaid the debt in full.

This document must include your name.



**28. Have you ever given any false information to Immigration New Zealand?**

- ☐ Yes ► Provide a letter with additional information with this application.
- ☐ No

**29. Have you ever been involved in any activity that may have contributed to terrorism?**

- ☐ Yes ► Provide a letter with additional information with this application.
- ☐ No

**30. Have you ever been involved in the making or use of biological, chemical, nuclear or radiological weapons?**

- ☐ Yes ► Provide a letter with additional information with this application.
- ☐ No

**31. Have you ever committed a war crime or crime against humanity?**

- ☐ Yes ► Provide a letter with additional information with this application.
- ☐ No

## Section 7: Citizenship ceremony

### 32. Choose which statement you will say

To become a citizen you must attend a ceremony and read aloud a statement that says you will be loyal to New Zealand. The oath of allegiance is religious, taken on a holy book of your choice. The affirmation of allegiance is non-religious and does not include the words 'so help me God'.

- ☐ A religious statement with the words 'so help me God' — this is called an oath.
- ☐ A statement without the words 'so help me God' — this is called an affirmation.

### 33. What language will you say the statement in?

- ☐ English.
- ☐ Te reo Māori.

### 34. If you are applying at the same time as other family members, do you want to attend a ceremony together?

- ☐ Yes ► Provide their full names below.
- ☐ No

Full names of family members also applying for citizenship

### 35. Do you require any special assistance so you can attend an interview or citizenship ceremony?

This could include needing access for a wheelchair, or help if you are hearing impaired.

- ☐ Yes ► Provide details below.
- ☐ No

Special assistance details

## Section 8: Additional information

### 36. Is there anything else we should know that might affect your application?

For example:

- your ability to meet the good character requirement
- any matters that are unclear about your identity.

☐ Yes ► Provide details below.

☐ No

**Additional information**

### 37. Is someone helping you to interpret, translate or fill in this form?

This is a legal declaration, so the person who is helping you to interpret, translate or fill in the form must be aged 16 years or over. Fill in their details below. They must sign the declaration in question 38.

☐ Yes ► Continue to question 38.

☐ No ► Go to Section 9 on page 20.



### 38. Details and declaration of person who helped applicant interpret, translate or fill out this form

**First and middle names**

**Surname or family name**

**Contact phone number**

**Email address**

I declare that I assisted the applicant to complete this application. I confirm that I truly and faithfully interpreted and translated all questions in the application form, together with the answers given by the applicant and all other things that I have been required to interpret and translate. I also confirm that I explained the responsibilities and privileges of New Zealand citizenship on page 20 and that the applicant acknowledged an understanding of them.

**Signature of assistant (sign by hand)**

**Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)**

Section 9: Applicant declaration

Warning: it is an offence against the Citizenship Act 1977 to knowingly or recklessly give false information or conceal any facts for the purpose of gaining New Zealand citizenship for oneself or on behalf of someone else. If you do so, you may be denied or lose New Zealand citizenship. You may also face criminal charges.

- I understand this application and warning.
- The documents provided for this application are genuine and unaltered.
- I understand that becoming a New Zealand citizen may affect my present citizenship.
- I confirm that I understand the responsibilities and privileges of New Zealand citizenship.
- I confirm that I have read and understood the application guide notes.
- Unless I have stated otherwise in this application, I intend, if granted New Zealand citizenship, to continue to reside in New Zealand.
- If there is any change in my circumstances that affects the answers I have given in this application, I will send written advice to the Department of Internal Affairs up until the point I have received my citizenship certificate.
- I understand that if I do not provide sufficient information to enable a claim to New Zealand citizenship, my application may be declined.
- I authorise the release by any Government agency of personal information that may assist the Minister of Internal Affairs to decide whether I qualify for the grant of citizenship. I recognise that this information may be provided by agencies including, but not limited to: New Zealand Police, Inland Revenue, New Zealand Customs Service, Immigration New Zealand, Ministry of Social Development, Passport Office, Births, Deaths and Marriages Registry, Ministry of Justice.

- I authorise the Department of Internal Affairs to release my name and address to my local Member of Parliament and local councillors so they can formally welcome me to New Zealand following my grant of citizenship.

Responsibilities: things that I must do

1. Obey and promote the laws of New Zealand.
2. Not act in a way that is against the interests of New Zealand.
3. Register to vote.
4. Pay tax.
5. Behave as a responsible New Zealander.

Privileges: things that citizenship lets me do

1. Have the right to live in New Zealand indefinitely.
2. Travel overseas and return to New Zealand on a New Zealand passport.
3. Stand for Parliament or local government.
4. Have full access to education.
5. Have full access to economic rights.
6. Represent New Zealand in many international sports.



39. Applicant’s signature

Signature of applicant (sign by hand)

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

## Section 10: Witness section

### Witness instructions:

You (the witness) must fill in and sign page 21 to page 22 of this form.

The applicant needs to provide 2 identical photos. On the back of one of their photos, you must:

- write the full name of the applicant
- sign your own name, and
- write the date you signed the photo.

You must:

- have a current New Zealand passport
- be aged 16 years or over
- not be related to the applicant or part of their extended family
- not live at the same address as the applicant
- have known the applicant for at least 1 year.

#### 40. Your New Zealand passport number

Passport number

#### 41. Number of years you have known the applicant

Years

#### 42. Your name

First and middle names

Surname or family name

#### 43. Your date of birth

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

### Privacy statement

As a witness for this application, you are required to provide personal information. The decision to supply the information is voluntary. If you do not want to supply this information or authorise access to your personal information you cannot act as a witness. We need to collect your information to verify your identity and confirm you meet the criteria to act as a witness. The information you provide in this form is collected and held by: Department of Internal Affairs, PO Box 10680, Wellington, New Zealand. You have a right of access to and correction of personal information you have provided under the Information Privacy Principles of the Privacy Act 2020.

#### 44. Your address and contact details

Street number and name

Suburb

Town or city

Postcode

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Country

Contact phone number

Email address



#### 45. Witness declaration

I declare that:

- I am aged 16 years or over
- I have a New Zealand passport
- I have known the applicant for at least 1 year
- the information I have given is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge
- the person in the photo is the person applying for citizenship
- I have written the full name of the applicant, signed my name and written the date on the back of 1 photo
- I understand that if I have provided false information, I can, by law, be fined or imprisoned.

Signature of witness (sign by hand)

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

#### Office use only:

Do not staple,  
glue or paperclip  
photos to the  
application as this  
may cause damage.

Make sure 1 photo is  
witnessed correctly  
to avoid delays in  
processing.

Section 11: Fees and payment

46. Are you making the payment for your application on this form? (tick one)

- ☐ Yes ▶ Continue to question 47.
- ☐ No, my payment is being made by another applicant ▶ Go to question 48.

47. Application fees

Enter quantity of applications you are paying for on page 25:

<input type="text"/>	Adult applications	\$470.20
<input type="text"/>	Child applications	\$235.10

48. Next steps

Complete the payment details in question 49 on page 25, if you are making payment for your application on this form.  
Print and sign the form.  
Send the form and any required documents to us.

Lodging your paper application

You can lodge your paper application by post or in person at one of our citizenship offices in Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch.

Apply by post

When you post your application, it is best to use a track and trace courier bag from New Zealand Post (in New Zealand) or registered mail (from overseas) to keep track of your original documents. We return your documents by courier within 4 to 6 weeks.

Postal address

Citizenship Office  
Identity Services  
Department of Internal Affairs  
PO Box 10680  
Wellington 6140

Courier address

The Citizenship Office  
Level 2, 7 Waterloo Quay  
Pipitea  
Wellington 6011  
New Zealand

Apply in person

If you want to apply in person, use the contact details on page 2 to book an appointment at one of our public counters. Opening hours for in person appointments are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5.30pm.

Auckland office

Carlaw Park  
12-14 Nicholls Lane  
Parnell  
Auckland 1010

Wellington office

Level 2, 7 Waterloo Quay  
Pipitea  
Wellington 6011

Christchurch office

Level 1, BNZ Centre  
120 Hereford Street  
Christchurch

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49. Payment

Do not post cash or card. Do not email credit card details.

Charge my credit or debit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Prezzy Card):

Card number

Card expiry date

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Name on card

Cardholder's signature