

# CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your enquiry regarding Foreign Birth Registration (FBR).

Attached please find an FBR application form, together with some guidelines and a check list of certificates and documents necessary to support your application (see overleaf).

All certificates, i.e. birth, marriage and death, must be issued by the appropriate registering authority, must be long form / full version and must be original. We do not accept photocopies or copies certified by your witness.

Supporting documents must also be original, however, a certified copy of your driving licence will be accepted. If you require your documents to be returned prior to the completion of your application, please enclose a registered mail or courier envelope so that we can return them immediately.

**The application takes approximately four (4) months to complete, but in some cases it may take longer.**

A passport application form will be sent to you with your certificate of citizenship upon completion of the process.

Yours sincerely  
CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND

*Please note that while Ireland allows dual citizenship, this is not the case for all countries. If you are the citizen of another country you may wish to contact the relevant authorities to check their position on this issue.*

## **FOREIGN BIRTH REGISTRATION FOR APPLICANTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER**

Anyone born outside Ireland who, at the time of their birth had a parent, who was an Irish Citizen, **otherwise** than by birth in Ireland, may become an Irish Citizen by application for Foreign Birth Registration.

Others who may be eligible to claim Irish Citizenship include great grandchildren who were born after 17 July 1956. If neither of the child's parents were registered Irish Citizens at the time of the child's birth, they can claim Citizenship if one of their parents registered prior to 1 January 1987.

### **GUIDELINES FOR FOREIGN BIRTH APPLICATION**

- Applicants are asked to pay particular attention when completing the application form. An incorrectly completed form could later result in the application being declared invalid
- All changes of name of the applicant and/or his/her parent and/or grandparent should be accompanied by an explanation and full supporting documentation e.g. marriage certificate, deed poll record
- You may wish to obtain Irish birth, marriage or death certificates from the General Register Office. Application forms are available online at [www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie)  
If born in Northern Ireland, birth, marriage and death certificates may be obtained from the General Register Office for Northern Ireland.  
Application forms are available online at [www.groni.gov.uk](http://www.groni.gov.uk)
- The fee for Foreign Birth Registration is \$250  
If you already have an application form, please check that it shows the current fee
- Please make cheques payable to the Consulate General of Ireland

### **CHECK LIST FOR FOREIGN BIRTH APPLICATION**

#### **Applicant (Section A)**

- Long Form Birth Certificate
- Long Form Civil Marriage Certificate (if not married, please state)
- 2 x passport photographs signed and dated by the witness in section E. The photos should not be more than six months old
- 3 x original forms of identity one of which must include your photograph and one which must include your current residential address. The third must include either your photograph or your residential address. Acceptable forms of ID are passport, driving licence, student card, telephone bill, power bill, bank statement. We will accept a certified copy of your driving licence but all other IDs must be original
- Proof of ID for the witness e.g. business card, letterhead, stamp or seal stating that person's identity and profession

#### **Parent (Section B)**

- Long Form Birth Certificate
- Long Form Civil Marriage Certificate (if not married, please state)
- 1 x form of ID that includes photo or, if deceased, Death Certificate
- Certificate of Irish Citizenship (where applicable)

#### **Grandparent (Section C – if applicable)**

- Long Form Birth Certificate
- Long Form Civil Marriage Certificate (if not married, please state)
- 1 x form of ID that includes photo or, if deceased, Death Certificate

## Irish Nationality and Citizenship Acts 1956 and 1986

Application by a person aged 18 years and upwards who wishes to become an Irish citizen by the Registration process laid down in Section 27 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act, 1956.

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(Please read the attached explanatory note to find out if you are eligible to apply for registration. This note also outlines the documentary evidence that must be produced to support your claim.)

### Section A: Details of person whose birth is to be registered

**APPLICANT**

Full Forenames						
Surname (at time of birth)			Current Surname (if different)			
Place of Birth			Date of Birth	day	month	year
					Sex	
					M	F

### Section B: Details of parent through whom Irish citizenship is said to be derived

**PARENT**

Full Forenames						
Surname (at time of birth)			Current Surname (if different)			
Place of Birth			Date of Birth	day	month	year
					Sex	
					M	F
Did parent acquire Irish Citizenship by virtue of <i>(tick one of the following)</i>						
Birth to an Irish born person			Naturalisation			
Foreign Birth Registration or Adoption			Post Nuptial Declaration			
If Irish Citizenship was acquired by Foreign Birth Registration, Naturalisation or Post Nuptial Declaration, please supply details separately						
Did this person ever make a "Declaration of Alienage" (renouncing Irish Citizenship) to the Minister for Justice of Ireland or through any Irish Embassy or Consulate?						
No		Yes		on the following date	day	month
						year

### Section C: Details of grandparent born in Ireland (if applicable)

**GRANDPARENT**

Full Forenames						
Surname (at time of birth)			Current Surname (if different)			
Place of Birth			Date of Birth	day	month	year
					Sex	
					M	F
Did this person ever make a "Declaration of Alienage" (renouncing Irish Citizenship) to the Minister for Justice of Ireland or through any Irish Embassy or Consulate?						
No		Yes		on the following date	day	month
						year

**Section D: Details of Applicant**

(To be signed in the presence of the witness at **Section E** below)

**I declare that the particulars in this application are correct, that the accompanying photographs and certificates relate to me, and that I wish to become a citizen of Ireland.**

<b>Signature of Applicant</b>		<b>Date</b>
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Daytime Phone No.</b>	<b>Home Phone No.</b>	
<b>Email</b>		

**Section E: Certificate of Identity**

One of the following  
**(who is not a relative) must  
sign this certificate:**

(Do not certify unless satisfied as to the declarant's identity. You may be contacted to confirm your signature and your basis for signing).

- Member of the Clergy
- Medical Doctor
- School Principal
- Bank Manager
- Lawyer
- Police Officer
- Magistrate/Judge/JP

I certify that the applicant is personally known to me, (or she/he has been identified to me by

*(name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
who is personally known to me) and has signed **Section D** in my presence. I also certify that the photographs (on the reverse of which I have signed my name and written the date) supplied with this application are a true likeness of the applicant.

<b>Signature of Witness</b>	
<b>Address</b>	<b>Name (Block letters)</b>
	<b>Profession</b>
	<b>Daytime Phone No.</b>

**PHOTOGRAPHS OF APPLICANT**

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**Witness Official Stamp**

If no stamp available please  
supply business card or letterhead