Kirirarautanga o Aotearoa - Pakeke Hāmoa Application for New Zealand citizenship by grant - Samoan Adult



GNT007 - CBG Samoan Adult

Use this form if you are a Samoan citizen 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: <u>govt.nz/citizenship</u> The easiest way to apply is online.

Before you apply

To be eligible for a grant of citizenship under the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982, you must meet the following criteria:

- You are a Samoan citizen; and
- You can provide proof of being physically present in New Zealand on 14 September 1982; or
- You have lawfully entered New Zealand after 14 September 1982 and have New Zealand residence.

'Lawfully enter' means that you had a permit to enter New Zealand and you used your own passport.

'New Zealand residence' means you have a current residence permit, permanent residence visa or residence visa issued by Immigration New Zealand (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 7: Witness section.
- The application fee of \$470.20 per adult aged 16 years or over.

We may ask you to send other documents

We do not accept photocopies.

If you do not have all the original documents you need, contact your local embassy or ask a relative in Samoa for help.

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

Email: 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 DIA's information-sharing practices are available on our website: <u>dia.govt.nz/Legal-Privacy-Index</u>

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. Are you a	Samoan citizen?
🗌 Yes 🕨	Continue to question 2.
□ No ►	Go to Statement 1.
2. Were you	physically present in New Zealand on 14 September 1982?
🗌 Yes 🕨	Go to Statement 3.
□ No ►	Continue to question 3.
3. Did you la	awfully enter New Zealand on a permit after 14 September 1982?
🗌 Yes 🕨	Continue to question 4.
□ No ►	Go to Statement 2.

4. Do you have New Zealand residency?

Yes 🕨 Go to Statement 3.

No 🕨 Go to Statement 2.

Statement 1: If you are not a Samoan citizen, you must use a different form.

Check you meet the requirements and learn about how to apply at: <u>govt.nz/requirements-for-nz-citizenship</u>

Statement 2: You might not meet one of the requirements for a grant of New Zealand citizenship under the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982.

However, you may be eligible for a grant of citizenship under the Citizenship Act 1977. Check you meet the requirements at: <u>govt.nz/requirements-for-nz-citizenship</u>

Statement 3: You probably meet the requirements for New Zealand citizenship by grant under the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982.

You can apply using this form or online at: 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 of 1 of the photos
	filled out payment details in question 38 on page 19 (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
	proof you were physically present in New Zealand on 14 September 1982
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	if you do not hold a Samoan passport, evidence of Samoan citizenship

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 <u>govt.nz/request-for-translation</u> 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 citizen 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 under the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982 ► 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 under the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982 ► 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	
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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. Were you physically present in New Zealand on 14 September 1982?

- Yes 🕨 Continue to question 7.
 - No **b** Go to question 8.

7. Can you provide proof that you were physically present in New Zealand on 14 September 1982?

Proof could include:

- your passport
- your travel document
- a letter from your employer, school, doctor or other place that we are able to check.
 - Yes F Include this with your application and go to question 10.
 - No

 Continue to question 8.

8. Did you lawfully enter New Zealand any time after 14 September 1982?

You will need to show you entered New Zealand legally and have the right to be here indefinitely.

☐ Yes ► Enter the date you lawfully entered New Zealand below.

No	Contact the Citizenship	Office for advice	using the details	on page 2.
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Date you lawfully entered NZ (dd/mm/yyyy)

9. Do you have New Zealand residence?

You will need to show you entered New Zealand legally and have the right to be here indefinitely. This 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.

] Yes

No

 Contact the Citizenship Office for advice using the details on page 2.

 10. Have you ever been married or in a civil union? Yes ► Continue to question 11. No ► Go to question 12 on page 9. 11. Marriage or civil union details Enter the details as shown on the original marriage or civil union certificate.
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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.
11a. Details of 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.
11b. 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.

12. Have you used any other names during you	r lifo?
	n une:
Yes \blacktriangleright Continue to question 13.	
No ► Go to question 14 on page 10.	
13. 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 adoption documents.	e, marriage, civil union, divorce, name change, or
If you have had more than 2 name changes, send us your application form.	s this information on a separate piece of paper with
13a. Details of most recent name change	
This is the name you used before your current nar	ne 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)	
Adopted name	Formally changed name
Birth name	Common use (name you were 'known as')
Married name	Passport or travel document name
Civil union name	Matai name
13b. 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)	
Adopted name	Formally changed name
Birth name	Common use (name you were 'known as')
Married name	Passport or travel document name
Civil union name	Matai name

14. 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.

14a. Parent 1

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Country or countries they are a citizen of

14b. 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.

15. Your contact details	
Provide at least 1 contact number.	
Email address	
Mobile number	Landline number (if applicable)
16. Your residential address	
Street number and name	
Suburb	Town or city
State or province (if not New Zealand)	Postcode
Country	
17. Where do you want us to send your docu	ments, papers and letters?
☐ My residential address from question 16 ►	
☐ My postal address in question 17a ► Conti	
I will provide a representative's postal add	ress in question 19 Foo to Section 3 on page 12.
17a. Your postal address (if different from your	r 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.

18. Do you want to nominate someone else t	o act on your behalf?
☐ Yes ► Continue to question 19.	
□ No ► Go to Section 4 on page 13.	
19. Nominate someone to act on your behalf	
19a. Details of person you nominate to act on y	our 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	
19b. Applicant's signature	
I nominate the person named in question 19a to	act on my behalf for this application.
Signature of applicant (sign by hand)	Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section 4: Citizenship ceremony

20. The ceremony will be held in English. Can you speak English?
T Yes
No ► Samoan citizens do not need to speak English to apply for New Zealand citizenship. We
will contact you for more information.
21. 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.
22. What language will you say the statement in?
English.
🔲 Te reo Māori.
 23. 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
24. 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.
Special assistance details

Section 5: Additional information

25. Is there anything else we should know that might affect your application?
For example:
 any matters that are unclear about your identity
 if you have ever been deported from New Zealand or any other country.
☐ Yes ► Provide details below.
No No
Additional information
26. 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 27.
☐ Yes ► Continue to question 27.
□ No ► Go to Section 6 on page 15.
27. 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.

Signature of assistant (sign by hand)

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section 6: Applicant declaration

Warning: It is an offence under the Citizenship Act 1977 and/or the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982 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 confirm that I am a Samoan citizen.
- 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 understand that if I do not provide sufficient information to enable a claim to New Zealand citizenship, my application may be declined.
- 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 confirm that I have read and understood the guide notes.
- 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.

28. Applicant's signature

Signature of applicant (sign by hand)

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section 7: Witness section

Witness instructions:

You (the witness) must fill in and sign page 16 to page 17 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.

29. Your New Zealand passport number

Passport number

30. Number of years you have known the applicant

Years

31. Your name

First and middle names

Surname or family name

32. Your date of birth

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Privacy Act information

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.

Street number and name		
Suburb	Town or city	
Postcode	State or province (if not New Zealand)	
Country	Contact phone number	



34. 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.

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 8: Fees and payment

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

Yes ► Continue to question 36.

No, my payment is being made by another applicant \blacktriangleright Go to question 37.

36. Application fees

Enter quantity of applications you are paying for on page 19:

Adult applications

\$470.20

Child applications

\$235.10

37. Next steps

Complete the payment details in question 38 on page 19, 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	Wellington office	Christchurch office
Carlaw Park	Level 2, 7 Waterloo Quay	Level 1, BNZ Centre
12-14 Nicholls Lane	Pipitea	120 Hereford Street
Parnell	Wellington 6011	Christchurch
Auckland 1010		

38. 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			
Name on card	Cardholder's signature			

Fa'aaliga fesoasoani

O lenei fa'aaliga o le 'a fesoasoani lea ia te oe i le sauniuniga o pepa sa'o o lo'o mana'omia mo lau tusi apalai mo le sitiseni po'o le tagatanu'u.

O ulua'i pepa (originals) e tatau ona lafoina mai ma lau tusi apalai. Aua ne'i lafoina maia ni kopi o ulua'i pepa. O le a matou le taliaina ni kopi.

O pepa nei e tatau ona e lafoina mai ma lau tusi apalai:

- Pepa fanau
- Tusi folau (o tusi folau uma e aofia ai le 5 tausaga ua mavae).

Afai ua suia lou igoa i so'o se mafua'aga lava, e tatau ona e lafo maia mea nei:

- Pepa fa'aipoipo/pepa o le tatalaga o le fa'aipoipoga Afai ua suia lou igoa ona ua e fa'aipoipo fa'amolemole e lafo mai pepa fa'aipoipo po'o pepa e fa'amaonia ai ua tatala le fa'aipoipoga, mo au fa'aipoipoga uma na fai.
- Isi pepa fa'amaonia o le suiga o lou igoa (fa'ata'ita'iga: pepa faamaonia mai le resitara o lou suafa matai)
 - Afai ua suia lou igoa fa'aletulafono, fa'amolemole lafo mai tusi fa'amaonia o le suiga o lou igoa.
- Pepa o le vaetamaina
 Afai na vaetamaina oe faaletulafono, e tatau ona e lafoina mai lou ulua'i pepa fanau, lou pepa fanau fou ma pepa o le vaetamaina.

Afai e le o ia te oe nei pepa fa'amaonia, e mafai ona e fa'afeso'ota'ia le:

Ofisa o le Lesitara o e Fananau, Maliliu, Fa'aipoipo ma Vaetamaina, Matagaluega o Faamasinoga

Tuatusi pusameli (postal address): PO Box 1151, Apia, Samoa

Talosaga i ai ina ia lafoina mai nei pepa ia te oe. E mafai fo'i ona e fa'afeso'ota'ia le tou konesula mo se fesoasoani:

Samoan High Commission to New Zealand

Tuatusi nofoaga (street address):	1A Wesley Road, Kelburn, Wellington 6012
Tuatusi pusameli (postal address):	PO Box 1430, Wellington 6140
Telefoni:	04 472 0953
Imeli:	info@samoa.org.nz

Fa'amolemole ia manatua o lenei lisi o pepa fa'amaonia e le o le lisi mulimuli lea. O le tagata o le a vaaia lau tusi apalai mo le sitiseni o le a logoina oe pe a toe mana'omia nisi o pepa fa'amaonia e toe lafoina mai i se taimi mulimuli pe talosagaina fo'i oe e te fa'atasi atu i se fa'atalatalanoaga (interview).

Mo nisi fa'amatalaga e uiga i le fa'atumuina o lau talosaga mo le sitiseni (tagatanu'u), pepa e talia ma le fa'aliliu upu fa'amolemole ia tagai va'ai i le ta'iala mo le fa'atumuina o tusi apalai i le <u>govt.nz/citizenship</u> pe asiasi ane fo'i i se tasi o a matou ofisa i (Aukilani, Ueligitone, Kalaiesetete).