

Application for New Zealand citizenship - Samoan (born before 1949)



Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs

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Use this form to apply for New Zealand citizenship if you:

- were born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949, or
- were born in the British Empire before 1949 and you are the child of a person born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949, or
- are a female who married one of the above people before 1949.

Do not use this form to apply for New Zealand citizenship if you were born after 31 December 1948.

Before you apply

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to apply for a grant of citizenship using this form, you must meet 1 of the following 4 criteria.

Eligibility criteria 1

Under Section 4(1)(a) of the Act, you are eligible for New Zealand citizenship if you were born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.

Eligibility criteria 2

Under Section 4(1)(b) of the Act, you are eligible for New Zealand citizenship if:

- you are female; and
- before 1 January 1949 you legally married someone who meets eligibility criteria 1.

Eligibility criteria 3

Under Section 4(1)(c) of the Act, you are eligible for New Zealand citizenship if:

- your parent was born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949; and
- you were born before 1 January 1949; and
- you were born in the British Empire.

The British Empire before 1949 included United Kingdom dominions and colonies, but excluded protectorates and protected states. If you are unsure if you were born in the British Empire, contact us using the contact details on page 3.

Eligibility criteria 4

Under Section 4(1)(d) of the Act, you are eligible for New Zealand citizenship if:

- you are female; and
- before 1 January 1949 you legally married someone who meets eligibility criteria 3.

Application fees

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

If your application is successful, you will be refunded the application fee. The application fee is:

- \$204.45 (including GST) if you lodge your application within New Zealand
- \$177.78 (excluding GST) if you lodge your application outside New Zealand.

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

- \$136.30 (including GST) if you lodge your application within New Zealand
- \$118.52 (excluding GST) if you lodge your application outside New Zealand.

On page 17, you can choose whether to have your refund processed to:

- the credit, debit or Prezy card you provide on page 19 to pay the application fee, or
- a nominated bank account.

How to get a New Zealand passport

If your application is successful, you can apply for a New Zealand passport at passports.govt.nz

What you need to complete this application

All documents must be original or certified copies.

If you provide a certified copy of a document, it must be certified by an NZ Embassy, NZ Consulate, or Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) staff authorised to do so.

You need to provide:

- your birth certificate
- your passport, travel document, or state-issued photo identification
- 2 identical photos, certified by a witness
- the application fee
- official adoption documents, if you have been adopted (provide original documents)
- evidence of name change, if you have changed your legal name.

If you are applying due to marriage under eligibility criteria 2, you also need to provide:

- your marriage certificate
- your spouse's birth certificate.

If you are applying under eligibility criteria 3, you also need to provide:

- the birth certificate of your parent who was born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.

If you are applying under eligibility criteria 4, you also need to provide:

- your marriage certificate
- your spouse's birth certificate
- the birth certificate of your spouse's parent who was born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.

If you choose to be refunded by direct credit to a nominated bank account, you will also need to provide:

- original bank documentation less than 6 months old.

Photo requirements

You must provide 2 identical passport-sized photos (45mm by 35mm). The photos must be signed by the witness named on page 14 of this application.

The photos must be:

- of yourself
- less than 6 months old
- in colour
- clear, sharp and in focus.

The photos must show:

- your head and shoulders
- your face looking directly at the camera
- your eyes open and clearly visible — not covered by hair or sunglasses
- your face in a neutral expression, not smiling or frowning and with your mouth closed
- a plain and neutral background.

Prescription glasses are permitted as long as your eyes are still visible.

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

Witness requirements

Your witness must:

- be aged 16 years or over
- not be your relative or partner
- not live at the same address as you
- have known you for more than 1 year, and
- have a New Zealand passport or have a job that is listed below.

If they do not have a New Zealand passport, they must be a:

- minister of religion
- teacher
- lawyer
- police officer, or
- registered medical professional.

On the back of one of your photos, they must:

- write your full name
- sign their own name, and
- write the date they signed the photo.

Contact details

Freephone (NZ only): 0800 22 52 12

Phone: +64 (9) 339 0853

Email: Citizenship.Samoa@dia.govt.nz

Only use email for queries about this form. To return the form, follow the postage instructions in 'Next steps' on page 19 of the form.

Checklist

Make sure you have everything you need. If you do not provide all the documents that you need, your application may be delayed.

All certified copies of documents must be certified by an NZ Embassy, NZ Consulate, or Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) staff authorised to do so.

All original documents will be returned to you.

You need to send us:

- original or certified copy of your birth certificate
- original or certified copy of your passport, state-issued photo identification or travel document
- 2 identical photos, certified by the witness in the witness section on page 13 to page 15
- filled out payment section on page 19 of the form.

If you have been adopted, you also need to supply:

- original official adoption documents.

If you have changed your legal name, you also need to supply:

- original or certified copies of your evidence of name change document.

If you are applying due to marriage under eligibility criteria 2, you also need to provide:

- original or certified copy of your marriage certificate
- original or certified copy of your spouse's birth certificate.

If you are applying under eligibility criteria 3, you also need to provide:

- original or certified copy of the birth certificate of your parent who was born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.

If you are applying under eligibility criteria 4, you also need to provide:

- original or certified copy of your marriage certificate
- original or certified copy of your spouse's birth certificate
- original or certified copy of the birth certificate of your spouse's parent who was born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.

If you choose to be refunded by direct credit, you will also need to provide:

- original bank documentation less than 6 months old.

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How to answer this form:

- You can complete this form by hand or on-screen using Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- You must still print off the application and sign signature fields by hand.

Section 1: Applicant details

1. I am eligible for New Zealand citizenship because:

- I was born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.
- I am female and before 1949 I married a person born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.
- I was born in the British Empire before 1 January 1949 and one of my parents was born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.
- I am female and before 1949 I married a person born in the British Empire before 1 January 1949 whose parent was born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.

Make sure you meet at least one of the eligibility requirements listed.

Read the guide notes 'Eligibility criteria' on page 1 carefully to understand the eligibility criteria.

If you do not meet the requirements or apply for the wrong product, you will only get a partial refund.

2. Your name

Make sure the name you provide matches the name on the documents you provide. For example, your photo identification document or your birth certificate.

- Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other (specify below):

Other title

First and middle names

Surname or family name

3. Legal name changes

Enter any name changes due to marriage, adoption, deed poll or statutory declaration.

Refer to 'What you need to complete this application' on page 2 for guide notes on what documents you need to provide.

3a. Name you had before it legally changed

For example, birth name, name before marriage, name before deed poll or legal name change.

Previous name(s)

3b. Why has your name changed?

- Marriage or civil union
- Deed poll or statutory declaration
- Adoption
- Other (specify below):

Other reason

4. Gender

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary

5. Your place and date of birth

You must have been born before 1949 to be eligible to apply for NZ citizenship using this form.

Village, town or city of birth

Country of birth

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

6. Are you legally adopted?

- No ► Continue to '7. Your contact details' on page 7.
- Yes ► Enter details below, then continue to the next question.

Date of adoption (dd/mm/yyyy)

Country of adoption

7. Your contact details

Street number and name

Suburb

Village, town or city

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Postcode

Country

Contact phone number

Email address

8. Mother's details

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Village, town or city of birth

Country of birth

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

9. Father's details

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Village, town or city of birth

Country of birth

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section 2: Marriage details

Fill in this section if you are claiming New Zealand citizenship under eligibility criteria 2 or 4. This means that before 1 January 1949 you married a person born in:

- Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949, or
- the British Empire before 1949 and who is the child of a person born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.

Refer to 'What you need to complete this application' on page 2 for guide notes on what documents you need to provide.

You do not need to fill in this section if you are claiming citizenship under eligibility criteria 1 or 3.

10. Spouse's details

Your spouse must have been born before 1949 for you to be eligible to apply for NZ citizenship using this form.

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Village, town or city of birth

Country of birth

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

11. Date and place of marriage

To be eligible to apply for NZ citizenship using this form your marriage must have taken place before 1949.

Village, town or city of marriage

Country of marriage

Date of marriage (dd/mm/yyyy)

12. Spouse's parents' details

Fill in this question if you are applying under eligibility criteria 4. This means that before 1 January 1949 you married a person:

- born in the British Empire before 1949, and
- who is the child of a person born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.

Refer to 'What you need to complete this application' on page 2 for guide notes on what documents you need to provide.

You do not need to fill in this section if you are applying under eligibility criteria 1, 2 or 3.

12a. Parent 1 of spouse

First and middle names of spouse's parent

Surname or family name of spouse's parent

Village, town or city of birth

Country of birth

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

12b. Parent 2 of spouse

First and middle names of spouse's parent

Surname or family name of spouse's parent

Village, town or city of birth

Country of birth

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section 3: Acting on behalf

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

The person who is helping you to interpret, translate or fill in the form must be aged 16 years or older. Fill in their details below. They must sign '15. Declaration of person who helped applicant interpret, translate or fill out this form' below.

- No ► Go to '16. Do you want to nominate someone to act on your behalf?' on page 11.
- Yes ► Continue to the next question.

14. Details of person who helped applicant interpret, translate or fill out this form

First and middle names

Surname or family names

Street number and name

Suburb

Village, town or city

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Postcode

Country

Contact phone number

Email address

15. Declaration of person who helped applicant interpret, translate or fill out this form

I declare that I assisted the applicant to complete this application. I confirm that I truly and faithfully interpreted and translated all applicable 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.

Full name of person who helped applicant interpret, translate or fill out this form

Signature of assistant

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

16. Do you want to nominate someone to act on your behalf?

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.

- Yes, I want to nominate someone to act on my behalf ► Continue to the next question.
- No, I do not want to nominate someone to act on my behalf ► Go to 'Section 4: Privacy Act information' on page 12.

17. Nominate someone to act on your behalf

17a. Details of person you nominate to act on your behalf

- Tick this box if you want us to copy the details from '14. Details of person who helped applicant interpret, translate or fill out this form' on page 10.

First and middle names

Surname or family name

Street number and name

Suburb

Village, town or city

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Postcode

Country

Contact phone number

Email address

17b. Applicant's signature

I nominate the person named in '17a' to act on my behalf for this application.

Applicant's signature

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section 4: Privacy Act information

The information we ask for is needed to verify your identity and see if you meet the eligibility requirements for the grant of citizenship under the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982.

The information we need may also include information about your parents, your spouse, or your spouse and their parents, to determine your eligibility for grant of citizenship.

We may also obtain information about you from Immigration New Zealand to verify your identity and see if you meet the requirements for the grant of citizenship under the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982.

You do not have to give us any information that you do not want to. However, if we do not have the information we need, we will not be able to grant you citizenship.

This personal information is collected by the Department of Internal Affairs, PO Box 10680, Wellington, New Zealand.

You have a right to access your information and you can ask for it to be corrected under the Information Privacy Principles of the Privacy Act 2020. If a correction is not made, your request and our response will be put in your file.

Information held by the Department may be used in authorised matching programmes.

You can find the current list of agencies that can receive information from the Citizenship Office on our website at dia.govt.nz/Legal-Privacy-Information-Matching

18. Applicant declaration

I have read and understood the information above relating to the collection and use of information for this application.

I authorise the collection, use and disclosure of my information by the Department as outlined above.

I authorise Immigration New Zealand to release my personal information to the Department, under Information Privacy Principle 11(1)(c) of the Privacy Act 2020, for the purpose of verifying my identity and assessing my eligibility for grant of New Zealand citizenship under the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982.

Applicant's name

Applicant's signature

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section 5: Witness section

Witness instructions:

You (the witness) must fill in and sign page 13 to page 15 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:

- be aged 16 years or over
- not be a relative or partner of the applicant
- not live at the same address as the applicant
- have known the applicant for more than 1 year, and
- have a New Zealand passport or have a job that is listed below.

If you do not have a New Zealand passport, you must be a:

- minister of religion
- teacher
- lawyer
- police officer, or
- registered medical professional.

19. Do you have a New Zealand passport?

- No ► Continue to the next question.
- Yes ► Write your passport number below, then go to '22. Your name' on page 14.

Passport number

20. If you do not have a New Zealand passport, which of the following groups describes your current job?

- Minister of religion
- Teacher (for example, primary school teacher, secondary school teacher or university lecturer)
- Lawyer
- Police officer
- Registered medical professional (for example, a doctor, nurse, dentist, pharmacist, veterinarian or physio)
- None of the above ► You cannot be a witness for this application.

21. Details of your current employer

This is the business or organisation where you work.

21a. Organisation's name and address

The address of your organisation cannot be a PO Box number or a Private Bag number.

Organisation name

Street number and name

Suburb

Village, town or city

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Postcode

Country

21b. Organisation's reception or administration phone number

Contact phone number

21c. Staff list from your organisation's website or social media

If you are unable to supply a website or social media organisation page with a staff list, provide a letter from your employer or leadership team on letterhead confirming your employment and how long you have worked there.

Website or social media link

22. Your name

First and middle names

Surname or family name

23. Your date of birth

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

24. Full name of applicant whose photo you are witnessing

Full name of applicant

25. How many years have you known the applicant?

Years

26. Your address and contact details

Street number and name

Suburb

Village, town or city

Postcode

Country

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Contact phone number

Email address

27. Witness declaration

I declare that:

- I am 16 years of age or over.
- I have known the applicant for more than 1 year.
- The information I have given is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- The person in this photo is the person applying.
- I have written the full name of the applicant, signed my name and written the date signed on the back of one photo.
- I understand that if I have provided false information, I can, by law, be fined or imprisoned.

Signature of witness

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

Section 6: Fees and delivery

All fees are in New Zealand dollars.

28. Application fee

The application fee for a grant of citizenship under Section 7A of the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982 is:

- \$204.45 (including GST) if you lodge your application within New Zealand
- \$177.78 (excluding GST) if you lodge your application outside New Zealand.

29. Citizenship certificate delivery

The delivery fee is non-refundable.

Any original documents will be returned with your certificate.

Select a delivery method:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I want my certificate couriered to a New Zealand address | \$0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I want my certificate sent to the New Zealand High Commission in Samoa | \$0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I want my certificate couriered to an address outside of New Zealand or Samoa | \$15 to \$30 |
- | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|--|
| Australia, Asia, Pacific: | \$15 | Rest of world includes: |
| USA: | \$20 | Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bulgaria, Bosnia and |
| UK, Europe (unless listed here): | \$25 | Herzegovina, Cyprus, Croatia, Greece, Georgia, |
| Rest of world: | \$30 | Macedonia, Malta, Moldova |

If you selected courier delivery, enter delivery details:

Recipient's name

Street number and name

Suburb

Village, town or city

State or province (if not New Zealand)

Postcode

Country

Contact phone number

Email address

30. How would you like your refund processed?

Refer to 'Application fees' on page 2 for guide notes about what amount you may be eligible to be refunded.

- Refund to the credit or debit card I have provided on page 19 ► Go to '33. Payment' on page 19.
- Refund to my nominated bank account ► Continue to next question.

31. Direct credit authorisation for Department of Internal Affairs refund

Privacy Statement: The information we ask for on this form is required to process a refund by direct credit for the product or service you have requested. This information will be used by the Department of Internal Affairs to process your refund. If you do not provide the information requested in this form, we will be unable to process your refund. You have a right to access and request a correction of any personal information collected under the Privacy Act 2020.

31a. Bank account details

Bank account holder name

Bank account number

Bank

Branch

Account Number

Suffix

SWIFT code (if overseas bank account)

31b. Are you the bank account holder?

- I (the applicant) am the bank account holder ► Go to question '32. Bank documentation' on page 18
- The bank account holder is another person (a third party) ► Continue to next question.

31c. Authorisation to pay a third party

- I authorise the refund to be paid into the third-party bank account in 31a.

Relationship of bank account holder to applicant (for example, partner or grandchild)

32. Bank documentation

You need to provide us one of the following forms of bank documentation in order for us to direct credit your nominated bank account. Do not include any balance or transaction information. Bank documentation must be less than 6 months old.

Select a form of bank documentation:

- A pre-printed deposit slip which includes the bank logo and the full bank account number (bank, branch, account number and suffix), and the account holder's name.
- A bank statement which includes the bank logo and the full bank account number (bank, branch, account number and suffix) and the account holder's name.
- A letter from the bank which includes the bank logo and the full bank account number (bank, branch, account number and suffix) and the account holder's name. This must be signed and stamped by the bank.
- An internet printout or screenshot which includes the full bank account number (bank, branch, account number and suffix) and the account holder's name and the web address along the top or bottom of the page. This does not need to be signed and stamped by the bank unless all of the above is not provided on the printout.
- An ATM printout which must show the bank logo and the full bank account number (bank, branch, account number and suffix) and the account holder's full name.

Complete payment details on last page of this form.

33. 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

□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
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Card expiry date

□	□	/	□	□
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Name on card

Cardholder's signature

Next steps

Print and sign the form.

Send the form and any required documents to us.

Postal address

Citizenship Office
PO Box 10680
Wellington 6140
New Zealand

Courier address

Citizenship Office
Department of Internal Affairs
Level 2
7 Waterloo Quay
Wellington 6011
New Zealand