



Apply for citizenship under section 7A of the Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982

You can apply for NZ citizenship if you were born in Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949, or you meet one of the other eligibility criteria listed below.

Eligibility criteria

You must meet one of these four criteria:

1 – Born in Western Samoa

You were born in Western Samoa on or after 13 May 1924 and before 1 January 1949.

2 – Married someone who meets criteria 1

You are a female who before 1 January 1949 legally married someone who meets criteria 1.

3 – Born to eligible parents

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 in the British Empire.

4 – Married someone who meets criteria 3

You are a female who before 1 January 1949 legally married someone who meets criteria 3.

How to apply

The application fee to apply for New Zealand citizenship under the Act is \$204.45 NZD. If your application is successful, the fee will be fully refunded.



Download the application form

Application forms are available in Samoan and English and can be downloaded from govt.nz/citizenship-samoa-pre-1949

Note: Applications cannot be submitted via email or online.



Provide documents as required in the application form

Ensure you provide the correct information required, including:

- two passport sized photos, verified by a witness
- your birth certificate
- your passport, travel document, or state-issued ID

Note: These need to be original or copies of documents certified by New Zealand embassy or authorised DIA counter staff.



Submit your application

By post or in person at:

- You can apply at DIA's public counters in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Sydney. Contact DIA to make an appointment
- The New Zealand High Commission in Apia

What happens next?

- The Citizenship Office will notify you by email if your application is approved.
- Applications take about 30 working days, plus delivery time.

Need help?

To make an appointment to submit your application or if you have any questions, contact us:

Freephone: 0800 22 52 12 (New Zealand only)

Phone: +64 9 339 0853 (outside New Zealand)

Email: Citizenship.Samoa@dia.govt.nz

Website: govt.nz/citizenship-samoa-pre-1949