



CITIZENSHIP Canada

Application for Canadian Citizenship Under Paragraph 5(2)(b)



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**Cette trousse est également
disponible en français**

Contact Information

If you need help with this application kit or you want to obtain another type of kit, please visit our Web site at <http://www.cic.gc.ca> or phone a Call Centre. **The Call Centres are accessible only in Canada.**

If you live outside of Canada, refer to our Web site or contact the Canadian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate for information.

Location	Phone Number	Remarks
If you are in MONTREAL or surrounding area, call	(514) 496-1010	To speak with an agent, call between 07:00 and 17:00 EST
If you are in TORONTO , GREATER TORONTO or MISSISSAUGA , call	(416) 973-4444	To speak with an agent, call between 08:00 and 16:00 EST
If you are in VANCOUVER or local calling area, call	(604) 666-2171	To speak with an agent call between 08:00 and 16:00 PST
If you are ANYWHERE ELSE in CANADA , call	1-888-242-2100	Toll free number
If you have a hearing disability and use a teletypewriter, you may access our TTY service at	1-888-576-8502	Service is accessible Monday to Friday, between 07:00 and 19:00 EST Toll free number

Using the Call Centre Service

The Call Centre system can help answer some of your questions and can be used to order application kits. It is available 24 hours a day. It is an automated system that can be accessed using a touch tone phone. If you don't have a touch tone phone or need to speak to an agent, you must call during normal working hours.

To access the automated service, dial the applicable number above. Have a pen and paper ready to record the information you receive. Select the language you want to use, either "1" for English or "2" for French. Next, select the service you want to use:

- Press "1" for Citizenship information
- Press "2" for Immigration information
- Press "3" to advise us of your change of address
- Press "4" for information on passports, birth certificates or other documents

Citizenship Application Kits

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Application to Register and Retain Canadian Citizenship

This guide is not a legal document. Detailed eligibility requirements are available through the *Citizenship Act* and *Regulations* or through one of the CIC Call Centres. Programs or services may change with little notice; details should be verified with the Call Centre.

This publication is available in alternative formats upon request. Contact a Call Centre for more information.

Overview

This application is for a person who was **born outside Canada between January 1, 1947 and February 14, 1977**, in wedlock to a Canadian citizen mother and non-Canadian citizen father.

You could lose your present nationality or citizenship if you become a Canadian citizen. If you are residing in your country of present nationality or citizenship, you should check with the appropriate department of your government. If you are residing outside that country, you should ask the Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of the country of your present nationality if your status will be affected.

Before you apply

Read the instructions carefully. They contain important information. Be sure you are eligible to apply before you submit your application. There is no refund of the processing fee.

Who can apply for Canadian citizenship under paragraph 5(2)(b)?

To qualify for Canadian citizenship under paragraph 5(2)(b) you must:

- not be a Canadian citizen;
- be born outside of Canada between January 1, 1947 and February 14, 1977 and
- be born in wedlock; at the time of your birth your mother was Canadian and your father was not Canadian.

What you must send with your application

Fee	<p>If you are living outside Canada, contact a Canadian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate for information regarding the current fee and method of payment.</p> <p>If you are living in Canada, refer to the Citizenship Fees section for information on the current fee and method of payment. The fee is not refundable. If you have printed this application from the Web site a receipt is not included. You must order an original receipt as shown in the Citizenship Fees section.</p>
Documents	<p>You must send originals or clear and legible certified true copies. An authorized person must swear or affirm that the copies are true copies of the originals. Within Canada, an authorized person can be a commissioner of oaths, a notary public or a justice of the peace.</p> <p>Outside Canada, an authorized person can be a foreign service officer, a judge, a magistrate, an officer of a court of justice or a commissioner authorized to administer oaths in the country in which the person is living.</p> <p>Documents needed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a birth certificate or, if unobtainable, other evidence that establishes your date and place of birth and your parent's names;• parents' marriage certificate;• evidence which establishes that your mother was a Canadian citizen at the time of your birth (for example, Canadian birth certificate, Canadian citizenship certificate);

- evidence which establishes the citizenship of your father at the time of your birth;
- at least two other pieces of personal identification.

***Note:** If supporting documents are not in English or French you must supply the document, a translation of the document and an affidavit from the person who completed the translation. Translations by family members are not acceptable.*

Failure to include the necessary documents (e.g. 2 pieces of identification) will result in delays in processing your application.

Please note that additional documents may be required during the processing of your application.

Photographs Your photo will appear on your wallet-size citizenship certificate.

You must provide two (2) citizenship photos taken within the last 12 months. Take *the Citizenship Photograph Specifications* form, included in this application kit, to the photographer to make sure you get the correct size photos. When you have your photos taken, do not wear a head covering unless you wear one because of your religion.

When you pick up the photos, check to make sure the size of the photos is correct and the back of each photo is dated and identified by the photographer.

Signature on both application and photos

You must sign the application and photos. **If your application is not signed and dated it will be returned to you.** The signature on your application and your photos must match. Sign your name in black or blue ink, in the white signature area below each photo, in the same manner you would sign any other official documents. Do not print.

Put both signed photos in the small envelope provided with this form. **Do not staple, glue or otherwise attach the photos directly to the application.**

Application printed from the Web site

Please note that if you have printed this application from the Web site, there is no photo envelope provided. Therefore, we ask that you provide your own envelope for each set of photos.

Citizenship Fees

What fees are required?

You must pay a **Processing Fee** and a **Right of Citizenship Fee** when you submit an application for Canadian citizenship under paragraph 5(2)(b). Please note that personal cheques and travellers' cheques are not acceptable forms of payment.

If you reside outside Canada, please contact a Canadian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate for information on fees and where to send your application form.

The Processing fee is \$100.00 per person.

The Right of Citizenship Fee is \$100.00 per person.

Are fees refundable?

The processing fee will not be refunded, regardless of the final decision, once the Case Processing Centre has started processing the application.

The Right of Citizenship Fee **will** be refunded if the application is not approved.

If you reside outside Canada, proceed to the next section, [How to complete the application form](#).

How do I calculate the fees required?

Step 1: Use this chart to calculate the fees required.

	PROCESSING FEE	Number of Persons	Amount per Person	Amount Due
	Application for Grant of Canadian Citizenship Paragraph 5(2)(b)		x \$100	
	Right of Citizenship Fee		x \$100	
Total				\$

Step 2: Fill out one receipt form (IMM 5401) for yourself and **other members of your family** if you are applying at the same time.

An original receipt must be used; **a photocopy is not acceptable**. You can order an original receipt from our [Web site](#) or by contacting a Call Centre agent. (see the [Contact Information](#) section)

Step 3: Insert the Total on line **09 Citizenship or Immigration Services Fees**. Do **not** complete the top two portions of the receipt; these will be completed by the financial institution.

Step 4: Complete the "Payer Information" sections on the reverse of the receipt.

If you already have an open file and know the client identification number that we have assigned to you, enter the number in the box provided for that purpose. If not, leave that box empty.

Step 5: Bring the receipt and your payment to the financial institution. Do **not** make payment using the automated teller machines.

What if I make an incorrect payment?

If you are required to pay additional fees, the Case Processing Centre will send you a form (IMM 5412) which will indicate the amount required for correct payment. Not paying the correct fee will result in a delay in finalizing your application. This payment must be paid at a designated financial institution.

If you have paid too much, your application will be processed and the amount of the overpayment will be refunded. A cheque will be issued as soon as possible.

Where can the fees be paid?

Payment can be made at most financial institutions in Canada. Check with financial institutions in your area.

Note: There is no banking charge to pay. The service is free.

What can I use to pay the fees?

The financial institution will let you know what form of payment it considers acceptable.

What if there is no local financial institution which will accept payment?

In this situation, you may pay the fees by mail. Phone a Call Centre agent for instructions.

What does the financial institution do?

The financial institution will accept your payment. The financial institution will stamp and insert the amount paid in the upper two portions of the receipt. You will receive the top two portions of the receipt. **Make sure you are given these and that they have been stamped and completed before you leave the financial institution.**

*Note: Do **not** present your application to the financial institution, only your receipt.*

What do I do after I have paid the fees?

Retain the top portion (Copy 1 - Client's copy) of the receipt which you have been given for your records. Attach the middle portion (Copy 2 - To be sent by client to Citizenship and Immigration Canada) to your completed application and mail it to the Case Processing Centre. **Do not send any other form of payment with your application.**

How to complete the application form

Follow the instructions carefully. **Delays will result if the application is not properly completed, or if all of the necessary documents have not been submitted.** If you need more space to answer any questions please use an extra sheet of paper.

Warning: If you send us an application that has any misleading or fraudulent information on it, you can be charged with a criminal offence under federal law.

Follow these step-by-step instructions.
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Section 1

You must indicate whether you would like service in English or French.

Section 2

You must indicate if you have any special needs. Special needs are described as:

- wheelchair access
- sign language interpretation
- personal assistance (for example, you will be accompanied by a care attendant, an interpreter, a seeing eye dog, a sighted guide, etc.)

Section 3

You must indicate if you have ever applied for Canadian citizenship before. Please check **no** or **yes**. If **yes** give the date you last applied.

Section 4

- A.** Write down your surname/last name and given name(s), **as they appear on your birth certificate.**
- B.** **If you have legally changed your name, indicate what your new name is.** Remember to supply the original or a certified true copy of your legal change of name document (for example, provincial/foreign government change of name certificate, court order, marriage certificate, adoption order, divorce decree, etc.).
- C.** **If you have used another name in the past, or are known by a name other than the one you listed above, write it down on the application form.** (Other names can include your birth name, nicknames, call names, community names, etc.). Use a separate piece of paper if required.
- D.** You may request that the certificate of Canadian citizenship show a name other than the one on your birth certificate, if you can provide identification to support the name you are requesting. If this change is significant, linking documentation showing the use of both names, or the basis for the change will also be required. Examples of linking documents include a marriage certificate, a foreign change of name, an adoption order, a foreign passport showing both names, or a divorce decree.

Please note that you cannot request a name change **after** your application has been submitted.

Section 5

- A. Provide your current home address complete with postal code.
- B. If your mailing address is different from your home address, include your mailing address, complete with postal code.
- C. We may need to contact you by phone. List the phone number(s) where you can be reached.

Section 6

- A. Write down your date of birth exactly as it appears on your birth certificate. This is the date of birth that will appear on your certificate of Canadian citizenship. Indicate the place and country where you were born.
- B. Indicate whether you are male or female, your height, the colour of your eyes and your legal marital status. We need this information for our records. The colour of your eyes and height will be shown on your citizenship certificate.

Section 7

Answer all questions on information regarding your parents. Indicate the relationship of your parents to you by indicating Natural or Adoptive. Write down your parents' surname/last name, given name(s), date of birth and place/country of birth. Write down where your parents were married and the date of the marriage. Ensure that you complete the section for additional information for each parent.

Section 8

You must **sign** the application with the signature you currently use on other official documents. Indicate where and when (place and date) you signed your application. Make sure you are eligible for citizenship because the application fee is not refundable.

You must **sign** the bottom of the photographs with the same signature used on the application and on other official documents.

The application must be **signed and dated** before it is sent for processing. If your application is not signed and dated, it will be returned to you. Your application will also be returned to you if it is stale-dated (we receive an application signed more than 3 months ago) or if it is post-dated (we receive an application dated into the future).

Section 9

The individual, authorized officer of a firm or organization who assisted in the completion of this application must complete and sign this section.

Where to send your application

If you are living outside Canada, submit your application to a Canadian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate for processing.

or

If you are living in Canada, on the envelope to mail your application, print:

Your Name
Your Address
Your Postal Code

**Case Processing Centre - Sydney
Paragraph 5(2)(b)
P.O. Box 7000
SYDNEY NS B1P 6V6**

If you are sending more than one application (for example, applications for family members), you may send one receipt to cover all applications. Mail the receipt and all applications together in one envelope so that they will be processed together.

What Happens Next?

Once your application is received in Sydney, Nova Scotia, it will be reviewed and processing will begin. If your application is approved, you will receive a certificate of Canadian citizenship.

Some applications may encounter delays and require more time for processing. In these cases, you will be contacted for more information or asked to supply additional documents. If you are sending an application from outside Canada, please allow up to eight (8) weeks for your application to be received at the Case Processing Centre (CPC) in Sydney, Nova Scotia, as mail service can vary between countries.

Remember: You must advise us of any change of address or telephone number. If you live in Canada, you must advise us of any change of address or telephone number by calling a Call Centre or by entering your new address on our on-line change of address service on our [Web site](#). If you live outside of Canada, you must advise us of any change by contacting a Canadian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada has a quality assurance program. In this program, some applications are randomly selected for special review. The review means that you might be called to an interview with a Citizenship and Immigration official, so that we can make sure that all the documents you gave us are correct, and that your application was completed properly. The interview is very short, and should not result in any delay to the processing of your application.



APPLICATION FOR CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP Under Paragraph 5(2)(b)

Receipt no.	File no.
Client ID	
Certificate no.	
Return original document(s) <input type="checkbox"/>	Granted <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature Date D M Y 	
Notify:	
Send certificate to:	

Before you start, read the instructions
Please PRINT in ink or TYPE

Protected when completed

For official use only

1	I want service in English <input type="checkbox"/> OR French <input type="checkbox"/> Please check (✓) one						
2	I have special needs No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, explain: <input type="text"/>						
3	Have you applied for Canadian citizenship before? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Date <table border="1"><tr><td>Day</td><td>Month</td><td>Year</td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>	Day	Month	Year			
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4 A	Name (exactly as is shown on birth certificate) Surname/Last name <input type="text"/> Given name(s) <input type="text"/>						
B	Legal name change No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, provide legal name change document. Surname/Last name To: <input type="text"/> Given name(s) <input type="text"/>						
C	Other names used (example maiden name or name at birth) Surname/Last name <input type="text"/> Given name(s) <input type="text"/>						
Use another piece of paper if you need more space.							
D	Name you want on citizenship certificate (documentation required) Surname/Last name <input type="text"/> Given name(s) <input type="text"/>						

5 A	Home address <input type="text"/>	Postal code <input type="text"/>
B	Mailing address (if different from home address) <input type="text"/>	Postal code <input type="text"/>
C	Telephone number(s) Home (<input type="text"/>) <input type="text"/> Work (<input type="text"/>) <input type="text"/> Ext. <input type="text"/>	

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7**APPLICANT'S
PARENTS****Answer all of the following questions:**

Relationship to you

Natural father ☐Adoptive father ☐Natural mother ☐Adoptive mother ☐**FATHER****MOTHER**

Surname/Last name

Given name(s)

Country and date of birth

Married in what country

Additional information

Maiden name

Day Month Year

Day Month Year

Day Month Year

Date of marriage

What was your father's citizenship at the time of your birth?

Was your mother a Canadian citizen at the time of your birth?

No ☐Yes ☐Give details
(date and how citizenship
was obtained)

Day Month Year

Did your father or his parents ever reside in Canada?

Did your mother leave Canada for more than 1 year before 1977?

No ☐Yes ☐

Give details

No ☐Yes ☐

FROM M Y M Y TO

Destination (Country)

What was his/their status in Canada?
(e.g. landed immigrant, citizen)Is/was your mother a citizen of a country
other than Canada?No ☐Yes ☐Give details
(country, date and how
citizenship was obtained)If mother was born in Canada on or after
January 1, 1947, was one of her parents
employed by a foreign government or
international agency?No ☐Yes ☐

Give details

8**SIGNATURE
OF APPLICANT**

I agree to advise Citizenship and Immigration Canada if any information on this form changes before processing of my application is complete. I understand the contents of this form. I declare that the information provided is true, correct, and complete, and that the photographs enclosed are a true likeness of me. I understand that, if I make a false declaration, or fail to disclose all information material to my application, I could lose my Canadian citizenship and be charged under the *Citizenship Act*.



Signature

of APPLICANT _____

Place _____

Date

Day	Month	Year

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Remember to make sure that you are eligible to apply for citizenship before you **SIGN** this application.

9**INDIVIDUAL, FIRM OR ORGANIZATION WHO ASSISTED IN THE COMPLETION OF THIS APPLICATION
(The applicant does not complete this section)**

Name of individual who assisted in completing this application form: _____

Name of firm, organization _____

Address _____



Signature of individual _____

Date

Day	Month	Year

REMEMBER:

If you are sending more than one application, send all of them together in one envelope.
The applications will be processed together.

**FAILURE TO INCLUDE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION (e.g. 2 PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION)
WILL RESULT IN DELAYS IN PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION.**

**Protected Information
Personal Information Bank CIC PPU 050**

Information in this form is collected under the *Citizenship Act* to determine eligibility for the grant of Canadian citizenship and to maintain a record of persons to whom citizenship certificates were issued. Under the *Privacy Act*, you have the right to access, request correction of or have a notation attached to the information concerning yourself.



CITIZENSHIP PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATIONS

Notes to the applicant

TAKE THIS PAGE WITH YOU TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER

- Citizenship photographs are not the same as passport photographs.

Notes to the photographer

Please make sure that you provide:

- 2 identical photographs (black and white or colour) produced from the same untouched negative, or exposed simultaneously by a split-image or multi-lens camera;
- the name of the photographer or the studio, the studio address and the date the photos were taken on the back of the photographs.

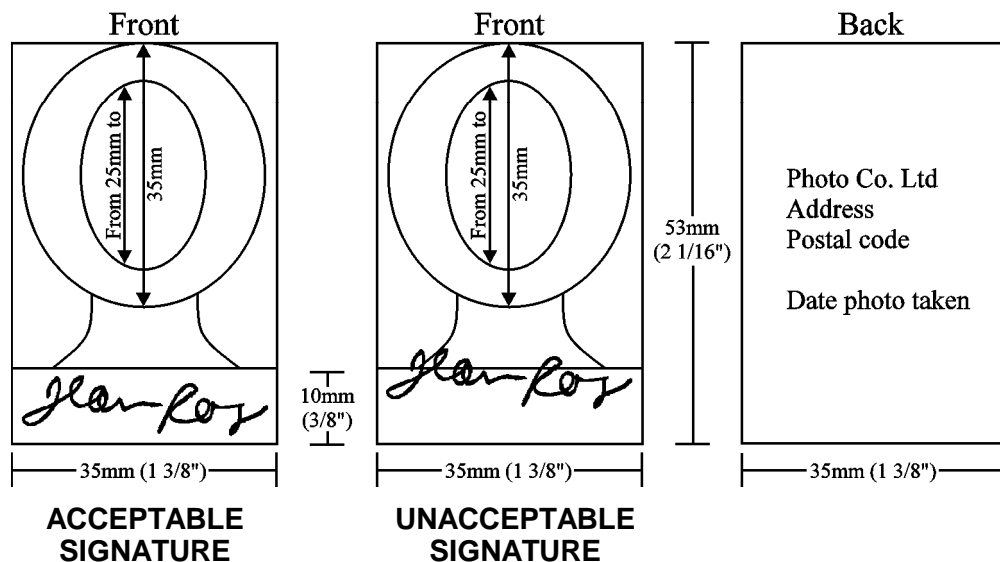
The photographs must:

- show a full front view of the person's head centered in the middle of the photograph;
- have a plain white background;
- have a plain white signature strip (no more than 10mm and no less than 6mm deep) at the bottom;
- be produced on single weight matte paper.

The photographs must measure:

- 35mm x 53mm finished size;
- between 25mm and 35mm from chin to crown.

Applicants 14 years of age and over must sign within the white signature strip below each photo.
For applicants 13 years of age and under leave signature strip blank. Parent must NOT sign child's photo.



Your signature must fit entirely within the white signature strip that appears at the bottom of your photographs. Your photographs will be returned to you if any portion of your signature extends outside the white strip.

Important Notice

Fees Receipt Form IMM 5401

Form IMM 5401 is **not** included in the Internet version of this application kit because an original receipt with a unique serial number must be used. An original receipt can be ordered over the Internet at the following address:

www.canadapost.ca/tools/docp/CIC/bin/hpm-e.asp

or may be obtained by contacting a CIC Call Centre.