

**DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 28A OF THE ACT OF 1956, BY A PARENT OF A PERSON NOT OF FULL AGE IN RESPECT OF WHOM A CERTIFICATE OF NATIONALITY IS BEING SOUGHT UNDER SECTION 28 OF THAT ACT.****IMPORTANT NOTICE**

*A person who knowingly or recklessly makes (whether in the State or outside the State) a false declaration for citizenship purposes shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €3,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or to both, or on conviction on indictment to a fine not exceeding €50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to both.*

**NOTES**

- (1) This is a declaration which is required from a parent of a child, born on or after 1 January 2005 in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas, in respect of periods of residence in Northern Ireland during the four years preceding the birth, during which periods the relevant parent was **NOT** a national of an EU Member State, a state (other than an EU Member State) that is a contracting party to the EEA Agreement or the Swiss Confederation.
- (2) This declaration is **NOT** required in connection with the entitlement to Irish citizenship of a child born before 1 January 2005 in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas.
- (3) This declaration is **NOT** required in connection with the entitlement to Irish citizenship of a child born on or after 1 January 2005 in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas, where that child had, *at the time of his or her birth*, a parent (or a deceased parent) who was:
  - (a) an Irish citizen or entitled to be an Irish citizen;
  - (b) entitled to reside in the State without any restriction on his or her period of residence (including in accordance with a permission granted under section 4 of the Immigration Act 2004);
  - (c) a British citizen; or
  - (d) entitled under the immigration laws of the United Kingdom to reside in the United Kingdom (and thus Northern Ireland) without any restriction on his or her period of residence.
- (4) This declaration is **NOT** appropriate in relation to the citizenship entitlement of a child born on or after 1 January 2005 in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas, to parents one of whom was, at the time of the birth, entitled to diplomatic immunity in the State. For children born between 2 December 1999 and 31 December 2004, the correct form of declaration is in Forms 1 and 2 of the Schedule to the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Regulations, 2002 (S.I. No. 567 of 2002).

**GUIDANCE ON FILLING OUT THE FORM**

This declaration is a written statement, declared to be true by you in the presence of an authorised person\*. By signing this declaration you are stating that you understand the form and that the facts provided in the form are true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

\* A declaration made under section 28A of the Act shall—

- (a) if made in the territory of the State, be made before one of the following persons recognised or acting as such with the State:
  - (i) a notary public,
  - (ii) a commissioner for oaths,
  - (iii) a peace commissioner,
  - (iv) a minister of religion stating his or her denomination and address for place of worship
  - (v) a member of Dáil Éireann or Seanad Éireann or a member of the European Parliament for a constituency within the State
  - (vi) a member of a local authority for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2001 (No. 37 of 2001)
  - (vii) a barrister or solicitor
  - (viii) a registered medical practitioner for the purposes of the Medical Practitioners Acts 1978 to 2002,
  - (ix) a qualified teacher who is a member of the teaching staff of a primary or secondary school or a third level institution, or
- (b) if made in any place other than the territory of the State, be made before one of the following persons:
  - (i) a person to whom Section 5 of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Provisions of Services) Act 1993 (No. 33 of 1993) applies,
  - (ii) a notary public
  - (iii) any person who is, by the law of the country in which the declaration is made, a commissioner of oaths or other person authorised to take affidavits and for that purpose to administer oaths.

*Please enclose 2 passport photographs taken in the past 30 days of the child in respect of whom a certificate of nationality is being applied for..*

**Send completed form to:  
CITIZENSHIP DECLARATIONS,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE,  
ROSANNA ROAD,  
TIPPERARY TOWN.**



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I,  of

hereby declare that:

(a) I am a national of

(b) I am the Father/Mother of  of

born at

a place in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas, on  and

during the period of four years immediately preceding my child's birth, I resided in Northern Ireland for the following period(s): *(repeat as necessary on separate sheet)*

From  to   
 From  to

during all of which period(s), I was:

- (i) a national of a State other than a Member State of the European Union, the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation; and
- (ii) lawfully permitted to be present in that jurisdiction on foot of a permission granted by the immigration authorities of the United Kingdom, which permission was granted to me other than for the purpose of:
  - (I) enabling me to engage in a course of education of study; or
  - (II) having a claim to be recognised as a refugee within the meaning of the 1951 Geneva Convention relating to the status of refugees and the 1967 protocol relating to the status of refugees determined by the United Kingdom authorities.

I have attached the following documentary evidence in support of the above declaration:

- (a) the birth certificate of the child referred to above;
- (b) my passport showing UK immigration stamps for the relevant period(s); and
- (c) copies of two of the following issued in respect of each of three years reckonable residence *(six documents in total)* being claimed by me:
  - (i) information or correspondence, in writing, from a public body issued to me at my address in Northern Ireland confirming the payment of income tax or social insurance or relating to the assessment of income tax;
  - (ii) information or correspondence from a public body issued to me confirming the provision of any other public service to me at my address in Northern Ireland;
  - (iii) driving licence issued to me at my address in Northern Ireland in a year in relation to which a claim of residence in Northern Ireland is being made;
  - (iv) information or correspondence from a public body issued to me confirming the payment of social security benefits to me at my address in Northern Ireland;
  - (v) information or correspondence issued to me relating to the provision to me at my address in Northern Ireland of public services (gas, electricity, water, telephone, etc);
  - (vi) information or correspondence relating to the payment by me of rent, mortgage repayments, etc., in respect of my dwelling in Northern Ireland;
  - (vii) such other information as may be required by the Minister of Justice and Equality or the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

I declare that the information given by me in this declaration is correct and that the accompanying documents relate to me.

Signed:

Date:

Declared and subscribed before me before me  W1 a\*   
 by the person named above who is personally known to me (or, who is identified to me by  W2 who is personally known to me).

Signed:  Block Capitals:

Address:

Day-time Phone Number:

Date: