

INFORMATION NOTICE

ENTITLEMENT OF CHILDREN BORN ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2005 TO IRISH CITIZENSHIP

The Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 2004 made certain changes to Irish citizenship law. The Act comes into force on 1 January 2005. This Information Notice explains these changes as they apply to the entitlement to Irish citizenship of any child born in the island of Ireland on or after 1 January 2005.

References in this Notice to “the island of Ireland” include the whole island and its islands and seas.

Throughout this Notice, a right to citizenship is expressed in terms of an “entitlement”. This formula has been in use since 2 December 1999 when the new Article 2 of the Constitution, arising out of the British Irish Agreement, came into effect. An effect of the new Article 2 was that persons born in the island of Ireland who did not wish to be fixed with Irish citizenship would not be so fixed. In the result, the acquisition of Irish citizenship by operation of law through birth on the island of Ireland is generally expressed in terms of an entitlement.

1. WHAT IS THE POSITION IN RELATION TO PERSONS BORN IN THE ISLAND OF IRELAND BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2005?

Every person born on the island of Ireland before 1 January 2005 is entitled to be an Irish citizen.

2. WHAT IS THE POSITION IN RELATION TO PERSONS BORN IN THE ISLAND OF IRELAND ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2005?

The citizenship entitlement of every person born on the island of Ireland on or after 1 January 2005 depends on the citizenship of the person's parents at the time of the person's birth.

A person born in the island of Ireland on or after 1 January 2005 is entitled to be an Irish citizen if at the time of birth that person had a parent who was one of the following:

- (a) an Irish citizen or entitled to be an Irish citizen;
- (b) a non-national 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;
- (d) a non-national 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; OR
- (e) a non national, other than a non national to whom (b), (c) or (d) above applies, who satisfies the "**reckonable residence**" requirement at the time of the child's birth.

If a parent died before the person was born, then the above applies to the status of the parent immediately before death. Thus for example if the parent, an Irish citizen, died before the birth of a child in the island of Ireland, the person is entitled under paragraph (a) above to be an Irish citizen.

3. WHAT DOES RECKONABLE RESIDENCE MEAN?

Reckonable Residence is relevant only in cases to which paragraph 2 (e) above applies.

Subject to certain exceptions, a parent is deemed to have reckonable residence in the island of Ireland if during the period of four years immediately preceding the birth of a child he or she had been resident in the island of Ireland for a period of not less than three years, or periods the aggregate of which is three years.

There are some exclusions from what residence in Ireland can be reckoned and these depend, in part, on the nationality of the parent during that period of residence:

- **Parents of All Nationalities:** Periods of unlawful residence are excluded from the determination of periods of reckonable residence irrespective of the nationality of the parent during the period of residence.
- **Parents other than nationals of a member state of the European Union, or nationals of Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland or Switzerland:** Periods of residence which were for the sole purpose of having an application for refugee status determined or periods of residence where permission was granted for the purposes of study excluded from the determination of periods of reckonable residence.

Where a parent's nationality changes during the course of a period of, or periods of, residence the reckonability rules are applied by reference to the parent's nationality during each period of residence.

4. WHAT ABOUT RECKONABLE RESIDENCE WHERE THE PARENT THROUGH WHOM THE CITIZENSHIP ENTITLEMENT IS DERIVED DIED BEFORE THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD?

You can add the period of residence commencing on the date of the parent's death and expiring on the date of the child's birth to the period eligible for consideration as reckonable residence. The nature of that notional residence is deemed to be of the same type as the type on the date of death for the purpose of reckonability.

For example, if the parent was unlawfully present in the island of Ireland at the time of death then residence between date of death and date of birth is not reckonable.

Similarly, if a parent was not at the time of death either a national of a member state of the European Union, or a national of Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland or Switzerland and he or she was at that time resident for the sole purpose of having an application for refugee status determined or on the basis of permission granted for the purposes of study then the period between date of death and date of birth is not reckonable. But, for example, if the parent was at the time of death lawfully resident in the State on foot of a permission granted for the purposes of employment, the period between the parent's death and the child's birth will be added to the reckonable residence already built up by the parent.

FORM A
IRISH NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP ACT 1956

Declaration, under section 6B(2) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, of residence in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas.

NOTES

- 1) This declaration is effective only in respect of periods of residence in Ireland by the parent of a child born on or after 1 January 2005 as 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, where such residence occurred in the four year period immediately preceding the birth of the child.
- 2) This declaration should be accompanied by the passport, national identity card, or certificate of nationality, and such other documentation as may be required by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as appropriate, relating to the person making the declaration.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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).

I..... (Name in full)
of.....

..... (address)

being of full age hereby declare that I am the [father] [mother] of

.....(name of child in full) born at

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

..... (insert date of birth) and that, during the period of four years

immediately preceding my child's birth, I resided in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas, as

a national of (tick as appropriate):

(a) an EU Member State namely ?

(b) an EEA member state namely ?

(c) the Swiss Confederation ?

for the following period(s):

from to

from to

(repeat as necessary)

As evidence of this nationality during the above period(s), I attach *(tick as appropriate)*:

(a) my passport, or ?

(b) my national identity document; or ?

(c) a certificate of nationality issued by the competent authority of
my country of nationality ?

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

Signature *(Mr./Ms.)*

Date.....

Declared and subscribed before me a *(insert qualification*)*

by the person named above who is personally known to me (or, who is identified to me
by.....who is personally known to me).

Signature

Name in Block Capitals *(Mr./Ms.)*

Address

.....

Day-time telephone number

Date

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—

(i) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €3,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or to both, or

(ii) on conviction on indictment to a fine not exceeding €50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to both.

** A declaration made under section 6B(2) 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 within 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 of 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, or*
 - (ix) *a qualified teacher who is a member of the teaching staff of a primary or secondary school or a third level institution,*
- (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 (Provision 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 for oaths or other person authorised to take affidavits and for that purpose to administer oaths.*

FORM B
IRISH NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP ACT 1956
Declaration, under section 6B(3)(a) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, of
residence in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas.

NOTES

- 1) This declaration is effective only in respect of periods of residence in Ireland by the parent of a child born on or after 1 January 2005 as 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, where such residence occurred in the four year period immediately preceding the birth of the child. It should be completed where an entitlement to Irish citizenship is being asserted on behalf of that child by—
 - (a) a parent who is **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;
 - (b) a guardian; or
 - (c) a person acting *in loco parentis* to the child.
- 2) This declaration should be accompanied by the passport, national identity card, or certificate of nationality, and such other documentation as may be required by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as appropriate, relating to the parent who is the subject of the declaration.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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).

I (Name in full)

of.....

..... (address)

hereby declare that I am [the parent of] [the guardian of] [*in loco parentis* to]

.....(*name of child in full*) of

.....(*address*)

born at a place in the island of Ireland, its islands and

seas, on (*insert date of birth*) and that, during the period

of four years immediately preceding the child's birth, his/her [father] [mother]

..... (*insert name of father or mother*) resided in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas, as a national of (*tick as appropriate*):

- (a) an EU Member State namely ?
- (b) an EEA member state namely ?
- (c) the Swiss Confederation ?

for the following periods:

from to

from to
(*repeat as necessary*)

As evidence of this nationality during the above period(s), I attach (*tick as appropriate*):

- (a) his/her passport, or ?
- (b) his/her national identity document; or ?
- (c) a certificate of nationality issued by the competent authority of his/her country of nationality ?

I declare that the information given by me in this declaration is correct and that the accompanying documents relate to the [father] [mother] (*delete as appropriate*) of(*insert name of child in full*).

Signature (*Mr./Ms.*)

Date.....

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

Signature.....

Name in Block Capitals (*Mr./Ms.*)

Address
.....

Day-time telephone number

Date

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(ii) on conviction on indictment to a fine not exceeding €50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to both.

** A declaration made under section 6B(3)(a) 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 within 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 of 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, or*
- (ix) a qualified teacher who is a member of the teaching staff of a primary or secondary school or a third level institution,*

(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 (Provision 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 for oaths or other person authorised to take affidavits and for that purpose to administer oaths.*

FORM C
IRISH NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP ACT 1956

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.

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
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I..... (*Name in full*)

of.....

..... (*address*)

hereby declare that:

(a) I am a national of (*insert name of country of nationality of father/mother*);

(b) I am the [father] [mother] of (*name of child in full*) of
.....(*address*)

born at a place in the island of Ireland, its islands and seas, on
..... (*insert date of birth*); and

(c) during the period of four years immediately preceding my child's birth, I resided in Northern Ireland for the following period(s):

from to

from to
(repeat as necessary)

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 or 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 attach 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 of 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 documentation as may be required by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform or the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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

Signature (*Mr./Ms.*)

Date.....

Declared and subscribed before me a (*insert qualification**)

by the person named above who is personally known to me (or, who is identified to me

by.....who is personally known to me).

Signature

Name in Block Capitals (*Mr./Ms.*)

Address

.....

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- (ii) on conviction on indictment to a fine not exceeding €50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to both.**

* 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 within 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 of 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 (Provision 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 for oaths or other person authorised to take affidavits and for that purpose to administer oaths.*

FORM D

IRISH NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP ACT 1956

Declaration under section 28A of the Act of 1956, by a person who is the guardian of or *in loco parentis* to a person not of full age in respect of whom a certificate of nationality is being sought under section 28 of that Act.

NOTES

- 1) This is a declaration which is required from a person who is the guardian of, or *in loco parentis* to, 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 of a parent of the child during the four years preceding the birth of the child, 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
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I..... (*Name in full*)

of.....

..... (*address*)

hereby declare that

(a) I am [the guardian of] [*in loco parentis* to]

(*name of child in full*) of

.....(*address*)

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

..... (*insert date of birth*);

(b) his/her [father] [mother] (*delete as appropriate*)

..... (*insert name of parent*) is/was a national of

..... (*insert name of country of nationality of*

father/mother); and

(c) during the period of four years immediately preceding the birth of
..... (*insert name of child in full*) his/her [father] [mother] resided in Northern Ireland for the following period(s):

from to

from to

(*repeat as necessary*)

during all of which period(s), his/her [father] [mother] 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 [him] [her] other than for the purpose of:
 - (I) enabling [him] [her] to engage in a course of education or 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 attach the following documentary evidence in support of the above declaration:

- (a) the birth certificate of the child referred to above;
- (b) documentation verifying that I am the guardian of or *in loco parentis* to the child referred to above;
- (c) the parent's passport showing UK immigration stamps for the relevant period; and
- (d) copies of two of the following in respect of each year of reckonable residence (*six documents in total*) being claimed in respect of the parent:
 - (i) information or correspondence, in writing, from a public body issued to him or her at his or her 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 him or her confirming the provision of any other public service to him or her at his or her address in Northern Ireland;
 - (iii) driving licence issued to him or her at his or her 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 him or her confirming the payment of social security benefits to him or her at his or her address in Northern Ireland;
- (v) information or correspondence issued to him or her relating to the provision to him or her at his or her address in Northern Ireland of public services (gas, electricity, water, telephone, etc);
- (vi) information or correspondence relating to the payment by him or her of rent, mortgage repayments, etc., in respect of his or her dwelling in Northern Ireland;
- (vii) such other documentation as may be required by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform or the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

I declare that the information given by me in this declaration is correct and that the accompanying documents relate to the parent of(*insert name of child in full*).

Signature (*Mr./Ms.*)

Date.....

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

Signature.....

Name in Block Capitals (*Mr./Ms.*)

Address

Day-time telephone number

Date

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 - (iv) a minister of religion stating his or her denomination and address of place of worship,*
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 - (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, or*
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