



APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE FOR ADULTS AND MINORS (Proof of Citizenship) Under Section 3 of the *Citizenship Act*

IMPORTANT

The parent or guardian applying for a citizenship certificate on behalf of a minor (under 18) should complete this form.

Do not use this form if you or your child is a **permanent resident** applying to be granted Canadian citizenship.

Do any of these apply to you?

- ☐ I need to replace my citizenship certificate;
- ☐ I want to pass down my Canadian citizenship to my child born outside Canada AND I was a Canadian citizen before my child was born; I didn't adopt my child
- ☐ I never had a citizenship certificate and I was born outside Canada AND my parent was a Canadian citizen before I was born; I wasn't adopted by my Canadian parent.
- ☐ I think I am Canadian and want to know for sure.
- ☐ Yes: proceed to the application ☐ No: you may need a different type of application

NOTE: If you (or the child you are applying for) was adopted outside of Canada by a Canadian citizen, you can only use this application for a **replacement** certificate. If your adopted child was never granted Canadian citizenship, you can apply for

Instructions below apply to you as the applicant or to the minor as the applicant if you are filling out the form on their behalf.

1 Language

I want service in: ☐ English ☐ French Please check ☐ One

2 Provide your Unique Client Identifier (UCI) if you have one:

3 Reason for application

Are you applying to replace your citizenship certificate? ☐ Yes ☐ No - skip to section 4

If yes, give information that appears on the certificate

Certificate no.

Date of certificate (YYYY-MM-DD)

Surname/Last name

Given name(s)

I am applying for a replacement because I need to

- ☐ Update my certificate (my previous certificate is enclosed OR I agree to the attestation below for my electronic certificate)
- ☐ Replace a ☐ stolen ☐ lost ☐ destroyed certificate

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UCI No.

Current Act

Former Act

Certificate no.

☐ Return original document(s)

☐ Approved

Signature

YYYY-MM-DD

☐ Notify

Send certificate to

3 Reason for application - Continued

Was the theft/loss reported to the police? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Give details of the theft/loss/destruction (when, where and how?) and / or other reasons for your replacement certificate

Are you applying to update or replace your current electronic certificate?

☐ Yes ☐ No (I do not currently have an electronic certificate)

If 'Yes', you must confirm the following:

☐ I agree to delete and destroy all digital and printed copies of my current electronic certificate (e-certificate) upon submission of this application.
☐ I will not download another copy of my e-certificate until a decision on my application is made.

4 Citizenship certificate type

Please choose the type of citizenship certificate you would like to receive **(you can only choose ONE)**:

- ☐ Paper (sent by mail to applicants in Canada or USA OR sent to a Canadian embassy abroad)
- ☐ Electronic (digital PDF format, can be printed and saved; download instructions received by email; **email address must be provided**)

5 Tell us about yourself (or the minor you are applying for)

Surname/Last name (as it appears on your birth certificate)

Given name(s) (as it/they appear on your birth certificate)

Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

Place of birth

Country of birth or territory

Specify (if not on list)

Gender

☐ F Female ☐ M Male ☐ X Another gender

Height

cm

OR

ft

in

Natural eye colour

List any other names (include current or former married name(s), aliases and nicknames). These names will not appear on your citizenship certificate

6 Are you requesting a change to the personal details you have provided above?

☐ Yes ☐ No No - skip to section 7

If Yes, please specify

☐ I want a different name to appear on my citizenship certificate.

Requested Surname/Last name

Requested Given name(s)

☐ I want a different date of birth to appear on my citizenship certificate. New date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

☐ I want a different gender to appear on my citizenship certificate.

What gender would you like to appear? ☐ F Female ☐ M Male ☐ X Another Gender

7 Details about your birth certificate (or the minor you are applying for)

Will you provide a birth certificate that was **changed** or **replaced**?

☐ Yes ☐ No – my birth certificate is the original record on file since the time of my birth (skip to section 8) ☐ I don't know

If 'Yes' or 'I don't know', explain why your birth certificate was changed, replaced or the reasons why you don't know. (ex. my document was changed to include my step parent; my original birth certificate was destroyed and I received a new one, etc.). Provide an explanation letter if you need more space.

8 Tell us about your parents - (If you do not know the information requested, enter 'unknown'. If the information does not apply, enter 'not applicable' or 'NA'.)

Parent 1

Details

Surname/Last name

Given name(s)

Other names used by parent (name at birth, maiden name, etc.)

Parent's country or territory of birth

Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

Canadian birth certificate registration number, if applicable

Date of marriage (YYYY-MM-DD)

Place of marriage

Date of death (YYYY-MM-DD) (If applicable)

Parent 2

Details

Surname/Last name

Given name(s)

Other names used by parent (name at birth, maiden name, etc.)

Parent's country or territory of birth

Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

Canadian birth certificate registration number, if applicable

Date of marriage (YYYY-MM-DD)

Place of marriage

Date of death (YYYY-MM-DD) (If applicable)

A - Relationship to you (select one) – See page 11 definition

* Select **biological parent** if biological AND legal parent at birth

This parent is my ☐ biological parent ☐ adoptive parent ☐ legal parent at birth

B - Parent 1's Citizenship Status

☐ Parent 1 is **not** / was **not** a Canadian citizen - skip to section C

☐ I am not sure if parent 1 is (or was ever) a Canadian citizen

Please tell us the circumstances

☐ Parent 1 is/was a Canadian citizen

How did parent 1 obtain Canadian citizenship?

A - Relationship to you (select one) – See page 11 definition

* Select **biological parent** if biological AND legal parent at birth

This parent is my ☐ biological parent ☐ adoptive parent ☐ legal parent at birth

B - Parent 2's Citizenship Status

☐ Parent 2 is **not** / was **not** a Canadian citizen - skip to section C

☐ I am not sure if parent 2 is (or was ever) a Canadian citizen

Please tell us the circumstances

☐ Parent 2 is/was a Canadian citizen

How did parent 2 obtain Canadian citizenship?

8 Tell us about your parents - Continued**Parent 1 continued****B - Parent 1's Citizenship Status - Continued**

Parent 1's citizenship certificate number, if applicable

On what date did parent 1 first enter Canada to live? (YYYY-MM-DD)

Did parent 1 leave Canada for more than 1 year before 1977?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, give details

From (YYYY-MM-DD)	To (YYYY-MM-DD)	Destination (Country or territory)

Is (or was) parent 1 a citizen of a country or territory other than Canada before 1977?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, give details: (country or territory, date of citizenship, description of how citizenship/nationality was obtained and/or recognized, etc.)

Was parent 1 born in Canada before January 1, 1947 or in Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Was parent 1 naturalized as a British subject in Canada before January 1, 1947 or in Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Was parent 1 a British subject and living in Canada on January 1, 1947 or Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949?

☐ No ☐ Yes**Parent 2 continued****B - Parent 2's Citizenship Status - Continued**

Parent 2's citizenship certificate number, if applicable

On what date did parent 2 first enter Canada to live? (YYYY-MM-DD)

Did parent 2 leave Canada for more than 1 year before 1977?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, give details

From (YYYY-MM-DD)	To (YYYY-MM-DD)	Destination (Country or territory)

Is (or was) parent 2 a citizen of a country or territory other than Canada before 1977?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, give details: (country or territory, date of citizenship, description of how citizenship/nationality was obtained and/or recognized, etc.)

Was parent 2 born in Canada before January 1, 1947 or in Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Was parent 2 naturalized as a British subject in Canada before January 1, 1947 or in Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Was parent 2 a British subject and living in Canada on January 1, 1947 or Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949?

☐ No ☐ Yes**C - Foreign Government Employment**

If you were born in Canada, was parent 1 employed in Canada by a foreign government or international agency at the time of your birth?

☐ Not applicable, not born in Canada ☐ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, give details

If parent 1 was born in Canada, was one of their parents (i.e. your grandparents) employed in Canada by a foreign government or international agency?

☐ Not applicable, not born in Canada ☐ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, give details

C - Foreign Government Employment

If you were born in Canada, was parent 2 employed in Canada by a foreign government or international agency at the time of your birth?

☐ Not applicable, not born in Canada ☐ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, give details

If parent 2 was born in Canada, was one of their parents (i.e. your grandparents) employed in Canada by a foreign government or international agency?

☐ Not applicable, not born in Canada ☐ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, give details

9 Tell us about your grandparents - (If you do not know the information requested, enter 'unknown'. If the information does not apply, enter 'not applicable' or 'NA'.)

Full name of Parent 1

If parent 1 was born outside Canada, was one of parent 1's parents (i.e. your grandparents) a Canadian citizen and/or a Crown servant of Canada at the time of this parent's birth or adoption?

Was parent 1 born outside Canada? ☐ No: skip to parent 2 ☐ Yes

Was one of parent 1's parents (your grandparents) Canadian? ☐ No: skip to parent 2 ☐ Yes

If you chose a 'Yes' response, please provide the following details

Parent A) of parent 1

Surname/Last name

Given name(s)

Other names used (name at birth, maiden name)

Country or territory of birth

Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

Canadian birth certificate number
(if applicable/known)

Canadian citizenship certificate
number (if applicable/known)

Details on how this grandparent obtained Canadian citizenship

Date of death (YYYY-MM-DD) (If applicable)

Parent B) of parent 1

Surname/Last name

Given name(s)

Other names used (name at birth, maiden name)

Country or territory of birth

Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

Canadian birth certificate number
(if applicable/known)

Canadian citizenship certificate
number (if applicable/known)

Details on how this grandparent obtained Canadian citizenship

Date of death (YYYY-MM-DD) (If applicable)

9 Tell us about your grandparents - Continued**Full name of Parent 2**

If parent 2 was born outside Canada, was one of parent 2's parents (i.e. your grandparents) a Canadian citizen and/or a Crown servant of Canada at the time of this parent's birth or adoption?

Was parent 2 born outside Canada? ☐ No: skip to section 10 ☐ Yes

Was one of parent 2's parents (your grandparents) Canadian? ☐ No: skip to section 10 ☐ Yes

If you chose a 'Yes' response, please provide the following details

Parent A) of parent 2

Surname/Last name

Given name(s)

Other names used (name at birth, maiden name)

Country or territory of birth

Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

Canadian birth certificate number
(if applicable/known)
Canadian citizenship certificate
number (if applicable/known)

Details on how this grandparent obtained Canadian citizenship

Date of death (YYYY-MM-DD) (If applicable)

Parent B) of parent 2

Surname/Last name

Given name(s)

Other names used (name at birth, maiden name)

Country or territory of birth

Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

Canadian birth certificate number
(if applicable/known)
Canadian citizenship certificate
number (if applicable/known)

Details on how this grandparent obtained Canadian citizenship

Date of death (YYYY-MM-DD) (If applicable)

Note: if you, or the minor that you are applying for, is claiming citizenship by descent through a great-grandparent, please follow the instructions under Section 9 at the end of this document.

10 Additional citizenship information

Have you ever lived in Canada? ☐ No: skip to section 11 ☐ Yes

If Yes, on what date did you first enter Canada to live ☐ Date (YYYY-MM-DD) _____ or ☐ I was born in Canada

11 Were you born before 1977?

☐ No: skip to section 13 ☐ Yes: fill out this section

Were you absent from Canada for 1 year or longer before 1977? ☐ No ☐ Yes: fill out this section

From (YYYY-MM-DD)	To (YYYY-MM-DD)	Destination (Country or territory)	Reason

11 Were you born before 1977? - Continued

Were you a citizen of one or more countries other than Canada before 1977? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, give details (country or territory, date of citizenship, description of how citizenship/nationality was obtained and/or recognized)

12 Were you born before 1950?

☐ No: skip to section 13 ☐ Yes: fill out this section

Were you born in Canada before January 1, 1947 or in Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Were you naturalized in Canada before January 1, 1947 or in Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Were you a British subject and a resident of Canada on January 1, 1947 or in Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Were you married before January 1, 1947 to a man who was born in Canada or naturalized as a British subject in Canada?

☐ Yes

☐ No, I was not married before 1947

☐ Yes, I was married before 1947 but not to a man born or naturalized in Canada

If you selected a Yes response, please provide details: (husband's name, husband's country or territory of birth, his date of birth, nationalities obtained or lost (if applicable), details on naturalization certificate (if applicable), country or territory of marriage, date of marriage)

13 Were you born on or after December 15, 2025?

☐ No: skip to section 14 ☐ Yes: fill out this section

Were you born in Canada?

☐ No ☐ Yes skip to section 14

Were either of your parents born in Canada?

☐ No ☐ Yes skip to section 14

Were either of your parents granted Canadian citizenship (other than as an adopted person)?

☐ No ☐ Yes skip to section 14

Was your Canadian citizen parent(s) employed outside Canada in or with the Canadian Armed Forces, the federal public administration, or the public service of a province or territory other than as a locally engaged person at the time of your birth?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes give details and continue to section 14

Was your Canadian citizen grandparent(s) employed outside Canada in or with the Canadian Armed Forces, the federal public administration, or the public service of a province or territory other than as a locally engaged person at the time of your parent's birth?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes give details and continue to section 14

Did your Canadian citizen parent(s) accumulate at least 1,095 days of physical presence in Canada prior to your birth? (Please consult the instruction guide for required supporting documentation; if you answer yes to this question, you will need to submit the [How to calculate physical presence in Canada for a Canadian parent \(CIT 0555\) form](#))

☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

14 Contact Information

How can we contact you about your application?

Surname/Last name

Given name(s)

Email address

Confirm email address

Home address

No. and street

Apt./Unit

City

Province

Country or territory

Postal code

Is the mailing address the same as the home address?

☐ Yes ☐ No

No. and street

Apt./Unit

City

Province

Country or territory

Postal code

If you are applying from outside Canada and the U.S., your documents will be sent to the Canadian embassy, high commission, or consulate nearest you. If you know which Canadian embassy, high commission, or consulate you would like your documents sent to, please provide the details

Telephone numbers

Home (Area code and number)

Work (Area code and number)

Extension

Cell (Area code and number)

15 Representative

Is someone helping you fill out this form?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Are you paying someone to help you fill out this form?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes complete the following details about the person helping you:

Family name (last name)

Given name(s)

Company name

Note: A representative can be paid or not. If your representative is paid, they must be a member in good standing of: a law society of a province or territory, the Chambre des notaires du Quebec, or the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants (CICC).

Would you like to name a (such as an immigration consultant, lawyer, friend or family member) to do business with us for you?

☐ No ☐ Yes If yes complete the**16 Declarations/Permissions/Signatures**☐ I agree to advise IRCC if any information on this form changes before the processing of my application is complete.☐ I understand the content of this form.☐ I declare that the information provided is true, correct and complete.☐ I declare that the photographs enclosed are a true likeness of me.

☐ I understand that if I, or someone on my behalf, make a false representation, commit fraud or conceal any material circumstances relevant to my application, my application could be denied, my citizenship certificate could be taken away, and I could be charged with an offence as provided for under the *Citizenship Act* or the Criminal Code.

☐ I declare that I am NOT using this form to apply for a grant of Canadian citizenship for a person adopted outside of Canada by a Canadian citizen. I understand that persons adopted outside of Canada can only use this form to apply for a replacement certificate.



APPLICANT'S Signature
(you must sign inside the box in black ink only)

City

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

If applicant is under 14 years of age, signature of parent/guardian



PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S Signature
(you must sign inside the box in black ink only)

City

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

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

Protected Information
Personal Information Bank CIC PPU 050

The information you provide on this form is collected under the authority of the *Citizenship Act* to determine whether your citizenship application may be approved. It will be stored in the Personal Information Bank (CIC PPU 050 entitled Application and Assessment for Canadian Citizenship). The information may be shared with other Canadian government institutions such as the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), and foreign governments in accordance with the *Citizenship Regulations* and subsection 8(2) of the *Privacy Act*. Information may also be disclosed to foreign governments, law enforcement bodies and detaining authorities with respect to the administration and enforcement of citizenship legislation where such sharing of information may not put the individual and/or their family at risk. Information may also be systematically validated by other Canadian government institutions under the terms of an agreement or arrangement for the purposes of validating status and identity to administer their programs. In accordance with the *Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*, individuals have a right to protection of, access to and correction of their personal information. Details on these matters are available at the InfoSource Website at <http://infosource.gc.ca>. InfoSource is also available at public libraries across Canada.

Follow the step-by-step instructions below to complete the application form.

Important Information

- Make sure that you **read the** to help you complete your application.
- If a section does not apply to you, write "Not Applicable" or "NA". If your application is incomplete it may be returned to you and this will delay processing.
- If you're completing this application for a minor under 18 years of age, remember **all questions are about the minor and you should answer as though you are the minor**.
- If you need more space to answer any questions, use an extra sheet of paper and indicate the number and/or letter of the question you're answering.
- All of your **answers must be complete and true**.

Section 1 - Language of service

- Would you like to receive service) in English or in French? Your correspondence will be in the language that you choose. Please check one.

Section 2 - Unique Client Identifier

- Please enter your UCI or 'Unique Client Identifier', the 8 or 10 digit number that is unique to your IRCC immigration and citizenship records.
- If you do not have a UCI, enter 'not applicable' or 'NA'. If you do not know your UCI, enter 'unknown'.

Section 3 - Reason for application

- Check a 'Yes' response if you have had a previous Canadian citizenship certificate and are applying to replace it. Otherwise, check 'No' and proceed to section 4.
- If you check 'Yes', you'll need to complete all the questions in this section. Enter certificate number or, if unknown, enter 'unknown'. Indicate the surname/last name(s) and given name(s) on the certificate.
- Indicate why you're applying to replace your certificate by checking the applicable box in this section. If it was stolen, lost or destroyed, describe the circumstances (indicate if the theft/loss was reported to the police by checking a 'Yes' or 'No' response to that questions) and provide details of the theft/loss/destruction or other reasons why you need a replacement in the space provided.
- If you're applying for a replacement because you want to update the information on the certificate or you want to replace your certificate for other reasons, you'll need to return any original certificates you have with your application package. If you are replacing your e-certificate, any digital or printed copies of your current e-certificate must be deleted and destroyed upon submission of your application.

Section 4 - Citizenship certificate type

- If your application is approved you will be issued a citizenship certificate as proof of citizenship. Citizenship certificates come in either **Paper** or **Electronic** (printable PDF) format. Citizens can have only one type of certificate but are allowed to print a copy of their electronic certificate.
- Check the box next to the type of citizenship certificate that you would like to receive, either **Paper** or **Electronic** citizenship certificate.
- In accordance with the Citizenship Regulations, a person cannot hold more than one valid certificate of citizenship or naturalization at a time.

Section 5 - Tell us about yourself

Important Information: As this is the **first time** you are applying for a citizenship certificate, the name, date of birth and gender on your citizenship certificate will be the **same as the information that appears on your birth certificate unless you request a change** to that information in section 6.

- Please enter the following information from your birth certificate in the spaces provided:
 - family/last name(s) and given names(s)
 - date of birth
 - place and country or territory of birth (e.g. Paris, France)
 - gender (please check either 'F Female' or 'M Male' as per birth certificate or previous citizenship certificate).

- ▶ Enter your current height and natural eye colour.
- ▶ Enter any other names by which you are known, or have been known (for example previous family names, other given names, aliases, nicknames).

Note: Your height, eye colour, other names, and country or territory of birth will not appear on your citizenship certificate but are recorded so that other service providers, such as Passport Canada, can confirm your identity.

Section 6 - Are you requesting a change to the personal details you have provided above?

In this section you can request a change to the personal details that appear on your previous citizenship certificate or, if this will be your first certificate, the personal details that appear on your birth certificate.

- ▶ If you want to change your name(s) or your date of birth or your gender, please check the 'Yes' response. Otherwise, check the 'No' response and proceed to section 7.
- ▶ If you check 'Yes', you'll need to check the box that describes your change of personal details request, and then enter the requested information in the spaces provided.
 - **Request for a different name:** If you want a name that is different from the name(s) you provided in section 3, or section 5 if this is your first certificate, enter the requested surname/last name and given name(s) in the spaces provided. Include the required supporting documents with your application. Refer to *Appendix C: Name Change* of the instruction guide to find out which documents you need.
 - **Request for a different date of birth:** If you want a date of birth that is different from the date of birth you provided in section 3, or section 5 if this is your first certificate, enter the requested date of birth in the space provided. Include the required supporting documents with your application. Refer to *Appendix D: Date of Birth Correction* of the instruction guide to find out which documents you need.
 - **Request for different gender:** If you want a different gender to appear on your citizenship certificate, check the requested gender (F Female, M Male, X Another Gender). Refer to Request form for a Change of Sex or Gender form.

Section 7 - Details about your birth certificate (or the minor you are applying for)

Explain why your birth certificate was changed or replaced, or provide reasons why you don't know.
Provide an explanation letter if you need more space.

Section 8 - Tell us about your parents

Important Information: We collect information about your parents and your grandparents because it helps us accurately determine what section of the Citizenship Act describes your claim to citizenship. If you are claiming citizenship by descent through a parent, complete information will help us search for citizenship records.

It is important that you provide the **fullest and most accurate** information about your parents and grandparents. If we don't have enough information about your parents, your application may be delayed or we may not be able to assess your claim.

If you do not know the information requested on the form, enter 'unknown'. If the information requested does not apply, enter 'not applicable' or 'NA'.

In the following section, you need to answer each question for Parent 1 (first column) and for Parent 2 (second column).

Reminder: If you are filling out this application for your minor child, then you are the parent referred to in this section.

Parent's personal information

- ▶ Please provide full and accurate information about your parents: names, date of birth, country or territory of birth, other names, date and place of marriage, and date of death. If you do not know the information requested on the form, enter 'unknown' in the spaces provided. If it does not apply to your parents, enter 'not applicable' or 'NA'.
- ▶ If your parent was born in Canada, please provide the registration number found on their Canadian birth certificate.

Note: Canadian birth certificates include two numbers: a certificate number and a registration number. For the purpose of this application, please make sure to provide the registration number.

8A - Relationship to you

Select **ONE** option:

“biological parent” (means you have a genetic or gestational connection to that parent)

- select “biological parent” if your parent is both your biological AND legal parent at birth, or
- your parent has a biological connection to you and they are NOT listed on your birth certificate but you have birth records and documents that recognize your parent(s).
(ex. pre-birth orders, court orders, surrogacy agreements, hospital records, etc.)
- Note: After submitting your application, IRCC might request a DNA test to confirm parentage. IRCC will also provide a list of accredited laboratories to complete the DNA test. In these cases, DNA results must have an accuracy of 99.8% or higher.

“adoptive parent” (means that you were legally adopted after you were born)

“legal parent at birth” (means that your biological or non-biological parent was listed on the original birth certificate or birth record issued at the time of your birth)

- your parent was listed on your original birth certificate issued at the time of your birth, **and / or**
- you have birth records and documents that recognize your parent(s) at the time of your birth
(ex. pre-birth orders, court orders, surrogacy agreements, hospital records, etc.)
- **does not** include adoptive parents (even those recognized right after birth) or legal guardians.

8B - Parent's citizenship status

- ▶ Indicate your parent's citizenship status by checking one of the three boxes provided.
 - If you check parent is not/was not a Canadian citizen, you can proceed to section 8C, or
 - If you check parent's status is unknown, explain the circumstances in the box provided - you should also try to provide as much information as possible about Parent 1 in the spaces provided in the rest of 8B, well as in 8C and 8D, or
 - If you check parent is/was a Canadian citizen, tell us how they obtained citizenship in the box provided - for example, 'born in Canada' or 'granted citizenship' or 'born outside Canada to a Canadian parent'.
- ▶ Enter number of parent's citizenship certificate in space provided - if you do not know the number, enter 'unknown', or if no citizenship certificate was issued to your parent enter 'not applicable' or 'NA'.
- ▶ Enter date parent first entered Canada to live - please provide the most accurate date you can - for example, the date from a parent's passport or from another immigration record. If you are not certain, provide your best estimate of the month and year this parent entered Canada.
- ▶ Check a 'Yes' or 'No' response to indicate:
 - if your parent was outside Canada for more than 1 year before 1977. If you check 'Yes', provide details in the table provided. If you are not certain of the dates, provide your best estimate of the month and year.
 - if your parent was a citizen of a country or territory other than Canada before 1977. If you check 'Yes', provide details in the space provided.
 - if your parent was born in Canada before January 1, 1947 (or in Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949).
 - if your parent was naturalized as a British subject in Canada before January 1, 1947 (or in Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949).
 - if your parent was a British subject and a resident of Canada on January 1, 1947 (or of Newfoundland and Labrador before April 1, 1949).

Section 9 - Tell us about your grandparents

In the following section, there is an area to provide information about both of Parent 1's parents and about both of Parent 2's parents. Whether or not full personal details for all four grandparents will be required depends on your responses to the initial 'Yes' or 'No' questions.

If you do not know the information requested, enter 'unknown'. If the information requested does not apply, enter 'not applicable' or 'NA'.

Reminder: If you are filling out this application for your minor child, then you (and your child's other parent) are the Parent 1 and Parent 2 who will be named in this section.

Parent 1's Parents

- ▶ Enter the full name of Parent 1 (same parent named as Parent 1 in section 8).
- ▶ Check 'Yes' or 'No' to the **first question** to indicate if Parent 1 was born outside Canada.

- ▶ If you check 'No' to the first question, no further information about this set of grandparents is required and you can proceed to the area in section 9 about Parent 2's parents.
- ▶ If you check 'Yes' to the first question, proceed to the **second question** and check a 'Yes' or 'No' response there to indicate if either of your grandparents were Canadian.
- ▶ If you check 'No' to the second question, no further information about this set of grandparents is required and you can proceed to the area in section 9 about Parent 2's parents.
- ▶ If you have checked 'Yes' to both questions 1 and 2, you will need to provide full and accurate information about Parent 1's parents, including:
 - all known names
 - country or territory of birth and date of birth
 - the registration number found on their Canadian birth certificate
 - citizenship certificate number
 - details on how Canadian citizenship was obtained
 - date of death

Enter the information in the spaces provided. If you do not know the information requested on the form, enter 'unknown'. If the information requested does not apply, enter 'not applicable' or 'NA'.

Parent 2's Parents

- ▶ Enter the full name of Parent 2 (same as Parent 2, first column, in section 8)
- ▶ Follow the same steps as you did for Parent 1's parents.

Tell us about your great-grandparents.

On an extra sheet of paper, provide information about your great-grandparent(s) with this application if you, or the minor that you are applying for, is claiming citizenship by descent through a great-grandparent.

Provide the same information that is requested in Section 9.

You need to provide information about your grandparent's parent if:

- ▶ You were required to provide information about your grandparents, AND
- ▶ Your grandparent was born outside of Canada, AND
- ▶ Your grandparent did not naturalize as a Canadian citizen before the birth of your parent.

Section 10 - Additional citizenship information

Important Information: The information collected in this section, and in section 11 and section 12, will allow a citizenship official to accurately determine what section of the Citizenship Act describes your claim to Canadian citizenship today.

- ▶ Check a 'Yes' or 'No' response to indicate if you have ever lived in Canada. If 'No', you can proceed to section 11 now. If 'Yes', enter the date you came to live in Canada. You can also check 'Since birth', if applicable.
- ▶ If you are not certain of exact dates, provide your best estimate of the month and year.

Section 11 - Were you born before 1977?

If you were born before February 15, 1977, you need to complete this section. If you were born on or after February 15, 1977, you do not need to provide this information - you can check the 'No' response and proceed to section 13.

- ▶ If you give a 'Yes' response to the first question, and you have had absences of more than one year before 1977, provide details about those absences in the table provided (if you are not certain of exact dates, provide your best estimate of the month and year).
- ▶ Check a 'Yes' or 'No' response to indicate if you were a citizen of any countries other than Canada before 1977. If 'Yes', provide details in the space provided - country or territory (or countries) of citizenship, date of citizenship, and how citizenship was acquired.

Section 12 - Were you born before 1950?

If you were born before April 1, 1949, you need to complete this section. If you were born on or after April 1, 1949, you do not need to provide this information - you can check the 'No' response and proceed to section 13.

- ▶ If you give a 'Yes' response to the first question, answer all questions in this section.

Section 13 - Were you born before December 15, 2025?

If you were born on or after December 15, 2025 you must complete this section. If you were born before December 15, 2025 you do not need to answer these questions – you can check the 'No' response and proceed to section 14.

- ▶ If you give a 'no' response to all three of the following questions, complete this section. If you give a 'yes' response to any of these questions, proceed to section 14.
 - Were you born in Canada?
 - Were either of your parents born in Canada?
 - Were either of your parents granted Canadian citizenship (other than as an adopted person)?

Section 14 - Contact information

In this section you must provide the contact information for the applicant.

- ▶ Provide an email address where you can be reached. If the email address is that of a representative, you must indicate their e-mail address in this section and complete the IMM 5476 form.

If applicable, write your e-mail address using a format similar to the following: name@provider.net

Note: By indicating your e-mail address, you're hereby authorizing us to transmit correspondence, including file and personal information to this specific e-mail address.

- ▶ Provide your current home address including your postal code.
- ▶ If your mailing address is different from your home address, indicate your mailing address.

If the mailing address is that of a representative, you must indicate their mailing address in this section and complete the IMM 5476 form.

Note: We only send mail to Canadian and US addresses. If you live outside of Canada and the United States, correspondence will be sent to the Canadian embassy, high commission or consulate where you applied (unless you provided an email address). If you do not want your certificate sent to a mission you need to provide a Canadian or US mailing address.

- ▶ We may need to contact you by phone. Provide the telephone number(s) where you can be reached.

Section 15 - Representative

- ▶ Tell us if someone helped you fill out your forms.
- ▶ If you appoint an individual, firm or organization as your representative, you must complete the
 Note that once you appoint a representative, all correspondence from us regarding your application will be directed to them and not to you.

Section 16 - Declarations/Permissions/Signatures

- ▶ Read and check off each of the five declarations. If you can attest to the declarations truthfully, **sign** and **date** the application form with the signature you currently use on your other official documents.
- ▶ If the application is for a person under 14 years of age, it must be signed by a parent or guardian in the space provided.

Note: Your application will be returned to you if:

- the form is not signed and dated
- stale-dated (dated more than 90 days before we receive it)
- post-dated (dated into the future)
- you have appointed an individual, firm or organization as your representative and did not submit the *Use of a Representative* form (IMM 5476) with your application or this form was submitted incomplete.
- you appoint a compensated representative who is not a member of the following designated bodies:
 - Immigration consultants who are members in good standing of the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants (CICC);
 - Lawyers and paralegals who are members in good standing of a Canadian provincial or territorial law society and students-at-law under their supervision; or
 - Notaries who are members in good standing of the *Chambre des notaires du Québec* and students-at-law under their supervision.