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PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP SERVICE AUTHORITY *Citizenship Act 1975*

REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS BIRTH

Important information for applicants

- This form is for PNG Citizens seeking to register the overseas birth of their child for the purposes of Citizenship. **This must be undertaken within 12 months of the child's birth.** The definition of 'child' refers to both biological and legally adopted children. This does not include customarily adopted children or children for which you may have guardianship.
 - Note - the Minister **may** allow applications to be made after 12 months from the date of birth of the child (*Citizenship Act*, Section 5(2)). If you seek to access this provision for an overseas born child aged older than 12 months but younger than 18 years, attach a detailed statement of facts and reasons why you wish this discretion to be exercised to this application form.
- The application must be completed by a parent who is currently a PNG Citizen.
- There is no application fee to register an overseas birth.
- You need to ensure your application is completed in full and all supporting documents are included when you lodge your application. If an application is found to be incomplete then the application will be returned.
- You need to carefully check your application and support documents for accuracy as false or misleading information can result in severe penalties.
- Your signature on the application must be witnessed by an Authorised Officer:
 - **For applicants residing in PNG** – this is a Magistrate or Court Official from the National/Provincial/District Court House, or a qualified Legal Officer, with a Commissioner of Oaths title. The Authorising Officer must also provide a copy of his/her identification (passport bio data page, drivers licence, employee ID card etc).
 - **For applicants residing overseas** – this is an official from a PNG Embassy, High Commission or Consulate, or any accredited public notary or justice of the peace within the country where the applicant resides.
- The Authorised Officer is also required to sight your original identity documents and certify a copy of those identity documents. They are also required to confirm that the application photo is a true likeness of you.
- Birth Certificates of parent(s) – if a PNG Birth Certificate, note the previous "blue hard cover" Birth Certificates are no longer acceptable forms of identity by PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority. If you are a holder of the old style Certificate you will need to obtain a new birth Certificate before lodging this application.
- Birth Certificate of the child must be the birth Certificate from the country in which the child was born.
- If you have any questions regarding Citizenship or wish to make an appointment to discuss your circumstances, prior to lodging an application, please contact us: Citizenship@immigration.gov.pg or via our client service counter at the Central Government Office Waigani (Monday to Friday 9am-12pm).

- You or your representative can lodge your application at the Central Government Office Waigani (Monday to Friday 9am-12pm). At the time of lodgement you will receive an application receipt. Please keep a copy of your application and the lodgement receipt for future reference.
- Alternatively, you or your representative can lodge your application by mail to:

**The Chief Migration Officer
PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority
PO Box 1790
Boroko
National Capital District
Papua New Guinea.**

- If overseas, you may lodge your application at the nearest PNG Embassy, High Commission, or Consulate.
- Within 5 working days of receiving the application you (or your representative where requested) will be issued with an email acknowledging receipt. Please keep a copy of your application and the email acknowledging receipt of the application for future reference.
- If you are seeking PNG Citizenship for your biological or adopted child who is over 12 months old you may wish to consider the Citizenship by Descent pathway.

For future reference

- PNG Citizens under 18 years can lawfully hold dual Citizenship with another country(s). They cannot seek approval from the PNG Government to hold dual Citizenship before they are 18 years old.
- PNG Citizens aged between 18 and 19 years, who already hold dual Citizenship are required to:
 1. Renounce Citizenship of the other country(s) for which they hold Citizenship; or
 2. Seek approval by the PNG government to hold dual Citizenship with a prescribed country, currently Australia, Fiji, Germany, New Zealand, Samoa, United Kingdom, United States of America or Vanuatu; or
 3. Renounce their PNG Citizenship.

PNG Citizenship is automatically lost if options 1 or 2 are not completed by the age of 19 years.

BEFORE LODGING THIS APPLICATION PLEASE REMOVE AND RETAIN THESE INFORMATION PAGES FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Further information can be obtained at www.immigration.gov.pg



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**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS
BIRTH OF A CHILD**

A. Details of PNG Citizen Parent

1. Family name:

2. First given name:

3. Middle names:

4. Have you ever been known by any other names (including maiden names)? Yes No

If yes, provide details:

5. Gender Male Female

6. Date of birth:

7. Place of Birth (province/state, country):

8. PNG Passport number:

9. Occupation

10. Reason for being overseas:

Your contact details:

12. Residential address

13. Postal Address

14. Phone number:

15. Email address:

B. Details of child's other parent (PNG Citizen or non PNG Citizen)

16. Family name:

17. First given name:

18. Middle names:

19. Have you ever been known by any other names (including maiden names)? Yes No

If yes, provide details:

20. Gender

Male

Female

21. Date of birth:

22. Place of Birth (province/state, country):

23. Country of Citizenship

24. Passport number:

25. Occupation

C. Details of child (under 12 months) being registered for PNG Citizenship

26. Family name:

27. First given name:

28. Middle names:

29. Gender

Male

Female

30. Date of birth:

31. Place of Birth (province/state, country):

D. Attachments

32. Please attach:

A certified/notarised copy of my PNG passport bio data (parent 1)

A certified/notarised copy of my birth Certificate (parent 1)

A certified/notarised copy of the second parent's (PNG Citizen or non PNG Citizen) passport bio data page, or other form of identification (driver's license, identity card, employee ID, etc).

A certified/notarised copy of the child's birth Certificate

A copy of the Authorised Officer's identity document (passport bio data page, drivers licence, employee ID card etc) – where the applicant is residing in PNG at the time of application.

E. Declaration

33. To be completed by the PNG Citizen parent:

I (insert name)
of..... (insert province/state,
country where you reside) being a Citizen of Papua New Guinea hereby apply to have the birth of my child,
..... (insert name) who was
born at (province/state,
country) on (insert date of birth) registered.

I declare that the information I have provided in this application and accompanying documents is accurate, true and correct in every particular. I understand that there are severe penalties for providing false or misleading information in this application.

The signing of this application must be witnessed by an Authorised Officer (see next page).

Signature of applicant

Date

F. Verification

34. Statement of Authorised Officer

Authorised Officer qualifications:

- *For applicants residing in PNG – this is a Magistrate or Court Official from the National/Provincial/District Court House, or a qualified Legal Officer, with a Commissioner of Oaths title. The Authorising Officer must also provide a copy of his/her identification (passport bio data page, drivers licence, employee ID card, National ID etc) which should be lodged with the application.*
- *For applicants residing overseas – this is any PNG Consular official, accredited public notary or justice of the peace within the country where the applicant resides.*

By completing and signing below I declare that:

- I have witnessed the applicant sign this application;
- I confirm that the photo included in this application, is a true likeness of the applicant;
- I confirm that I have sighted the original identity documents before certifying a copy; and
- This ‘Authorised Officer’ statement is accurate, true and correct in every particular and I understand that there are severe penalties for providing a false or misleading statement.

Full name:

Business address:

Authorised Officer Qualification

Telephone:

Email:

Signature:

Date

Wet stamp or Seal (if applicable)