

## Guidance for Right to be Caymanian application form

### ***Use this form:***

When you wish to apply to the Chief Immigration Officer for Acknowledgement of the Right to be Caymanian by Entitlement, or Confirmation that you are Caymanian as of Right, or Continuation of the Right to be Caymanian at age 18 years.

### ***Submission requirements:***

In submitting this form you should enclose the following (where applicable):

- **Cover Letter**  
Please provide a letter addressed to the Chief Immigration Officer, clearly stating the grounds upon which you are applying and any other information that you consider relevant to your application. **All cover letters must be signed with original signatures.**
- **Application Form**  
Please provide fully completed application form, with original signatures.
- **Fees**  
When you submit your application you will be required to pay a non-refundable administrative filing fee for Acknowledgement and Continuation applications only (*persons who are Caymanian as of Right may apply for the confirmation at no cost*).
- **Evidence of Birth**  
Please provide a notarized/certified copy of your full birth certificate. Please note that at least one of your parents' names must appear on the birth certificate.
- **Proof of Identity**  
So that we may confirm your identity, please provide a copy of your current passport (the data page showing your name and photograph).

*In addition to the above, you may also be required to provide the following:*

If you are applying for Acknowledgement of the Right to be Caymanian by Entitlement:

- **Provide evidence that Parent is Caymanian**  
You will be required to provide notarized/certified copy of parent's Cayman Status Letter which was received from the Department of Immigration.
- **Provide proof of Legal and Ordinary Residence**  
You will be required to provide evidence that your child has been legally and ordinarily resident in the Islands for a period of not less than 12 months prior to the application being made. If the child has not been legally and ordinarily resident for the requisite period, a request for a permission letter can be made, on this same form, to allow the child to enter, remain, and attend school in the Islands until application has been processed.
- **Evidence of Marital Status or Paternity**  
In a case in which the Caymanian parent of the child applicant is a male, either a marriage certificate or DNA test is required to establish the paternal link. If the child was born in wedlock a marriage certificate is necessary. However if child was not born in wedlock a DNA test will be required; DNA tests will only be accepted from the Cayman Islands, the USA, or the United Kingdom. Original DNA confirmation/results are required to be submitted.

If you are applying for Continuation at age 18 of the Right to be Caymanian by Entitlement:

- **Provide proof of Legal and Ordinary Residence for required period**  
Applicant will be required to provide evidence that he/she has been legally and ordinarily resident for a period of seven (7) years immediately preceding his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. This may be in the form of letters of attendance and enrolment from all school attended in the 7 years immediately preceding his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, or any other means of proving legal and ordinary residence.

If you are applying for Confirmation of being Caymanian as of Right:

- **Affidavit**

You must provide an affidavit that has been completed and signed by your Caymanian Parent, indicating that they were domicile/settled in the Cayman Islands at the time of your birth, in the presence of a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public. This affidavit must be completed if the applicant is applying under section 21 (a) of the Immigration Law (2015 Revision) or any earlier law of the same or similar rights.

- **Evidence of Marital Status or Paternity**

In a case in which the Caymanian parent of the child applicant is a male either a marriage certificate or DNA test to establish the paternal link. If the child was born in wedlock a marriage certificate is necessary. However if child was not born in wedlock a DNA test will be required; DNA tests will only be accepted from the Cayman Islands, the USA, or the United Kingdom.

- **Evidence that you are Caymanian**

You also need to provide evidence that you are a Caymanian as of right. This can be done as follows:

- If you were born in the Cayman Islands prior to 27 March 1977, you need only provide a notarised/certified copy of your Birth Certificate; **or**
- If you were born inside or outside the Cayman Islands after 27 March 1977, you will be required to provide a copy of your Birth Certificate along with evidence that at least one of your parents were Caymanian (Birth Certificate or Cayman Status letter) and domicile/settled in the Cayman Islands at the time of your birth; **or**
- If you were born outside the Cayman Islands on or after 31 Dec 2003, you will be required to provide evidence (Birth Certificate or Cayman Status Letter) that at least one of your parents is a Caymanian (other than by descent) at the time of your birth; **or**
- If prior to 27 March 1977 you were domicile or ordinary resident for 5 years out of the 7 years immediately preceding this date, you will be required to provide evidence of your domicile or residence.

***Send the completed application to:***

The Chief Immigration Officer  
P.O. Box 1098  
Grand Cayman, KY1-1102  
CAYMAN ISLANDS

***What happens next?***

If the application is approved, a letter will be sent to you, notifying you of the decision.



If the application is refused, an appeal against the decision of the Chief Immigration Officer to refuse the application may be made to the Caymanian Status & Permanent Residency Board within seven days of the communication of the decision.

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