



FORM 8 – IRISH NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP ACT 1956

CTZ3

Application by a person of full age for naturalisation as an Irish citizen

A person who gives false or misleading information is guilty of an offence under the Act and liable to a fine and/or imprisonment. Giving false or misleading information may also result in an application being refused or, where a certificate of naturalisation has been granted, the revocation of that certificate.

Do not submit your application form without properly completing the statutory declaration and enclosing all of the required documentation specified below. If documents are missing or if the form is not fully completed, your application may be refused as the requirements under the Act have not been met and your application fee will not be refunded.

Your application is not fully completed if you have not:

- Completed all questions on the application form, or
- Inserted your full name and signed the statutory declaration in the presence of an approved witness, or
- Enclosed the required documentation to support your application, or
- Enclosed the statutory application fee of €175 (no assessment of your application will be undertaken).

If your application is successful a **certification** fee of up to €950 may be payable by you, see the citizenship fees page on the ISD website at <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/citizenship/>. If your application is refused you will be advised of the decision and, where appropriate, the reasons for refusal. There is no appeals process; however you can re-apply at any time if you believe you meet the criteria.

1. The following documentation must be provided with all applications:

1. The statutory application fee of €175 in the form of a Banker's Draft only, made payable to the Secretary General, Department of Justice. Postal orders, personal or business cheques are not acceptable. This fee is non-refundable and is required for each application for a certificate of naturalisation.
2. A full **colour copy** of your entire current in date passport and all previous passports containing stamps that contribute to your period of reckonable residency claimed, including front and back covers. The colour copy must be certified by a solicitor, commissioner for oaths, peace commissioner or notary public. Please see page 16 for full instructions.*
3. A certified copy of your original civil birth certificate, and a copy of a translation into English if the certificate is in a language other than English or Irish.**
4. Two colour passport photographs taken within 30 days of the date of application, signed and dated on the back by the witness who signs the statutory declaration to confirm they are your photograph.
5. A copy of your current Immigrant Registration Card issued by the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) or the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) as appropriate (this does not apply to EU/EEA citizens).
6. Applicants are required to reach a score of 150 points in each of the years proof of residency is required. They do this by submitting proofs with a predetermined point value (see table on page 18) until they reach the required score of 150 points for each year of residency claimed. You must be able to satisfy the Minister that you are who you say you are.
7. Applicants must also establish their identity. Applicants can do this by submitting identity documents with a predetermined point value (see page 19) until they reach a score of 150 points.
8. Evidence of marriage to, or being the civil partner of, a deceased person who, at the date of death was an Irish citizen, if applicable. (Certified copies of certificates, court documents as applicable).
9. Copy of your completed online residency checker (see page 4 below). Not required for EU/EEA citizens.
10. As and from the 23rd November 2020 all adult applicants for a certificate of naturalisation are required to have an up to date tax clearance certificate. For applicants resident in the State a Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) is a written confirmation from Revenue that a person's tax affairs are in order at the date of issue

of the certificate and applications can be made online to the Revenue electronic Tax Clearance (eTC) system. The necessary information to use this service is available on the Revenue website at <https://www.revenue.ie/en/online-services/services/manage-your-record/apply-for-tax-clearance-online-using-etc.aspx> You should provide the Tax Clearance Access Number (TCAN) issued to you or print and provide a copy of the certificate.

For applicants who reside outside the State, a TCC is required or where this service may not be available by the relevant Revenue authorities then confirmation of tax compliance in the relevant jurisdiction from the Revenue authority is required.

Note regarding copies and certified copies:

- Where a certified copy is required, you must take your original certificates/documents to your solicitor, or a notary public, commissioner for oaths or peace commissioner and ask them to make a photocopy of each document and certify that it is a true copy of the original i.e. stamp and sign it "True copy of the original".
- If certificates/documents are not in English or Irish, a translation by a professional translator is required. A copy of the translation as well as the copy of the original document must be provided. Please note that we may also seek to establish the authenticity of documents submitted with authorities of the issuing country.

* Persons making an application for a certificate of naturalisation are required to provide satisfactory evidence of their identity and nationality. This is usually in the form of a currently valid passport and may include other original supporting documents, such as a previously held or out of date passport, birth certificate and marriage certificate. In rare circumstances where an applicant cannot produce their current passport, or a previous passport, birth certificate or other supporting documents the applicant will be required to provide a full explanation. Such explanation should, where possible, be supported by satisfactory evidence that they have attempted to obtain such documentation and correspondence from the relevant authorities or embassy responsible for the issuing of passports and birth certificates in their country, clearly stating the reasons the documentation cannot be provided. ISD will consider the explanation given and, if satisfied it is for reasons genuinely beyond the applicant's control, may suggest alternative means to the person to assist in establishing their identity and nationality. Please note the Department retains the right to request actual passports to be submitted as part of the verification process, and it is estimated that approximately 10% of applicants will be requested to submit their passport for verification. The Minister will base her decision on requesting an original

passport on the basis of the range of information (including security features or more robust data rules attaching to various passports) available to her at that time in relation to the application.

** If you do not have your birth certificate (or marriage certificate/civil partnership registration if married to or are the civil partner of an Irish citizen) you should get it from the relevant authorities in the country where your birth and/or marriage/civil partnership was registered before making an application for a certificate of naturalisation. In certain limited and exceptional circumstances a birth affidavit may be accepted in lieu of a Birth Certificate where you can show satisfactory evidence that the certificate is not available and cannot be obtained. If you are not in possession of, or have lost, your birth certificate, an affidavit will NOT be accepted. You must obtain it from the relevant authorities before applying.

You must also provide additional information/documentation as follows:

2. If you are a non-EU citizen making a standard application based on having 5 years residence:

- Evidence of your residency permissions that cover a CONTINUOUS PERIOD of 365/366 days in the year immediately prior to the date of application (date of Statutory Declaration) AND periods totalling 4 years in the 8 year period before that (i.e. a total of 5 x 365 days plus one day for each permission period in which 29 February falls (leap year). Please submit proofs of residence for each year. Each proof will be allocated a specific number of points. The table on page 18 gives examples of possible proofs with the allocated points per proof. An applicant must accumulate a total of 150 points in each year in order to meet the appropriate standard.
- Residency permissions are evidenced by stamps in your passport, while additional periods may be covered by letters issued by Immigration Service Delivery granting you permission for a specific period from or to a specified date. Please note that any failure to register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau within a reasonable period will be taken into account in assessing your application.
- These arrangements are on the basis that the person with residence permission is also continually physically resident in the State. Where there are significant absences from the State during the currency of permission further enquiries may be necessary and your application may be refused.

- Dependent children, who entered the State with their parent(s) as part of a family unit may be covered by their parent's permission for the purposes of this application while attending secondary school and may continue to be covered up to age 23 where they have been continuously dependent on their parents and progressed from secondary school in the State directly into third level education.
- A printout from the online residency checker showing the above permissions. The printout must confirm that you are eligible to apply. If it does not your application will be deemed ineligible. Do not add in days not covered by permissions to try and satisfy the conditions as these will not be reckoned. See note below for more information.

3. If you are an EU citizen making a standard application based on having 5 years residence:

- If you are an EU citizen for more than five years please submit proof of residence in the State amounting to a total of five years in the last nine years, to include the year prior to application. Please submit proofs of residence for each year. Each proof will be allocated a specific number of points. The table on page 18 gives examples of possible proofs with the allocated points per proof. An applicant must accumulate a total of 150 points in each year in order to meet the appropriate standard.
- If you are an EU citizen for less than five years please submit copy of your passport showing permission to remain stamps from date of arrival in the State to date of becoming an EU citizen and proof of residence in the State from date of becoming an EU citizen to date of application. Please submit proofs of residence for each year. Each proof will be allocated a specific number of points. The table on page 18 gives examples of possible proofs with the allocated points per proof. An applicant must accumulate a total of 150 points in each year in order to meet the appropriate standard.
- Please note that failure to provide the required proofs may considerably delay processing of your application. In addition, if you fail to provide the proofs within a reasonable period, your application may be deemed ineligible. Applications may be rejected, with subsequent loss of the application fee, if the application is judged to be incomplete.

4. If your application is based on marriage to or being the civil partner of an Irish citizen:

Note, you must be married / in a civil partnership to the Irish citizen for not less than 3 years, and be living together at the date of making an application and have the required residency in the island of Ireland (see below).

- Documentary proof of Irish spouse's/civil partner's entitlement to Irish citizenship (certified copy of Irish spouse's/civil partner's birth certificate if born in Ireland / certified copy of foreign birth register entry / spouse's or civil partner's parent's birth certificate if latter was born in Ireland / certified copy of naturalisation certificate / certified copy of passport page with photograph).
- Certified copy of marriage certificate / civil partnership registration**. NOTE: If your civil partnership was registered in a country other than the State, then recognition of this relationship by the State is determined by reference to the Civil Partnership (Recognition of Registered Foreign Relationships) Order 2010. You should satisfy yourself that your registered relationship is recognised before making an application based on being the civil partner of an Irish citizen.
- The relevant sworn Affidavit (at the back of this application form) must be completed by the Irish spouse/civil partner in the presence of a legal witness after you have signed the statutory declaration (Commissioner for Oaths, Peace Commissioner, Notary Public or Practising Solicitor).
- Copies of three different proofs of residence in the island of Ireland for both applicant and spouse/civil partner for 3 months prior to the date of application showing date and name and current address. Proofs include mortgage/rent agreement, household bills (gas, electricity, phone or cable/satellite TV), bank statements, revenue, mortgage agreement, social welfare, letter from employment, etc.
- Evidence of residency permission i.e. your passport(s) showing residency permission stamps for a period of 1 year immediately prior to the application and a further 2 years in the 4 year period before that, equalling 3 years in total, or alternatively proof of residence in the island of Ireland for this period. Please submit proofs of residence for each year. Each proof will be allocated a specific number of points. The table on page 18 gives examples of possible proofs with the allocated points per proof. An applicant must accumulate a total of 150 points in each year in order to meet the appropriate standard.

- Where the residency is in Northern Ireland, evidence must be given of being lawfully resident in that jurisdiction for the period of 1 year immediately prior to the application and a further 2 years in the 4 year period before that, equalling 3 years in total, on foot of a permission granted by the immigration authorities of the United Kingdom, which period was granted other than for a period of
 - enabling you to engage in a course of education of study; or
 - 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 UK authorities.

Section 15A applicants (spouse/civil partner of an Irish citizen) must ensure that the relevant declaration at the back of this application has been signed by your Irish spouse/civil partner and witnessed on the same date as the statutory declaration is witnessed or after the date you signed the form.

The Minister may, in her absolute discretion, waive some of the conditions for naturalisation for Section 15a applicants (spouse or civil partner of an Irish citizen) if satisfied that the applicant would suffer serious consequences in respect of his or her bodily integrity or liberty if not granted Irish citizenship.

5. If your application is based on having Refugee Status you must provide:

- Copy of the letter confirming your refugee status,
- Certified copy of your passport and any other identity document,
- Certified copy of your Travel Document, if you have one

6. If your application is based on Irish Associations you must provide:

- Certified copies of all documentation proving your Irish associations** e.g. all birth and/or marriage certificates or civil partnership agreement needed to show association, certified copy of foreign birth registry entry, copy of naturalisation certificate etc.
- Evidence of residency permissions. Residency permissions are evidenced by stamps in your passport, while additional periods may be covered by letters issued by Immigration Service Delivery granting you permission for a specific period from or to a specified date.

**** Section 16(2) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 defines being of Irish associations as meaning: related by blood, affinity, adoption to, or is the civil partner of, a person who is an Irish citizen, or a person who is deceased and who, at the time of his or her death, was an Irish citizen or entitled to be an Irish citizen.**

The Minister may, in her absolute discretion, waive some of the conditions for naturalisation where the provisions of Section 16 apply. As a general rule, where this Section applies you will normally be expected to have a minimum of 3 years reckonable residence in the State. There is no right or entitlement to have any conditions for naturalisation waived, it is entirely at the Minister's absolute discretion.

7. IMPORTANT - please note the following points:

Naturalisation is a privilege and not a right. The onus is on each applicant to disclose all information and evidence to help demonstrate that he or she satisfies the conditions for a certificate of naturalisation, including being of good character. The Minister is not obliged to give advance notice of adverse information of which the applicant is already aware. Should adverse information come to light in the course of the processing of the application which the applicant could reasonable foresee could be taken into account, the Department will not correspond with the applicant on the matter. However, such information will be taken into consideration in the decision making process.

You should be aware that citizenship legislation requires the publication of details of all persons granted a certificate of naturalisation, including name, address and date of issue of the certificate of naturalisation, in the official journal 'Iris Oifigiúil'. This is a legal requirement, there are no exceptions.

Applications where the applicant has a case pending in the court system will not be processed until the matter is concluded. Therefore do not submit an application for naturalisation until the case is closed.

8. Online residency checker (not required in respect of EU/EEA Citizens):

An online residency checker is available to enable you to check if you satisfy the residency conditions for naturalisation before applying. You are required to use the Online Residency

Checker, available at www.irishimmigration.ie/naturalisation-residency-calculator/. This will indicate whether you satisfy the naturalisation residency conditions and, if not, indicate how long you should wait before signing the Statutory Declaration and lodging the application. You are required to print a copy of the result and enclose it with your application. Some applications are ineligible as the applicant did not have the full required residency at time of application. As each application incurs a €175 application fee, sending in an ineligible application is costly. Please note that residency is calculated back from the date of application, i.e. the date you have signed the Statutory Declaration on the application form.

Detailed guidance on filling out the application form

Answer **all** questions. If a question does not apply, write “n/a” in the box provided.

A person who gives false or misleading information is guilty of an offence under the Act and liable to a fine and/or imprisonment. Giving false or misleading information may also result in an application being refused or, where a certificate of naturalisation has been granted, the revocation of that certificate.

Important – your Name, Nationality and Date and Place of Birth which will be recorded on your certificate of naturalisation, should your application be approved, will be as stated by you in your application. Please ensure the details you provide are correct. Once a certificate has issued it cannot be amended.

Section 1: Name

- 1.1 Write your current family name (known as your surname or last name).
- 1.2 Write your first name and any middle names. These should be the same as on your passport.
- 1.3 If you have ever used another name, write it here and answer 1.4 and 1.5.
- 1.4 Please give the reason for name change e.g. marriage, deed poll.
- 1.5 Please give the date your name changed.

Section 2: Identification

- 2.1 Write your birthplace as recorded on your Birth Certificate.
- 2.2 Write your Country of birth as recorded on your Birth Certificate.
- 2.3 Write your Date of birth as recorded on your Birth Certificate.
- 2.4 Tick the box that shows your gender.
- 2.5 Write your present nationality.
- 2.6 Write your PPSN, which has 7 digits and a letter at the end. It is issued by the Department of

Social Protection.

2.7 Write your Registration number (This is found on your GNIB/IRP card. This is not applicable for EU/EEA Citizens).

2.8 Write your Person ID Number, if applicable. (This is specified on all correspondence Issued by Immigration Service Delivery since October 2011).

Section 3: Residential Address

3.1 Write your current address.

3.2 Write your Eircode

3.3 Date you started living at this address

3.4 Write your e-mail address if you have one.

3.5 Write your evening telephone number.

3.6 Write your day-time telephone number if you have one.

3.7 Write your mobile telephone number if you have one.

Section 4: Previous Addresses

Please list all your addresses for the last 9 years if a standard application or 5 years if married to an Irish citizen. Include Irish and overseas addresses.

Section 5: Residency Permissions

5.1 Write the date when you first arrived in Ireland.

5.2 Write your Passport Number at the time of arrival in Ireland.

5.3 Confirm if you have entered all of your permissions into the online residency checker and verified that you satisfy the conditions.

5.4 Tick the appropriate box. Please give details of any period spent studying in Ireland for the last 9 years.

5.5 Tick the appropriate box. Please give details of any period spent in the asylum process for the last 9 years.

5.6 Tick the appropriate box. If you were absent from the State for more than 6 weeks in any of the previous 5 years provide details of all absences on a separate sheet and include it with your application.

Section 6: Residence following Naturalisation

6.1 Tick the appropriate box.

6.2 Tick the appropriate box.

6.3 If you answered "no" to either question 6.1 or 6.2 please state the country that you intend

residing in following naturalisation.

Section 7: Status

7.1 Tick the appropriate box that indicates your marital status.

7.2 Tick "Yes" or "No" 7.3 Tick "Yes" or "No" 7.4 Tick "Yes" or "No"

Section 8: Family Details

8.1 Write the full name of your father and mother and in each case their date of birth, the place and country where they were born and their present nationality. Write their birth name if different from their current last name.

8.2 Write the full name of each of your children, their **birth name** if different, specify whether they are male or female, state their date of birth, the place and country they were born and their present nationality.

Section 9: Means of Support

9.1 Tick the appropriate box.

9.2 If you have ticked "OTHER", please provide an explanation why your status is this and detail all sources of income.

9.3 Write the Name and Address of your employer if you are in employment. If you are self-employed, or you are a partner or director of a company, write the address used for business.

9.4 Give details of your periods of employment, if any, in the past 5 years.

9.5 Tick the appropriate box.

9.6 Give details of any social welfare payments that you are receiving and/or have received in the past 3 years and the reason why you obtained that payment/support.

Section 10: Previous Applications

10.1 Tick the appropriate box.

10.2 If applicable, write the date on which you made a previous application.

10.3 If applicable, write your previous application reference number e.g. 68/1234/12 (old type) or 1234567-CITZ-10 (new type issued from Oct 2011)

Section 11: Background

11.1 Tick the appropriate box. 11.2 Tick the appropriate box. 11.3 Tick the appropriate box.

11.4 If applicable, write the date of conviction, judgement or offence (please note paragraph 7 in the Guidelines above).

11.5 If applicable , write the place where the conviction, judgement or offence occurred and give

full details of the outcome.

11.6 to 11.11 Tick the appropriate box for each question.

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should provide details and an explanation in the additional details section provided for this purpose.

Note: Applicants must include details of all offences, judgements and convictions against them including traffic offences, Family Law Orders or any Civil Judgements made against them.

Section 12: Irish Associations

12.1 If you are applying for naturalisation on the basis of descent or Irish associations (related by blood, affinity, adoption to, or the civil partner of, a person who is an Irish citizen) please tick the appropriate box and give full details, which should be supported by documentary evidence. If you need to you can provide additional information on a separate sheet.

Section 13: Application based on Marriage to or Civil Partnership of an Irish Citizen

This section must be completed if you are applying on the basis of marriage to, or being the civil partner of, an Irish citizen. Evidence is required and the relevant Declaration at the end of the form (blue pages) must be completed by your Irish citizen spouse/civil partner and witnessed by an authorised person (e.g. Solicitor, Peace Commissioner, Notary public, Commissioner for Oaths).

13.1 Tick the appropriate box.

13.2 Tick the appropriate box.

13.3 Give the date you got married or the date you registered your civil partnership.

13.4 Give the place and country where you got married or where your civil partnership was Registered.

13.5 State how your spouse/civil partner gained Irish citizenship.

Section 14: References

14.1 This section should be completed by 3 Irish Citizens who know you and are willing to act as Referees for you if we contact them.

Statutory Declaration

A Statutory 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 application form and that the facts provided in the application form are true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

You should complete boxes A1, A2 and A3 and your authorised witness should complete W1, W2, W3 (either W3.0, W3.1, W3.21, W3.22, W3.23, W3.24 or W3.25), W4, W5, W6, W7 and W8.

Important: When completing the Statutory Declaration, **clearly print your full name** as you stated it in section 1 of this form. Ensure that you sign and date the Statutory Declaration in the presence of the witness and that the witness signs and dates it in your presence. **Check that the dates match** before you post the application. ENSURE that the witness has ticked the relevant box showing **how the witness has identified you**. If you have identified yourself to the witness by presentation of an identity document you must provide a certified copy of that identity document with your application.

Section 15A Declaration

This Declaration must be completed by your Irish citizen spouse/civil partner where you are applying on the basis of your marriage to or being the civil partner of an Irish citizen. There are 2 versions of the Declaration, one for spouses the other for civil partners. The appropriate Declaration must be signed in the presence of an authorised person (e.g. Solicitor, Peace Commissioner, Notary public, Commissioner for oaths). Ensure that you sign and date the Statutory Declaration in the presence of the witness and that the witness signs and dates it in your presence. Again, **check that the dates match** before you post the application.

Note on identity documents

If you do not have your birth certificate (and marriage certificate/civil partnership registration, if your application is based on marriage to or being the civil partner of an Irish citizen) then you should get them from the relevant authorities in the country where your birth and/or marriage/civil partnership was registered **before** making an application for a certificate of naturalisation.

Use of birth affidavit

In certain limited and exceptional circumstances an Affidavit may be accepted in lieu of a Birth Certificate, where you can show evidence that the certificate is not available and cannot be obtained. If you are not in possession of or have lost your birth certificate, an affidavit will NOT be accepted. You must obtain it from the relevant authorities before applying.

Note:
This form is for applications by people aged 18 years or older only

Data privacy notice

1. The data you provide in this form is collected by the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD), a part of the Department of Justice. The data controller for the information you provide is the Department of Justice. The data controller's contact details are: Citizenship Division, Immigration Service Delivery, the Department of Justice, 13 – 14 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2, D02 XK70.

2. You can contact the Data Protection Officer for the Department of Justice by writing to: The Data Protection Officer, the Department of Justice, 51 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 HK52. Or by email – dataprotectioncompliance@justice.ie

3. We will use the personal data you provide in this form for the following purposes:
 1. Assessing your eligibility for this application
 2. Verifying your identity
 3. We may also use the personal data you provide in this form and in associated correspondence as part of any future considerations regarding your immigration or citizenship status.

4. We collect and process this data in order to comply with our legal obligations or to perform tasks in the public interest. The specific basis for collecting and processing this data is as follows:
 1. To fulfil the function of the Minister for Justice as designated in the Ministers and Secretaries Act 1924 (as amended)
 2. To grant a certificate of naturalisation (Part III) to applicants that satisfy the statutory conditions as set out in Section 15 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended.
 3. We are obliged to collect and process this data in order to perform a task which fulfils an important public interest. The public interest includes ensuring the effective and efficient operation of the immigration services of Ireland.
 4. To protect the integrity of the immigration process and to ensure that the statutory provisions of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 are complied with.

5. The personal data provided here will be stored securely in ISD's databases and the Garda National Immigration Bureau's databases. It may be shared, if necessary, with the following third parties:

1. The Department of Foreign Affairs
2. An Garda Síochana / UK Border Agency
3. Department of Social Protection
4. Department of Children and Youth Affairs
5. Health Services TUSLA
6. Other government departments and agencies

6. This data may be retained until ISD can be sure that you will have no further contact with the immigration services. This is an indeterminate period as your immigration history in the State may span a full lifetime.

7. The personal data you provide in this form is necessary for us to determine if you meet the criteria for this scheme. If you do not provide this data, your application for this scheme cannot be processed.

8. You have the right to request access to, and a copy of, your personal data that we process. You can do this by filling in a Subject Access Request form, available at http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Data_Protection or from any Department of Justice Public Office, and forwarding it to subjectaccessrequests@justice.ie or by post to the Department of Justice Data Protection Officer at the address below. You may be required to verify your identity before we send the information to you.

9. You have the right to request us to rectify any errors in your data or to erase your data, as well as to seek a restriction of the processing of your data or to object to the processing of your data in certain circumstances. To do this you should write to Citizenship Division, Immigration Service Delivery, the Department of Justice, 13 – 14 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2, D02 XK70 explaining what errors need to be rectified or erased or your reasons for seeking the restriction of, or objecting to, the processing.

10. You have a right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commission if you believe your personal data is being processed by us unlawfully. Information about how to make a complaint can be found on www.dataprotection.ie.

Instructions for person certifying a passport

Please bring this page to the person certifying your passport (a solicitor, commissioner for oaths, peace commissioner or notary public) and ask them to follow the instructions below and complete the form overleaf. Please include this form with your application.

The following actions should be undertaken by a solicitor, commissioner for oaths, peace commissioner or notary public when certifying a passport on behalf of a person making a citizenship application;

1. Ensure that all pages of the passport(s) have been photocopied in colour including;
 - **Cover- Front and Back**
 - **Biometric page and all internal pages even if blank**
2. Confirm the applicants identity by checking the biometric page of the actual passport which contains the photograph, name etc...,
3. Check that the colour copy is a true copy of the original passport
4. Then stamp and initial all of the colour copy pages and complete the confirmation overleaf to certify that the copy of the passport being submitted is a true copy.

Certified copy of passport

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(tick as appropriate)

Solicitor

Commissioner for Oaths

Peace Commissioner

Notary Public

confirm that the attached colour copy of passport number

is a true copy of the original document

Signature

Date

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Stamp of certifier

Application type	Frequency	Final Year Continuous	Notes	Spouse of Irish National (SIN)	Standard Adult	Refuge	Irish Association	Minor
Effective from 1/1/2022 Subject to change								
Proof's establishing lawful Residency in the state								
1). One of P 60 / Employment Detail Summary / Notice of Assessments	4 Years (except for SIN and Refugee 3 years)	Proofs must be provided that provides evidential support that the applicant has achieved the final year continuous requirement.		70	70	70	70	70
2). Department of Social welfare annual statement				50	50	50	50	50
3). Current a/c Bank statements: For each of the required number of years - annually Six consecutive months			Must record a minimum of three POS transactions (with ROI or NI addresses) per month.	50	50	50	50	50
(A minimum of one of the three proofs above must be provided for each of the years of residence).								
Mortgage statement	4 Years (except for SIN and Refugee 3 years)	Proofs must be provided that provides evidential support that the applicant has achieved the final year continuous requirement.	Displaying 12 months of payments	50	50	50	50	50
Rent agreement / registered with the local authority/ AHB / PTB			Proof of payment for six months	50	50	50	50	50
Credit card statements: For each of the required number of years - annually Six consecutive months			Must record a minimum of three POS transactions (with ROI or NI addresses) per month.	50	50	50	50	50
Primary / Secondary School in Ireland attendance record			No significant absences	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100
Third level College in Ireland - attendance record				25	25	25	25	25
Doctor / Hospital attendance record				50	25	25	25	50
Medical Practitioner Employment History Summary			Issued by HSE Hospitals, or certain Voluntary Hospitals	25	25	25	25	25
Property tax - proof of payment				25	25	25	25	25
Car tax - proof of payment				25	25	25	25	25
TV Licence - proof of payment				10	10	10	10	10
Dog or Fishing licence - proof of payment				10	10	10	10	10
Electric supplier - service bill - proof of payment				10	10	10	10	10
Gas supplier - service bill - proof of payment				10	10	10	10	10
Medical insurance - proof of payment				10	10	10	10	10
Home or Car Insurance bills - proof of payment				10	10	10	10	10
Required score				150	150	150	150	150

Application type	Notes	Spouse of Irish National	Standard Adult	Refuge	Irish Association	Minor
Effective from 1/1/2022 Subject to change						
Proof of Identity						
Genuine Passport (Home Country)	In date	150	150	150	150	150
Genuine Passport (Home Country)	out of date less than 365 days, as per date of Citizenship application	75	75	75	75	75
Genuine Passport (Home Country)	out of date less than 730 days, as per date of Citizenship application	50	50	50	50	50
Home country National Identify document issued in accordance with EU Regulation 2019/1157	In date	75	75	75	75	75
Home country National Identify document - other	In date	50	50	50	50	50
Certificate of identity / emergency passport	In date	50	50	50	50	50
laissez passer / Red Cross / UNHCR identify documents	In date	50	50	50	50	50
IRP Card	In date	25	25	25	25	25
PPS number / Card	In date	25	25	25	25	25
Driving licence - with photo ID	In date	10	10	10	10	10
Required score / points		150	150	150	150	150

Notes:

- In circumstances where you are unable to provide documents that equate to a 150 points, you should forward all original documents available to you and a covering letter comprehensively setting out the steps taken to secure identity documents. The covering letter should be supported by documentary evidence as to your attempts to secure the required documents. The documentary evidence would typically include, copies of emails and or letters to / from relevant third countries agencies and embassies, and proof of meetings with state officials.
- There will be circumstances that notwithstanding the provision of the required proofs as set out above, that concerns as to an applicants identify persist. Accordingly, officials may request additional proofs over an above those already provided.
- Passports and other documents will undergo anti fraud checks. Instances of suspected fraud will be referred to An Garda Síochána under S.29A of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956. S29A makes it a criminal offence to provide false or misleading information during the course of your naturalisation application. The maximum punishments under the Act are a fine of up to €50,000 and / or imprisonment of up to 5 years.



FORM 8 – Irish Nationality And Citizenship Act 1956

FORM CTZ3

Application by a person of full age for naturalisation as an Irish citizen

Please note before completing the form:

Ensure that the information you provide is true, correct and complete.

Warning: Giving an untrue answer in this form is an offence.

Section 29A of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended provides that a person who knowingly or recklessly makes a declaration under this Act, or a statement for the purposes of any application under this Act that is false or misleading in any material respect, 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 both.

A certificate of naturalisation may be revoked if the certificate was procured by fraud, misrepresentation, (whether innocent or fraudulent), or concealment of material facts.

- Use a black pen and PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS.
- Cross out any errors – Do not use correction fluid.
- Answer ALL questions. If a question does not apply put N/A as your answer.

Section 1 Personal details

In this section you will need to provide some personal details about yourself. Please refer to the glossary at the end of the form for more information about the questions below.

1.1 Surname(s) (as shown in passport)

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1.2 Forename(s) (as shown in passport)

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1.3 Previous names

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1.4 If you have changed your name, please explain why: (you will need to supply documents)

1.5 Date you changed to present name

D	D	/	M	M	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Section 2 Identification

2.1 Place of birth

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2.2 Country of birth

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2.3 Date of birth

D	D	/	M	M	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
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2.4 Gender (✓)

Male

 Female

 Other

2.5 Nationality (currently)

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2.6 PPS Number

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2.7 Registration Number (Found on GNIB/IRP Card)

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Section 4

Previous addresses

Please provide details of ALL of your addresses, both in the State and abroad, starting with the most recent one:

Address	Country	Date From	Date To

Continue on separate sheet if necessary.

Section 5

Residency permissions

5.1 Date of arrival in Ireland

D	D	/	M	M	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
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5.2 Passport number

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Statutory residency conditions are prescribed in Section 15 and Section 15A of the 1956 Act and compliance with these conditions is assessed on the basis of your legal reckonable residence immediately prior to the date of application i.e. the date you sign the Statutory Declaration at the end of this form.

You should have one year's continuous reckonable residency in the year immediately prior to the date of application and, during the 8 years immediately preceding that period had a total residence in the State of 4 years - i.e. 5 x 365 days (366 days in a leap year).

A residency calculator is provided on the Citizenship section at www.irishimmigration.ie/citizenship/. As a guide to assist you in checking if you satisfy the statutory conditions for residency. You should enter your permissions as evidenced in your passport or in the letter issued by the Department of Justice granting you permission for a specified date. Entering your permissions correctly will enable you to verify that you satisfy residency requirements.

You must print a copy of the report and include it with this application.
If you do not do so your application will be deemed ineligible.

5.3 I have entered my residency permission stamps in to the online residency checker and confirm that I satisfy the residency conditions (✓)

Yes

No

5.4 Was any part of your time in the State in the nine years prior to your application for the purposes of study? (✓)

Yes

No

If any of your time in the State in the nine years prior to your application was for study purposes please complete the details below:

Date from	Date to	Name and Address of School/College/University

5.5 Was any part of your time in the State in the nine years prior to your application spent as an asylum seeker? (✓)

Yes

No

If any part of your time in the state in the last nine years was spent as an asylum seeker please complete the details below:

Date from	Date to	Outcome	Current status	Reference number

Please supply a copy of the letter confirming refugee status if appropriate

5.6 Have you been absent from the State for more than 6 weeks per annum in any of the past 5 years? (✓)

Yes

No

If you answered Yes to 5.6 please provide details of all absences from the State on a **separate sheet** and enclose it with your application.

7.6 Your spouse/civil partner's civil status at the time of marriage/civil partnership (✓)

- Single
 Married
 |
 Civil partner
 Divorced
 Widowed
 Separated

Section 8 Family details

8.1 Please complete the details below in respect of your mother and father and spouse/civil partner (if applicable):

	Full name	Birth last name (if different)	Date of Birth	Place and country of birth	Present nationality
Mother:					
Father:					
Spouse / Civil partner					

8.2 Please complete the details below in respect of all of your children

Full name	Gender	Child's place of residence	Date of Birth	Place & Country of Birth	Present Nationality

Section 9

Means of support

9.1 Are you:

Employed Self-Employed Retired Studying Unemployed Other

9.2 If you have specified "Other" above, please explain and detail all of your sources of income:

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9.3 If you are in employment, please give the full name and address of your employer or if you are self-employed, a partner or a director of a company, please provide the name and address used for business:

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9.4 Please provide details of your employment(s), if any, in the past 5 years:

From:	To:	Job/Role:	Employer:

9.5 Have you received a Social Assistance payment or other State support in the past 3 years?

Yes No

9.6 If you answered 'Yes' to question 9.5 please give:

Type of Payment / Support:	From :	To :	Reason for obtaining Social Welfare Support:

Section 10 Previous applications

10.1 Have you applied for Irish citizenship before?

Yes No

If you answered 'yes' to question 10.1 please give:

10.2 Date of Application:

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10.3 Application reference number:

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Section 11 Background

11.1 Have you ever committed any offences against the laws of Ireland or any overseas country?

Yes No

11.2 Have you ever defrauded any person, company or State agency for financial or other gain?

Yes No

If you answered 'yes' to question 11.1 of 11.2 provide details in the additional details section. Please note that you must disclose ALL offences, even those for which you received the benefit of the Probation Act or which you consider to be not relevant or spent.

11.3 Do you have any convictions in the State or any other country (including traffic offences) or any civil judgements made against you?

Yes No

If you answered 'yes' to 11.3 please answer questions 11.4 and 11.5. If more than one instance provide details in the additional details section.

11.4 Date of conviction or judgement:

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11.5 Place where conviction or judgement took place and the outcome:

You must include evidence that you have paid any fines levied against you with this application.

11.6 Have you ever been charged / indicted inside or outside the State with a criminal offence for which you have not yet been tried in court?

Yes No

11.7 Are you, or have you been, the subject of an investigation in Ireland by AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA (Irish Police), including where you were not charged with any offence? Give details below.

Yes No

11.8 Have you ever been involved in, or been suspected of involvement in, war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide?

Yes No

11.9 Have you ever been associated with, been a member of, or given support, to a terrorist organisation, or been involved in, supported financially or otherwise, or encouraged terrorist activities?

Yes No

11.10 Have you ever, by any medium, expressed views that justify or glorify terrorist violence or that may encourage others to terrorist acts or other serious criminal acts?

Yes No

11.11 Have you ever engaged in any other activities that might indicate that you may not be considered a person of good character?, **for example family law matters**

Yes No

If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions 11.6 to 11.11 please provide details in the additional details section. You may also use this section to give details in relation to questions 11.1 – 11.5.

Please note that reports are obtained from An Garda Síochána and may be obtained from other Government Departments and other agencies. Failure to disclose any material matter means that you will have made a false declaration, which will adversely affect this application and may also affect future applications for up to 10 years. Even if you do not believe a matter to be material or you believe it to be "spent", it is important to disclose it.

Additional Details

Section 12 Application based on Irish associations:

12.1 If your application is based on your Irish descent or Irish associations, please give details below:

Details: (Irish associations is defined as being related by blood, affinity or adoption to or being the civil partner of an Irish citizen).

Continue on separate sheet if necessary

Please submit certified copies of all documentation proving your Irish Descent/Associations e.g. birth certificates, foreign birth registry entry, naturalisation certificates, proofs of citizenship. All copies should be certified to be true copies of original documents by a notary public, commissioner for oaths, peace commissioner or solicitor

Section 13

Application based on marriage to or civil partnership with an Irish citizen:

13.1 Is your application based on your marriage to an Irish citizen?

Yes No

13.2 Is your application based on being the civil partner of an Irish citizen?

Yes No

If you are married to, or are the civil partner of an Irish citizen please complete the additional details below:

13.3 Date of marriage/registration of civil partnership:

13.4 Place and country of marriage/civil partnership:

13.5 Spouse/Civil partner is and Irish citizen by:

Birth Descent Naturalisation Post Nuptial Declaration Honorary

Your spouse or civil partner must complete the applicable Section 15A declaration at the back of this form in the presence of an approved witness on or after the date you sign the Statutory Declaration.

Please supply proof of your spouse's/civil partner's entitlement to Irish Citizenship e.g. a copy of birth certificate certified to be a true copy of the original by a notary public, commissioner for oaths, peace commissioner or solicitor.

If married, please supply a certified copy of the marriage certificate. If the certificate does not show yours and your spouse's marital status immediately prior to the date of marriage, please complete a marriage affidavit and enclose with this application. The form is available on www.irishimmigration.ie/citizenship/.

If a civil partner, please supply a certified copy of the civil partnership registration.

Please supply three references from Irish citizens with the following details:

Section 14 References

Name of Referee 1:

Present Nationality:

Referee's
Address:

Date of Birth and Country of Birth of
Referee:

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Length of time Referee has known the Applicant:

Signature of Referee:

Contact number for Referee:

Name of Referee 2:

Present Nationality:

Referee's
Address:

Date of Birth and Country of Birth of
Referee:

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Length of time Referee has known the Applicant:

Signature of Referee:

Contact number for Referee:

Name of Referee 3:

Present Nationality:

Referee's
Address:

Date of Birth and Country of Birth of
Referee:

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Length of time Referee has known the Applicant:

Signature of Referee:

Contact number for Referee:

Statutory Declaration:

APPLICANT TO COMPLETE IN PRESENCE OF WITNESS

I, A1 do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing particulars stated in this application are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1938, as amended by the Civil law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008.

Signed: A2 Date: A3

WITNESS TO COMPLETE

Declared before me W1 a [notary public] [commissioner for oaths] [solicitor] [peace commissioner] [person authorised by W2] to take and receive statutory declarations] by the above named applicant

WITNESS TO CONFIRM WHICH OPTION APPLIES

[who is personally known to me]

OR

[who was identified to me by W3.1 who is personally known to me],

OR

[whose identity has been established to me before the taking of this Declaration by the production to me of:

passport no. W3.21 issued on by the authorities

of W3.21, which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government.

OR

national identity card no. W3.22 issued on W3.22

by the authorities of W3.22, which is an EU Member State, the Swiss Confederation or a Contracting party to the EEA Agreement.

OR

aliens passport no. (document equivalent to a passport) W3.23 issued on W3.23 by the authorities of, W3.23 which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government

OR

refugee travel document no. W3.24 issued on by the Minister for Justice

OR

travel document(other than refugee travel document) W3.25 issued on by the Minister for Justice

NOTE: As the Witness of the Applicant's Signature, Please ensure that the Applicant has entered the correct date above which should match the date you enter below.

At W4 this day of

WITNESS TO COMPLETE

Signature of Witness:	<input type="text"/>	W5
Name of Witness: (Capitals)	<input type="text"/>	W6
Address of Witness:	<input type="text"/>	W7
Day-Time Telephone Number:	<input type="text"/>	W8

Declaration to be completed by the Spouse of the Applicant where the applicant is applying for naturalisation based on his or her marriage to an Irish Citizen

SPOUSAL DECLARATION: TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE STATUTORY DECLARATION HAS BEEN SIGNED AND WITNESSED

Spouse of Applicant to complete this section in the presence of Witness

I, , do solemnly and sincerely declare that I married on the at in

and that we are living together as husband and wife, that our marriage is subsisting and that no proceedings for divorce or annulment of this marriage have been commenced, or are about to be commenced in any court of law.

I declare that my spouse was born on the at in

a national of and I make these solemn declarations conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1938, as amended by the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008.

Signature of Irish Citizen:

Date of Declaration:

Current Address:

Name at birth if different:

Date of birth and place of birth:

Passport number:

Declared before me a [Notary Public] [Commissioner for Oaths] [Solicitor] [Peace Commissioner] [person authorised by to take and receive statutory declarations] by the above named Irish citizen spouse of the applicant

[who is personally known to me]

OR [who was identified to me by who is personally known to me],

OR [whose identity has been established to me before the taking of this Declaration by the production to me of: passport no. issued on by the authorities

OR of , which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government.

OR national identity card no. issued on by the authorities of , which is an EU Member State, the Swiss Confederation or a Contracting party to the EEA Agreement.

OR aliens passport no. (document equivalent to a passport) issued on by the authorities of, which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government

OR refugee travel document no. issued on by the Minister for Justice

OR travel document(other than refugee travel document) issued on by the Minister for Justice

At this day of

WITNESS TO CONFIRM WHICH OPTION APPLIES

WITNESS TO COMPLETE

Signature of Witness:	<input type="text"/>	W5
Name of Witness: (Capitals)	<input type="text"/>	W6
Address of Witness:	<input type="text"/>	W7
Day-Time Telephone Number:	<input type="text"/>	W8

Declaration to be completed by the Civil Partner of the Applicant where the applicant is applying for naturalisation based on his or her being the civil partner of an Irish Citizen

CIVIL PARTNER DECLARATION: TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE STATUTORY DECLARATION HAS BEEN SIGNED AND WITNESSED

Spouse of Applicant to complete this section in the presence of Witness

I , do solemnly and sincerely declare that as and from
 Name of naturalisation applicant And I are parties to a civil partnership registration/have entered into

, being a legal relationship of a class that is the subject of an order made under section 5 of the civil partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of cohabitants Act 2010, at in

, that we are living together as civil partners, that our civil partnership is subsisting and that no proceedings for the dissolution of or grant of a decree of nullity in respect of this civil partnership have been commenced, or are about to be commenced in any court of law.

I declare , who was born on the at
 a national of

and I make these solemn declarations conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1938, as amended by the Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008.

Signature of Irish Citizen:

Date of Declaration:

Current Address:

Name at birth if different:

Date of birth and place of birth:

Passport number:

Declared before me a [Notary Public] [Commissioner for Oaths] [Solicitor] [Peace Commissioner] [person authorised by to take and receive statutory declarations] by the above named Irish citizen spouse of the applicant

- [who is personally known to me]
 - OR [who was identified to me by who is personally known to me],
 - OR [whose identity has been established to me before the taking of this Declaration by the production to me of:
 passport no. issued on by the authorities
of , which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government.
 - OR national identity card no. issued on
by the authorities of , which is an EU Member State, the Swiss Confederation or a Contracting party to the EEA Agreement.
 - OR aliens passport no. (document equivalent to a passport) issued on
by the authorities of , which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government
 - OR refugee travel document no. issued on by the
Minister for Justice
 - OR travel document(other than refugee travel document) issued on
by the Minister for Justice
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WITNESS TO CONFIRM WHICH OPTION APPLIES

WITNESS TO COMPLETE

Signature of Witness:	<input type="text"/>	W5
Name of Witness: (Capitals)	<input type="text"/>	W6
Address of Witness:	<input type="text"/>	W7
Day-Time Telephone Number:	<input type="text"/>	W8

Please note:

If you submit the application form without all of the required documentation or if photocopies of certificates are not certified as true copies of the originals or if the form is not fully completed or if the statutory declaration has not been completed correctly, your application will be refused as the application requirements under Section 17 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended, are not satisfied and your application fee will not be refunded.

Please ensure that:

The Statutory Declaration is completed correctly i.e. you have written your full name in box A1, signed and dated the form in boxes A2 and A3 in the presence of the witness who is solicitor or commissioner for oaths or notary public or peace commissioner. Check that the correct date has been entered by both you and the witness. If the Statutory Declaration is incorrectly completed your application will be refused and a further application will incur a further fee.

You have answered all questions in this form

Please re-check your application and ensure that all questions on the form are answered. Ensure you are completing the current version of the form by downloading it from the Immigration Service Delivery website at www.irishimmigration.ie/citizenship/. If the question is not applicable to you, please answer with N/A (all questions must be answered). Failure to fully complete the currently prescribed form will result in your application being refused as application requirements under section 17(a) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended have not been satisfied.

You have enclosed all required documentation with this form

Please re-check to ensure that you have all of the required documentation/certified copies of documentation available to include with your application. Failure to submit required documentation will result in your application being refused as application requirements under section 17(b)(ii).of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended have not been satisfied.

You have enclosed the statutory application processing fee of €175

Failure to enclose the prescribed fee will result in your application being summarily refused under Section 17(b)(i) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended.

Please note that if your application is successful a Statutory certification fee of up to €950 will also be payable.

- Two colour passport photographs taken within 30 days of the date of application, signed and dated on the back by the witness who signs the statutory declaration to confirm they are your photograph
- All photocopies of certificates are certified i.e. stamped and signed “true copy of the original” by a solicitor, commissioner for oaths, notary public or peace commissioner
- You have enclosed copies of certified translations of any documents which are in a language other than English or Irish
- If you are applying on the basis of your marriage to or being the civil partner of an Irish citizen, then that Irish citizen must have completed the appropriate declaration at the back of the form after you have signed the statutory declaration. The declaration must also be witnessed by a solicitor, commissioner for oaths, notary public or peace commissioner.

Please be aware that only valid applications, fully completed with all required supporting documentation and statutory application fee enclosed, are acceptable. Deficient applications may be refused. The statutory application fee is non-refundable in all cases and must accompany every application for a certificate of naturalisation.

Your fully completed Form 8 application, the fee and all the required documentation should be posted as follows:

Form 8 applications for EEA nationals, UK nationals and Spouse of Irish national, post to:

Citizenship Applications **(CMU 1)**

Immigration Service Delivery

Department of Justice

PO Box 73

Tipperary Town

Ireland

Form 8 applications for Non EEA nationals, post to:

Citizenship Applications **(CMU 2)**

Immigration Service Delivery

Department of Justice

PO Box 73

Tipperary Town

Ireland

To ensure safe delivery, please use suitable envelopes when submitting applications and documentation by post to Citizenship Division, Immigration Service Delivery (ISD).