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**GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION**

FORM A1

**APPLICATION FOR NATURALISATION AS A
BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES CITIZEN
(BERMUDA)**

All sections of this form must be completed. Those parts of the form which do not apply must be struck out and initialled in every case.

Failure to comply fully with the instructions may delay the consideration of the application.

If there is not enough space for your answer please use page 12 to provide additional information.

You should ensure that you understand the criteria for naturalisation before submitting your application. Full fees cannot be returned for applications that fail.

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS using black or blue ink.

Please enter all dates as dd-mm-yyyy eg 12/05/2005.

Please note that for a joint (husband and wife) application, the husband and wife each need to complete a separate application form.

This application must be lodged at the Government of Bermuda's Department of Immigration. It **MUST NOT** be submitted at Government House. Any queries over your application must be made to the Department of Immigration and not Government House.



REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURALISATION APPLICATION

1. Form A1
2. Fee - \$525.00
3. **Notarised or certified photocopies of:**
 - ✓ the applicant's long form birth certificate,
 - ✓ the spouse's long form birth certificate (*if the applicant is married to a **British Overseas Territories Citizen***),
 - ✓ marriage certificate(s),
 - ✓ Divorce Decree Absolute(s),
 - ✓ Deed Poll and / or any other documentation that shows any changes to the applicant's name since birth
4. Letters stating that the applicant has been a resident of Bermuda during the three (3) and five (5) year period **immediately** preceding the date of application from:
 - ✓ the applicant's employer, **and**
 - ✓ professional person in the community

Note: Three (3) years required for persons applying under section 18(2) of the British Nationality Act, 1981 and five (5) years required for persons applying under section 18(1) of the British Nationality Nationality Act, 1981.
5. Two reference letters confirming that the applicant is of good character.
6. Police report, with the applicant's full name, from country of origin. (*The police report from the applicant's country of origin is **not** needed if, at the date of application, the applicant has resided in Bermuda for fifteen (15) years or more.*)
7. Bermuda Police Report

1.25 Husband or wife's nationality

1.26 Husband or wife's present address

1.27 Date and place of marriage

1.28 Date and place of legal separation (if applicable)

If you were previously married, please give:

1.29 Full name of previous husband or wife (before marriage). Provide details on page 12 if more than one previous marriage.

1.30 Previous husband's or wife's date of birth

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1.31 Previous husband's or wife's village/town/city and country of birth

1.32 Previous husband's or wife's nationality

1.33 Date and place of your previous marriage

1.34 Date, place and reason for the ending of your previous marriage

1.35 Date(s) and place(s) of your husband's or wife's previous marriage(s) (if applicable)

1.36 Date(s), place(s) and reason(s) for ending of your husband's or wife's previous marriage(s) (if applicable)

End of Section 1

SECTION 2: Children under the age of 18

2.1 Give details of any children who are not already BOTCs, and who you would like to register as BOTCs as part of this application. Continue on page 12 if necessary.

| Full names | Sex | Date of birth (dd-mm-yyyy) | Town and Country of birth and nationality | Present address | Date of entry into Bermuda |
|-------------|-----|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Surname | | | | | |
| Other Names | | | | | |
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2.2 Both parents should confirm below that they agree to their children being registered as BOTCs.

We consent to the above children being registered as BOTCs.

FATHER

Name

Signature

MOTHER

Name

Signature

If only one parent has signed the above please explain separately in writing on page 12 why the other parent has not signed. Please ensure that you pay the correct fee for children and only complete for those you wish to register as BOTCs.

End of Section 2

SECTION 3: Residence requirements

3.1 Date of first arrival in Bermuda.

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3.2 Please give details of all absences from Bermuda during the last five years. If you are married to a BOTC, give details for the last three years only.

Failure to complete this will result in delay to your application.

If necessary, please continue on page 12 of this application form.

| Country visited | Reason eg holiday, business, visiting relatives | Date of departure from Bermuda | | | | Date of return to Bermuda | | | | Total number of days absent | | | | |
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More absences shown on page 12? Yes No

Total number of days absent (including any shown on page 12)

3.3 If you are not married to a BOTC tell us in which country you intend to have your principal home if you are naturalised. If that country is not Bermuda, please tell us why.

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3.4 Please provide your addresses for the past five years (continue on page 12 if necessary).

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| Address: | Address: |
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| To: | To: |

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| Address: | Address: |
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| Address: | Address: |
| From: | From: |
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End of Section 3

SECTION 4: Good character requirement

In this section you need to give information which will help the Governor to decide whether he can be satisfied that you are of good character. Checks will be made with the police and possible other Government Departments, and your referees will also be asked later on in this form to confirm that you are of good character.

4.1 What is your occupation?

4.2 ✓ Are you: An employee? A partner? Self-employed? A director?

4.3 Name of employer or business

4.4 Address of employer of business

Criminal Convictions: Civil Proceedings

4.5 Do you have any criminal convictions in Bermuda or any other country (including traffic offences) or any civil judgements made against you?
Yes No

*If you have answered **Yes** to the question above please give details for each sentence starting with the most recent one. If you have received more than two sentences you should continue on page 12. If you have answered **No** please go to question 4.6.*

Information may be checked with other agencies.

First sentence

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| Name of offence | |
| Date sentenced | |
| Sentence given | |
| Country where sentenced | |

Second sentence

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| Name of offence | |
| Date sentenced | |
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| Country where sentenced | |

- 4.6 Have you ever been charged or indicted inside or outside Bermuda with a criminal offence for which you have not yet been tried in Court? Yes No
- 4.7 Have you ever been involved in the commission, preparation or organisation of war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide? Yes No
- 4.8 To your knowledge have you ever been suspected, accused, investigated, charged, prosecuted or convicted for involvement in war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide? Yes No
- 4.9 Have you ever been involved in financing, planning, preparation, commission or attempted commission of terrorist acts or in supporting acts of terrorism either within or outside Bermuda or have you been a member or supporter of an organisation which has perpetrated or supported acts of terrorism in furtherance or its aims? Yes No
- 4.10 Have you engaged in any other activities which might be relevant to the question of whether you are a person of good character? Yes No

*If you answered **Yes** to any of the questions 4.6 – 4.10 above please give details in the space provided below.*

End of Section 4

SECTION 5: Crown Service

5.1 If your application is based on your Crown Service, or your husband's or wife's Crown Service, or specially designated service complete this section.

If not, please go to section 6.

Please ✓

Your Crown Service Were you recruited in Bermuda? Yes No

Your husband's/wife's Crown Service or Specially designated service Were they recruited in Bermuda? Yes No

| Description of relevant Service | Branch/regiment etc where serving | Length of Crown or other service (dates) | Staff/service or personal ID number |
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SECTION 6: Referees

This part is to be filled in by your referees.

Declaration by first referee

Name of applicant

6.1 Referee's full names

6.2 Address

6.3 Date of birth

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6.4 Village/town/city and country of birth

6.5 Daytime telephone number

6.6 I declare that

- I am a British Overseas Territories citizen aged 25 or over;
- I am not a relative, solicitor or agent of the applicant;
- I have known the application in Section of this form personally for years;
- He/she is of good character and has sufficient knowledge of the English language;
- I support his/her application for naturalisation as a British Overseas Territories citizen.

* My current/expired BOTC/British citizen passport number is

* My naturalisation/registration certificated number is (BOTCs by naturalisation or registration only)

* I am unable to give details of my passport/naturalisation/registration certificate because

WARNING: To give false information on this form knowingly or recklessly is a criminal offence (Section 46(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981, as amended).

Signature of referee

Date

* delete as appropriate

Declaration by second referee

Name of applicant

6.1a Referee's full names

6.2a Address

6.3a Date of birth

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6.4a Village/town/city and country of birth

6.5a Daytime telephone number

6.6a I declare that

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Signature of referee

Date

* delete as appropriate

End of Section 6

Please use this sheet for additional information

(please ensure that you clearly indicate which question the additional information applies to)

SECTION 7: Declaration by applicant

WARNING: To give false information on this form knowingly or recklessly is a criminal offence (Section 46(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981, as amended).

7.1 I, (full name in BLOCK LETTERS)

declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this application is correct. I know of no reason why I should not be granted British Overseas Territories (Bermuda) citizenship. I promise to inform the Governor in writing of any change in circumstances which may affect the accuracy of the information given whilst this application is being considered by Government House. I understand that information given by me will be treated in confidence, but may be submitted for checking against records held by other Government Departments and the police, where it is necessary for immigration or nationality purposes, or to enable these bodies to carry out their functions.

7.2 ✓ I confirm that I have read and understood the guide to Naturalisation as a BOTC ➤

7.3 ✓ I confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate naturalisation fee ➤

7.4* ✓ I confirm that I have enclosed the registration fee for my child(ren) ➤

7.5 ✓ I confirm that I have confirm that I have enclosed the appropriate documents ➤

7.6 ✓ I understand that a certificate of citizenship may be withdrawn if it is found to have been obtained by Fraud, false representation or concealment of any material fact, or I engage in conduct which is seriously prejudicial to the public good. ➤

7.7 * I declare that, although I do not meet all the statutory requirements for naturalisation, I believe that, in view of the following special circumstances, the Governor should treat me as fulfilling those requirements or waive the need in my case to fulfil them.

* Delete if not applicable

7.8 Special circumstances – which requirements do you think you fail to meet and what are the special circumstances? (Continue on page 12 if necessary.)

7.9 Please sign below once you are satisfied you have completed the form correctly. Fees are not fully refundable for applications that fail. You are recommended to read the guide, particularly those sections on how to qualify and the residence requirements.

Signature

Date

