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**REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF GUYANA OF A CHILD BORN OVERSEAS TO GUYANESE PARENT**

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Children born to Guyanese parents overseas can now have their Birth registered and be issued with a Guyana Registration Certificate which is used to apply for and obtain a Guyana Passport.

Section 4 (2) sub paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Citizenship Act Chapter 14:01 provides for a person to be registered as a citizen of Guyana if he satisfies the Minister that: -

a. He was born before 25 May 1966 and that his mother was a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies at the time of his birth. The registration of these categories of persons is done at the Immigration and Support Services Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, Lot 6 Brickdam, Georgetown.

Sub paragraph –

b. Provides for persons born after May 25th 1966 (after independence) that his mother was a citizen of Guyana at the time of his birth.

Registration of this category of persons is done at the General Registrar Office, GPO Building, Robb Street, Georgetown or at the nearest Guyana Mission Overseas.

If you were born Overseas to Guyanese Parent (s) you are encouraged to register your birth at the Guyana High Commission, London if you intend to apply for a Guyana Passport.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR OVERSEAS REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS**

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* The person to be registered must be born on or after May 26, 1966.
* At least one (1) parent whose name is recorded on the Foreign Birth Certificate **MUST** **be a Guyanese by birth**.

**DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED**

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1. Letter of application addressed to the Guyana High Commission requesting to be registered as a Guyanese.
2. Original Birth Certificate of the person being registered. Births not registered in English must be accompanied by an official translation and apostilled by the issuing country.
3. Proof of Birth of the Guyanese parent, whose name must be recorded on the foreign Birth Certificate. The parent’s name on the Overseas birth certificate must correspond with the name stated on the foreign birth certificate. In the event that it does not, documents such as deed poll (change of name document); affidavit of identity or marriage certificate in the case of married women should be submitted with the application. Additional documents may be required and will be requested if necessary.
4. Copy of valid photo identification of person making the application. Also, a copy of the bio-data page of person to be registered.
5. Both parents must provide a written letter consenting to the Registration of underaged children.
6. Payment of £20 for the registration application. Fees can be paid via Bank Transfer or in person. Bank transfers are accepted after the original application is received by the High Commission.
7. Postage paid return self-addressed envelope or payment of £15 for returns within the United Kingdom. Applicants outside of the United Kingdom are required to arrange a courier for the collection of their documents.

**Persons born before May 25, 1966**

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Unfortunately, the Guyana High Commission is unable to accept applications for persons born before May 26, 1966, such persons will need to make an application directly to the Immigration and Support Services, Ministry of Home Affairs, Georgetown Guyana to enquire how they can obtain citizenship, Email – hrcitizenship@gmail.com

Persons falling under this category and residing outside of Guyana, it should be noted that you are required to conduct two (2) interviews as follows:

1. At Immigration and Support Services, Ministry of Home Affairs, Lot 6 Brickdam, Georgetown (This Interview may be required based on the guidance provided by the Immigration and Support Services during the application process)
2. At the Central Immigration and Passport Office, Camp Road, Eve Leary, Georgetown.

Applicants can either send the forms or submit in person when visiting Guyana. The applicant will however need to be in Guyana to conduct the interviews.

With the introduction of the Machine Readable Passport, an applicant will be required to produce source documents (birth certificate and or certificate of Registration) before a new passport can be issued. Therefore, a person who may have been issued with a passport prior to the introduction of the new system will be required to complete the above process before a new passport is issued.

**NOTE**

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The child’s foreign birth certificate will not be returned but will be retained by the High Commission for its records.

Documents should be submitted with a covering letter requesting that the child be registered as a citizen of Guyana.

Persons residing in the UK can collect the Registration certificate when it is completed or forward a registered self-addressed envelope.

Applicants in the UK should note that if a registered self-addressed envelope is not forwarded then he or she is required to pay an additional £15.00 for return postage.

On receipt of the Certificate of Registration of Birth, the registrant becomes eligible to apply for a Guyana passport.

**Persons who were previously issued with a Guyana passport but did not complete the Registration process will first need to register before a new passport can be issued.**

**Unfortunately, the Guyana High Commission will not be able to accept applications which do not fulfil the above requirements.**

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