

Citizenship Applicants guide to An Garda Síochána National Vetting Bureau e-Vetting

Important notice:

As part of the Citizenship by Naturalisation application process an applicant is required to detail all offences (regardless of where an incident occurred or how long ago) including “spent” convictions. The onus is on you as the applicant to provide a comprehensive record as part of your application submission.

At a later stage in the decision making process, all adult applicants will be requested to undertake the Gardaí e-vetting process or other Police vetting processes as deemed necessary. The details of offences listed in the e-vetting report(s) will be cross referenced with the information provided by the applicant during the initial application submission.

Accordingly, it is in the applicant’s best interests to provide a comprehensive listing of offences as part of the application process, failure to do so may well adversely affect the applicant’s application for Naturalisation.

E-vetting and Citizenship

- All applicants for a certificate of naturalisation are required to meet the conditions for naturalisation as set out in S.15 of the Irish Naturalisation and Citizenship Act 1956 as amended.
- One of the conditions outlined in the Act is that the applicant is of good character. A critical aspect of the character assessment is a Vetting Disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau.
- From 30th March 2021 all new applicants will be required to provide authorisation to Citizenship Division to issue an e-vetting invitation to them.
- Applicants who submitted an application prior to 30th March 2021 may be requested to complete an authorisation. These applicants will be contacted in writing by Citizenship Division.

Eligibility

Adults

Criteria for applying as an adult

- ➔ Are of full age (aged 18 or over, or if aged under 18 you are married)
- ➔ Meet the **relevant conditions** for residence
- ➔ Intend to reside in the State or if you are spouse/civil partner of an Irish citizen intend to reside on the island of Ireland
- ➔ Are of **good character**

E-vetting: step 2

After Citizenship Division receives your signed invitation form by post (step 1), you will:

- receive an email from the National Vetting Bureau with a direct link to the online vetting application form
- have 30 days to complete and submit the online vetting application
- be required to enter full postcodes (6 characters) for each Northern Ireland address at which you resided.

You will need to provide the following information

- Name at birth
- Place of Birth
- Passport Number
- Mother's maiden name
- All addresses you have lived at since birth
- Any other names you may be known by
- Details of any convictions you have (in Ireland or elsewhere)
- You will have the opportunity to review the information you have inputted and once you are happy with the details you can submit the completed vetting application.

E-vetting: step 3

Your completed vetting application will be assessed by Citizenship Division.

If there are any issues with the application it will be returned to you.

Otherwise the application will be forwarded to the National Vetting Bureau.

A vetting disclosure will be provided by the National Vetting Bureau and will be reviewed by Citizenship as part of the decision making process on your application.



Points to Note

- **Please complete Section 11: Background of the Citizenship Application form as well as the NVB1a Vetting Invitation. This is essential.**
- **It is important that you monitor the e-mail address you provided to continue through the stages of the vetting process.**
- **Please ensure to provide all names that you are or were known by**
- **You will be required to provide details of all addresses you have lived at, both in the State and elsewhere**
- **If you provide an address in Northern Ireland you will need to provide the full 6 character postcode for the address**
- **An incomplete vetting application will delay processing of your citizenship application.**
- **A Data Privacy statement is provided in the Citizenship application form – please review this if you have any concerns.**
- **Applicants residing outside the State will be required to provide a Police Clearance Certificate from the relevant law enforcement agency.**