**Adult Application**

Criteria for applying as an adult:

* Are of full age (aged 18 or over)
* Meet the relevant conditions for residence.
* Intend to reside in the State
* Are of good character.
* Will attend a citizenship ceremony and make the declaration of fidelity.

The following documentation must be provided with this application

* A certified colour copy of the biometric page of your current in date passport .The colour copy must be certified by a solicitor, commissioner for oaths, peace commissioner or notary public.
* 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.
* Applicants must also establish their identity. Applicants can do this by submitting identity documents with a [predetermined point value](https://www.irishimmigration.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Citizenship-Guidance-Document.pdf) until they reach a score of 150 points.
* 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](https://www.irishimmigration.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Citizenship-Guidance-Document.pdf) until they reach the required score of 150 points for each year of residency claimed.

**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).
* 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.

**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](https://www.irishimmigration.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Citizenship-Guidance-Document.pdf). 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](https://www.irishimmigration.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Citizenship-Guidance-Document.pdf).
* In some circumstances we may ask you for extra documents or information to prove your residence over certain periods of time.
* 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, you application may be deemed ineligible. Applications may be rejected, with subsequent loss of the application fee, if the application is judged to be incomplete.

If your application is successful a certification fee of up to €950 may be payable by you, or of €200 if a widow, widower or surviving civil partner of an Irish citizen 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.

**Adult Application – Young Adult**

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.

Criteria for applying as a dependent young adult

You may apply for citizenship as a dependant young adult if you meet the eligibility requirements for an adult application and you:

* Are aged 18-23 when you apply
* Meet the relevant conditions for residence.
* Entered the State legally as part of a family unit
* Are currently attending secondary school in the State, or you went directly from secondary school into third level education in the State
* Are continuously dependent on your parents, you are not financially independent
* Are of good character
* Will attend a citizenship ceremony and make the declaration of fidelity

You may need to use your parent’s calculation of reckonable residence in your application for periods up to the age of 16 and periods of permission granted for the purpose of study.

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**Widows**

If you indicated on your application form that you are the widow/widower or civil partner of a deceased person who at date of death was an Irish citizen, please provide a certified copy of:

* your marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate,
* a copy of your deceased spouse’s/civil partner’s death cert
* proof of their Irish citizenship such as a copy of their Irish passport