

List of Documents as Required for Application for Nationality Alteration	
Application item	A. Naturalization of nationality
Application reason	Applicant who once legally and continuously stayed in the territory of R.O.C. for more than 10 years.
Governing law	1、Subparagraph 2 of Articles 5, 8, 9 of the Nationality Act. 2、Articles 2 to Article 9, Article 11, 16, 18 of the Enforcement Rules of the Nationality Act. 3、Charge Standards for Nationality Fees
Competent authorities	The applicant shall apply to their local residence household registration office in person, and the household registration office will transfer the application to MOI via municipal or county (city) government for approval.
Documents required	Documents required to be submitted by the applicant 1、Application form for naturalization of nationality (form 4) Applicants shall confirm the correctness of the application printed by the household registration office, followed by signing and affixing their seal on the application. 2、A valid alien resident certificate or alien permanent resident certificate Please apply to the Service Center of National Immigration Agency of MOI at your residence place. Please apply for extension of the residence period within 30 days before the residence period expires. 3、The police criminal record or other related certificate documents issued by the government of the applicant's country of origin (please refer to Remarks 4 for document verification) (1) Apply to the government of the applicant's country of origin. The issuance day shall be within six months prior to the application date. If, after the document being issued by the government of the applicant's country of origin, the applicant exits for a certain period of time after entry and the competent authority considers it suspicious, the competent authority may request the applicant to turn in their no-crime record certificate for their exit period. (2) If the applicant is the spouse of a ROC citizen and has already acquired the alien permanent resident certificate or the residence reason stated in their alien resident certificate is "a dependent of relatives (husband or wife)", they are exempted from attaching the certificate. (3) If the applicant was once the spouse of a ROC citizen, and has not left Taiwan after extinguishment of their marital relation, they are exempted from attaching the certificate. (4) If the applicant entered Taiwan before the age of 14 and has not gone

abroad since then, they are exempted from attaching the certificate.

4、The certificate to prove enough property or professional skills for self-support or ensuing living.

(Accumulated value of property includes property and income of the spouse, the spouse's parents, or applicant's parents who have household registration in the ROC); (the applicant who is the spouse of a ROC citizen with the marriage lasting more than three years or having already acquired the alien permanent resident certificate is exempted from attaching the certificate).

Please attach any of the following documents.

(1) Monthly income which is double of basic wage as the Council of Labor Affairs regulates in the recent 1 year in the territory of the ROC (Income withholding certificate/ withholding exemption certificate, tax payment certificate, wage and employment period certificate provided by employer, and other relevant documents may be submitted simultaneously.

(2) Value of personal property and real estate in the territory of the ROC is more than NT\$5,000,000.

(3) For those who issue the "Letter of Authorization for Investigation of Income and Property", the household registration office may investigate the data of their income and property of various categories (form 14) from the Fiscal Information Agency of Ministry of Finance or taxing authority

(4) The certificate of professional occupation, technical personnel or skill test issued by our government agency
(the certificate refers to the one held by any of the spouse, spouse's parents and applicant's parents in the Taiwan area and the certificate holder shall present a certificate of security which can secure the applicant's living needs in the ROC)

5、Certificates to prove equipped with the basic language abilities and general knowledge of the rights and duties of naturalized R.O.C. citizens

(1) Please attach any of the following documents:

① The certificate proving that the applicant has studied in a domestic public or private school for at least one year.

② The certificate proving that the applicant's the total or accumulated class time for the programs offered by local government agencies is more than 200 hours whereas the class time required by the applicant aged above 65 is more than 72 hours.

③ The pass certificate proving that the applicant passed the naturalization test for basic language abilities and general knowledge of the rights and duties of naturalized R.O.C. citizens, in

which the pass mark is 70 points, but for the applicant aged above 65, the pass mark is 50 points.

(2) If the above certificates have been registered in the household registration information system for nationality administration operation, the applicant is exempted from attaching the certificate. Instead, the household registration office will check the certificates for the applicant.

- 6 · An original certificate issued by the agency of foreign affairs in accordance with Subparagraph 3 of Paragraph 4 of Article 9 of the Nationality Act, to verify the truth of the certificate. (please refer to Remarks 4 for document verification)
- 7 · In addition to attaching the “stateless” alien (permanent) resident certificate issued by the National Immigration Agency of MOI, the stateless applicant shall also submit other ID documents, e.g. the original of stateless tourist ID certificate issued by a foreign government (after inspection, the competent authority will return the original; for the basic information page, please refer to Remarks 4) or other stateless documents defined by MOI.
- 8 · The letter of recommendation for a high-level professional’s nationality naturalization issued by the central competent authority of enterprises. in accordance with Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 4 of Article 9 of the Nationality Act.
- 9 · One full-face and bareheaded color photo taken in the last two years (same specification applied to National ID cards and with the applicant’s name in hand writing on the back).
- 10 · The certificate fee is NT\$1,200 (payment must be remitted via a postal money order, on which the recipient is indicated as the Ministry of the Interior)

The documents checked by the Household registration office for the applicant

- 1 · Entry and exit date record
- 2 · Resident information
 - (1) The applicant should legally and annually reside in the territory of the ROC for more than 183 days each year for at least five consecutive years prior to their application for naturalization. If the overstaying period is less than 30 days, it will be deemed that the residence period is continuous without interruption, but the overstaying days will not be included in calculation of the legal residence days.
 - (2) Under any of the following circumstances, the duration of stay shall not be included in the calculation of the legal stay period :

	<p>①Where the applicant is permitted by the Ministry of Labor to engage in work prescribed in Subparagraph 8 to Subparagraph 10 of Paragraph 1 of Article 46 of the Employment Service Act.</p> <p>② Where the applicant comes to Taiwan for schooling.</p> <p>③Where the Applicant is under exit restrictions by the National Immigration Agency of the MOI as requested by competent authorities.</p> <p>④Where an applicant has lost the nationality of his/her country of origin, has not acquired the nationality of the ROC, and is waiting for nationality restoration of his/her country of origin.</p> <p>⑤Where an applicant has a labor dispute, which has been under litigation proceedings.</p> <p>⑥Where an applicant suffers an occupational disaster and requires medical treatment.</p> <p>⑦Where the applicant is the victim or witness of a criminal case.</p> <p>⑧Where the applicant is a dependent of persons referred to in the preceding seven Subparagraphs.</p> <p>3、 The criminal records covering the period of the residence in the ROC.</p> <p>4、 Certificate to prove security of applicant’s living needs</p> <p>(1) For the applicant attaching the certificate of the income or property of the spouse, spouse’s parents or applicant’s parents who have household registration in the ROC, the household registration office shall check the registered household record for the applicant.</p> <p>(2) For the “Letter of Authorization for Investigation of Income and Property” issued by the applicant, his or her spouse, spouse’s parents or the applicant’s parents who have household registration in the ROC, the household registration office may send a letter to the Fiscal Information Agency of Ministry of Finance to request investigation of the income and property data of various categories of those who issue the Letter of Authorization.</p> <p>5、 The certificate proving basic language abilities and general knowledge of the rights and duties, which have been registered in the household registration information system for nationality administration operation</p>
備註 Remarks	<p>1、 The foreign applicant applying for naturalization shall submit the certificate proving the loss of their original nationality within one year after the day that they are permitted for naturalization, or after the day of the legal age if the law of the applicant’s country of origin does not allow their citizens to lose their nationality before reaching the legal age (Please refer to Remarks 4 for the verification of documents issued by the applicant’s country of origin)</p>

- 2、Except for the circumstances in which the applicant attaches the relevant certificates proving that they have already applied to their original country for the loss of their original nationality (e.g. the copy of the application filed with their original country for the loss of their original nationality, the application receipt certificate or fee receipt issued by the applicant's original country, etc.), and gives an account of the schedule processing the loss of their original nationality at least 30 days prior to expiration, and the extension application is transferred by the local residence household registration office for forwarding to MOI via municipal or county (city) government (form 17), in which, as investigated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the restriction of the laws or the administrative procedure of the applicant's original country is true and MOI therefore approves the extension, if the applicant fails to submit the certificate proving their loss of original nationality within the time limit, MOI will revoke the applicant's permit of naturalization. The same shall also apply to those who do not submit the certificate within the extension period. In addition, prior to submitting the certificate proving the loss of the original nationality as stipulated, the applicant's permanent resident certificate of R.O.C. will not be issued.
- 3、If the foreign applicant is a high-level professional in the field of technology, economics, education, culture, art, sport, or others and recommended by the central competent authority of enterprises in accordance with Article 9 of the Nationality Act and the applicant can bring about interests of our nation and pass the joint review conducted by the social justice figures and relevant organization invited by MOI, or the applicant cannot acquire the certificate proving their loss of original nationality due to the cause not attributable to them and it proves true as investigated by the agency of foreign affairs, the applicant can be exempted from submitting the certificate proving the loss of their original nationality.
- 4、If the document is produced abroad, it shall be verified by ROC's Mission Abroad and re-verified by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs; if the document is produced or verified by a foreign embassy, consulate or authorized representative agency stationed in Taiwan, it shall be verified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If the document is in a foreign language, the Chinese translation verified by the Mission Abroad and re-verified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or certified by a public notary shall be submitted.
- 5、According to the Name Act, the Chinese name adopted by the foreign

applicant or stateless applicant applying for ROC naturalization shall comply with the practice used by ROC citizens for their name adoption. The Chinese name shall be adopted with the following way: (1) the family name shall be placed first, followed by the given name, but those who do not have the family name may only use their given name for registration; (2) there shall be neither space nor symbol dividing the family name and given name.

6、Prior to the Nationality Act being amended, enacted and enforced on December 21, 2016, those who already attached the following documents in their application for the certificate of nationality naturalization candidacy and meet the required terms are exempted from submitting the documents below:

(1) The police criminal record certificate or other relevant certificates issued by the government of the applicant's country of origin: It is only applicable to those who already attached the document in their application for the certificate of nationality naturalization candidacy and has not gone abroad since then.

(2) Certificate to prove security of applicant's living needs.

(3) Certificates to prove equipped with the basic language abilities and general knowledge of the rights and duties of naturalized R.O.C. citizens.

7、In case of incompleteness of the birth date, e.g. the alien (permanent) resident certificate only indicates the birth year and the date is presumed according to the Civil Code, the applicant shall apply to the National Immigration Agency of MOI for correcting the birth date indicating in the alien (permanent) resident certificate.

8、Flowchart for the Application for Naturalization and Household Registration:

Resident Visa (issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) → Alien Resident Certificate or Alien Permanent Resident Certificate (issued by the National Immigration Agency) → Annual residence in the territory of the ROC for more than 183 days in total for more than 5 consecutive years → Naturalization (Apply to Household Registration Office, transferred to the municipal government or county (city) government and granted permission from the Ministry of the Interior) → Certificate of Loss of Original Nationality (issued by original government or its agency stationed in the ROC.) → Residence for 1 consecutive year, or residence for more than 270 days in total annually for more than 2 consecutive years, or residence for more than 183 days in total annually for more than 5 consecutive years (high-level professionals are free from the restriction of the continuous stay or a certain period of stay)

→Permanent Resident Certificate Of R.O.C. in Taiwan area (issued by the National Immigration Agency of MOI) →Application for initial household registration and national ID card (Apply to Household Registration Office)

※A reminder for you. After MOI permits an applicant's naturalization, in addition to the revocation of applicant's naturalization permit in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article 9 of the Nationality Act, if the applicant is found not complying with the conditions (e.g. legal stay, capacity to make juridical acts, no Illicit or illegal behavior, without criminal record, security of living needs, the loss of the nationality of the applicant's original country, etc.) for nationality naturalization in application for nationality naturalization, MOI may also revoke the naturalization permit within two years after its learning of the above non-compliance. No revocation will be made if the permit exceeds five years. Moreover, If it is judged and declared by the court that the applicant's the ROC nationality was acquired through the naturalization as a result of fraudulent marriage or adoption, MOI may revoke the naturalization permit without any restriction of the revocation period. Hence, please prudently refer to the regulations of ROC's Nationality Act, and inspect if the application literally meets the conditions required for naturalization before processing your application for naturalization of the ROC nationality.

※After initial household registration in Taiwan, if the foreign male applying for nationality naturalization is in the military service ages (from Jan. 1 of the year following the year that the applicant reaches 18 years of age until Dec. 31 of the year that the applicant reaches the age of 36), they shall fulfill the military service duties by law. For the military service related questions, please directly contact the township (city, district) office at the place where the initial household registration was made for details.

※For nationality alteration application cases, please go to the home page of the website of the Dept. of Household Registration, MOI at <https://www.ris.gov.tw/> and click online application services – “nationality case progress inquiry” operation to inquire the progress of the applied case.

※The list of documents as required for application for nationality alteration is merely for information. Any amendment to relevant acts and regulations in the future shall prevail.



Application form of Naturalization

Form 4

Version: Chinese Chinese/English(Hanyu Pinyin)
Chinese/English (Tongyong Pinyin)

Chinese Name :

English Name :

Date of birth :

Sex :

ARC/APRC No. :

Passport No. :

Nationality :

Place of birth :

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Please paste photo here
(Same specification applied
to national ID cards)

Issuance Date and No. of the Certificate of Naturalization Candidacy

Domestic Residence Address :

Reason for Naturalization : **Applicant who once legally and continuously stayed in the territory of R.O.C. for more than 10 years.**

Governing Law : Subparagraph 2 of Article 5 of the Nationality Act

Chinese Name of the Related Person : Relationship :

Date of birth : Nationality :

National ID No. or ARC/APRC No. :

Address of Residence :

I hereby confirm that my Chinese name adopted according to the Name Act is (Sign or Seal)

Applicant : (Sign or Seal)

Legal Representative : (Sign or Seal)

Date of Application : Applicant's Tel. :

Name of Domestic Contact Person : Tel. of Domestic Contact Person :

Scanning Person : Image-Verifying Person :

Attached certificates / documents

- Valid ARC or APRC (continuous residence in Taiwan for more than ____ years)
- Police criminal record certificate or other relevant certificates issued by the government of the applicant's country of origin.
- The certificate proving truth as investigated by the agency of foreign affairs in accordance with Subparagraph 3 of Paragraph 4 of Article 9 of the Nationality Act.
- Proving document or certificate of Statelessness.
- Documents proving that the applicant possesses sufficient property or professional skills and the certificate proving the applicant's basic language abilities and general knowledge of the rights and duties of a ROC citizen were submitted in the application for naturalization candidacy.
- Documents proving that the applicant possesses sufficient property or professional skills :
 - Domestic monthly income which is double of basic wage in the recent one years.(applicant spouse spouse's parents parents)
 - Domestic value of personal property and real estate is more than NT\$5,000,000.(applicant spouse spouse's parents parents)
 - Letter of authorization for investigation of income and property.(applicant spouse spouse's parents parents)
 - Qualification certificate for professional occupation, technical skills or skill tests issued by our government agency. (applicant spouse spouse's parents parents)
 - High-level professionals defined by Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 3 of Article 25 of the Immigration Act and permitted for permanent residence in the Taiwan area.
 - The applicant who has acquired the alien permanent resident certificate is exempted from submitting the certificate.
 - The applicant who is the spouse of a ROC citizen with the marriage lasting more than three years is exempted from attaching the certificate.
 - Other documents proving that the applicant possesses sufficient property or professional skills or other evidence recognized by MOI (applicant spouse spouse's parents parents)
- Certificate proving the applicant's basic language abilities and general knowledge of rights and duties of a ROC citizen :
 - The certificate proving that the applicant studied in domestic public or private school for at least one year.
 - The certificate proving that the applicant's the total or accumulated class time for the programs offered by local government agencies was more than ____ hours.
 - The certificate proving that the applicant's score of the naturalization test was ____ points.
- The letter of recommendation for a high-level professional's nationality naturalization, and certificate of education, work experience and professional.
 - High-level professionals holding the Plum Blossom card (permanent residency) are not required to attach the letter of recommendation issued by the central competent authority of enterprise.
- Certificate fee (NT\$1,200 paid by postal money order. NT\$1,200 or paid on line; Do you need to accept a receipt ? Yes. No; If you failed to permit which bank would you like to refund of your Certificate fee: Account name: _____, Transfer bank: _____, Account number: _____; Details such as attached nationality fee online payment process and instructions.)

Letter of Authorization for Investigation of Income and Property

Whereas the applicant _____ applies for nationality naturalization nationality restoration according to the Nationality Act, I hereby authorize Ministry of the Interior, municipal or country (city) government and household registration office (hereafter referred to as all levels of household registration agencies) to investigate my income and property data of various categories, and agree that the investigation results can be used to as the certificate to prove the circumstance of “ sufficient property or competent professional skills, capability of self-reliance or security of a stable life” referred to in Article 3 of the Nationality Act. It is hereby stated.

- To authorize all levels of household registration agencies to investigate the following item(s) from the Fiscal Information Agency of Ministry of Finance or taxing authority (please put a check in the box to indicate your consent).
 - investigate income data of various categories of the year of _____.
 - investigate my property data.
- The relationship between the authorization person and the applicant applying for nationality alteration (please put a check in the box to indicate the relationship):
 - the applicant
 - the applicant’s spouse
 - the parents of the applicant’s spouse
 - the applicant’s parents

Authorization person: _____ (sign or seal)

National ID No. or alien resident certificate No.:

Household or residence address:

Tel. No.:

Date:

Application for Extension to Submit the Certificate of the Loss of the Original Nationality

1. I was permitted by MOI on _____ (date) for naturalization (the permit certificate No. is Tai-Kuei Tzu-Ti _____), but I am not able to submit the certificate of the loss of my original nationality within one year after the naturalization permit date, or within one year (i.e. _____ (date)) after the day that I reaches the legal age required by the law of my original country for the loss of the original nationality. Hence, as stipulated, I apply for extension of the submission 30 days prior to expiration of the time limit.
2. Attached please find the certificate proving my application to the government of my original country for the loss of my original nationality on _____ (date). The certificate of the loss of my original nationality is expected to be submitted before _____ (date). Please approve my application for extension.

Applicant: _____ (sign or seal)

Alien resident certificate No.

Residence address:

Tel. No.:

Date: