# List of Documents as Required for Application for Nationality Alteration

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| | | 1. Application form for naturalization of nationality:<br>(1) The applicant shall confirm the correctness of the application printed by the household registration office, followed by signing and affixing their seal on the application.<br>(2) In accordance with the Name Act, a foreign national or stateless person applying for naturalization must take a Chinese language name that conforms to ROC practices. Chinese-language names shall take the following form:<br>① Surname first, given name second; should an applicant not have a surname, a given name may be registered.<br>② No space or symbol may be put between the surname and the given name.<br>(3) The applicant must confirm the certificate type by selecting one of three options: Chinese version, Chinese–English bilingual version (Hanyu Pinyin), Chinese–English bilingual version (Tongyong Pinyin).<br>(4) The field for Place of Birth is pre-filled with the applicant's country of origin by default. The applicant shall confirm that the data in this field is accurate prior to signing.<br>2. A valid Alien Resident Certificate or Alien Permanent Resident Certificate:<br>The applicant shall apply to the local service center of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior, for an Alien Resident Certificate or Alien Permanent Resident Certificate. When applying for naturalization, if the aforementioned certificate is within 30 days of expiration, the applicant shall first apply for an extension of the residence period.<br>3. A criminal record issued by the police or other equivalent certificates issued by the government of the applicant's country of origin (See Remarks 2 regarding document verification):<br>(1) The applicant shall apply to the government of his/her country of origin for a police criminal record certificate. The certificate issue date must be no more than 6 months prior to the naturalization |

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| | | application date. If, subsequent to the certificate issue date, the applicant has entered the ROC and then left the ROC for an extended period, and the competent authority has reason for concern, the applicant may be asked to provide additional proof of no criminal record for the period spent outside the ROC.<br>(2) If the applicant is the spouse of an ROC national, and the reason for residence as recorded on the Alien Resident Certificate is to reside with relatives (i.e., the husband or wife), the applicant may be exempt from submitting this document.<br>(3) If the applicant is the spouse of an ROC national, and has obtained an Alien Permanent Resident Certificate for the reason of residing with relatives (i.e., the husband or wife), the applicant may be exempt from submitting this document.<br>(4) If the applicant is a stateless person or entered the ROC before the age of 14 and has never left, he/she is not required to submit this document.<br>4. Certificate proving the applicant possesses basic proficiency in the national language of the ROC and basic knowledge of the rights and obligations of ROC citizens:<br>(1) Attach one of the following documents:<br>① Proof of having studied in a domestic public or private school for at least 1 year.<br>② Proof of having participated in or accumulated at least 72 hours in an educational program offered by a government agency. The aforementioned programs include a variety of programs directly run by the ROC government on its own or by agencies, groups, or schools subsidized by the government.<br>③ Proof of having passed the test for basic language abilities and general understanding of the rights and duties of naturalized ROC citizens (hereinafter referred to as the "naturalization test") by obtaining a score of 60 points or higher (50 points or higher for persons aged 65 years or over). Persons with a valid Alien Resident Certificate or Alien Permanent Resident Certificate |

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| | | may apply at a naturalization testing center to take the naturalization test.<br>(2) Those who have previously registered the aforementioned certificates in the Nationality Administration Database of the Registration Information System are not required to submit this document. |
| | Documents to be checked for the applicant by the household registration office | 1. Household registration data indicating the marriage date and other relevant information.<br>2. Comprehensive record of the applicant's entries and exits from the ROC.<br>3. Resident certificate data:<br>(1) The applicant must legally reside within the territory of the ROC for at least 183 days each year for at least 3 consecutive years. The calculation of the aforementioned residence period refers to the 3 years preceding the application for naturalization, which must be consecutive and uninterrupted, with the applicant legally residing in the ROC for at least 183 days in total each year during such period. Nevertheless, any residence overstay does not conform to the requirements for legal residence and will result in the interruption of such residence period. If the overstay period does not exceed 30 days, the residence period will be deemed not to have been interrupted. However, the overstay period will not be included in the calculation of days of legal residence.<br>(2) Where the residence period is due to any of the following circumstances, it will not be included in the calculation of the legal residence period:<br>① Where the applicant is permitted by the Ministry of Labor to engage in work prescribed in Subparagraph 8 to Subparagraph 10, Paragraph 1, Article 46 of the Employment Service Act.<br>② Where the applicant comes to Taiwan for schooling.<br>③ Where the applicant is under exit restrictions by the National Immigration Agency of the MOI as requested by competent authorities.<br>④ Where an applicant has lost the nationality of his/her country of |

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| | | origin, has not acquired the nationality of the ROC, and is waiting for nationality restoration of his/her country of origin.<br>⑤ Where an applicant has a labor dispute, which has been under litigation proceedings.<br>⑥ Where an applicant suffers an occupational disaster and requires medical treatment.<br>⑦ Where the applicant is the victim or witness of a criminal case.<br>⑧ Where the applicant is a dependent of persons referred to in the preceding seven Subparagraphs.<br>4. Criminal records covering the applicant's period of residence in the ROC.<br>5. Certificates registered in the Nationality Administration Database of the Registration Information System proving the applicant possesses basic proficiency in the national language of the ROC and basic knowledge of the rights and obligations of ROC citizens.<br>6. For naturalization cases involving stateless persons, an inquiry must be made to the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior as to the reason the applicant obtained a "stateless" Alien (Permanent) Resident Certificate, and the agency's official response letter must be submitted. |
| Remarks | | 1. After a foreign national has been granted permission for naturalization, he/she must apply to the government of his/her country of origin or its authorized agency stationed overseas or in Taiwan for a certificate of loss of original nationality and submit it to the Ministry of the Interior for examination and reference:<br>(1) The applicant shall provide a certificate of loss of original nationality within 1 year from the day of permission for naturalization or from the day of reaching the age at which he/she may renounce nationality under the laws of his/her country of origin. However, where the applicant cannot obtain this proof for reasons not attributable to himself/herself, as verified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the applicant may be exempted from submitting a certificate of loss of original nationality. |

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| | (2) If the applicant is unable to submit a certificate of loss of original nationality within 1 year as prescribed above, he/she may file an application for an extension within 30 days prior to the deadline, outlining the timeline for handling the certificate of loss of original nationality and including relevant evidential documents proving that an application to renounce one's original nationality has indeed been submitted to the country of origin (such as a photocopy of the application to renounce original nationality submitted to the country of origin, proof of submission or confirmation of receipt by the government of the country of origin, etc.). The local household registration office or the household registration office where the application for naturalization was originally submitted will transfer said documents to the municipal or county (city) government for further transfer to the Ministry of the Interior. Except where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs verifies that the inability to submit said certificate is indeed due to legal or administrative restrictions of the country of origin, and the Ministry of the Interior has agreed to the extension, those who fail to submit a certificate of loss of original nationality within the prescribed period will be subject to revocation of permission for naturalization by the Ministry of the Interior. The same applies if the certificate still has not been submitted by the extended deadline.<br>(3) The applicant shall not be allowed to reside in Taiwan before submitting a certificate of loss of original nationality in accordance with regulations.<br>2. If the required evidential documents are produced abroad, they must be verified by an Overseas Mission and reverified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If the documents are produced or verified by a foreign embassy, consulate, or authorized representative agency stationed in the ROC, they must be verified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If the documents are in a foreign language, a Chinese translation of the documents must be submitted. The translated version must be verified by an Overseas Mission and re-verified by the Ministry of Foreign |

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| | Affairs or authenticated by a public notary in the ROC.<br>3. The process from applying for naturalization to the initial establishment of household registration is as follows:<br>Resident Visa (Overseas Mission) → Alien Resident Certificate or Alien Permanent Resident Certificate (National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior) → Legally reside in the ROC for at least 183 days in total each year for 3 years → Naturalization (application filed with the household registration office, then transferred to the municipal or county [city] government for approval by the Ministry of the Interior) → Resident Certificate for the Taiwan Area (National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior [the applicant may prepare the necessary documents and submit them to the household registration office together with the naturalization application; the documents will then be transferred to the Ministry of the Interior for handling]) → Certificate of loss of original nationality (apply to the government of the country of origin or its authorized agency stationed overseas or in Taiwan) → Report and submit certificate of loss of original nationality (submitted to the household registration office, then transferred to the municipal or county [city] government for examination and reference by the Ministry of the Interior) → Starting from the approval date for residence in the Taiwan Area, accumulate at least 335 days of residence in the State within 1 year, or at least 270 days of residence in the State each year within 2 consecutive years, or at least 183 days of residence in the State each year within 5 consecutive years → a Registered Permanent Residence Certificate (National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior) → Initial household registration and application for National ID Card (household registration office).<br>4. For inquiries regarding the status of nationality alteration applications, please visit the Dept. of Household Registration, MOI Registration Information System (URL: https://www.ris.gov.tw/).<br>5. After a foreign national or a stateless person has been granted permission for naturalization by the Ministry of the Interior, such permission may be revoked pursuant to Paragraph 2, Article 9 of the Nationality Act; |

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| | additionally, the Ministry of the Interior may revoke permission for naturalization within 2 years of discovering any circumstances that do not conform to the requirements for naturalization (such as legal residence, capacity, no bad conduct, no criminal record, ability to live a stable life, or loss of original nationality). However, naturalization cannot be revoked if more than 5 years have passed since it took effect. Nevertheless, the time restriction on revocation does not apply to persons who, per a judicial court ruling, have been found to have become naturalized ROC nationals by colluding to conclude a fraudulent marriage or adoption. The applicant is advised to carefully review the provisions of the Nationality Act of the Republic of China to determine whether he/she truly meets the requirements for naturalization before applying to become a naturalized ROC national.<br>6. After a naturalized foreigner or stateless person has established initial household registration in Taiwan, if he is a male of conscription age (i.e., from January 1 of the year following the year in which he reaches 18 years of age, until December 31 of the year in which he reaches 36 years of age), he shall complete his compulsory military service in accordance with law. For questions related to military service, please consult the township, city, or district office for the municipality where the initial household registration was established. |

※This List of Documents Required for Application for Nationality Alteration is for reference only. Any amendment to relevant acts and regulations in the future shall prevail.

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# Application form of Naturalization

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：

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

Issuance Date and No. of the Certificate of Naturalization

Domestic Residence Address：

Reason for Naturalization：**Spouse of an ROC national**
Governing Law：Subparagraph 1, Paragraph 1, Articles 4 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)
□Proving document or certificate of Statelessness.
□Certificate of marriage.
□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.
□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.)

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

1. I, _____, was granted permission for naturalization by the Ministry of the Interior on _____(yyyy/mm/dd) with Permit Certificate Tai-Kui-Tzu No. _____. Due to the following reasons: _____ _____ I am unable to provide a certificate of loss of original nationality within 1 year from the day of permission for naturalization or from the day of reaching the age at which I may renounce my nationality under the laws of my country of origin (i.e., _____(yyyy/mm/dd). Therefore, I am filing an application for an extension within 30 days prior to the deadline in accordance with law.

2. I have attached documents proving that I applied to the government of my country of origin to renounce my original nationality on _____(yyyy/mm/dd) (see attachment). I anticipate that I will be able to submit the certificate of loss of original nationality prior to _____(yyyy/mm/dd) and request that this application for extension be approved.

Applicant: (Signature/seal)

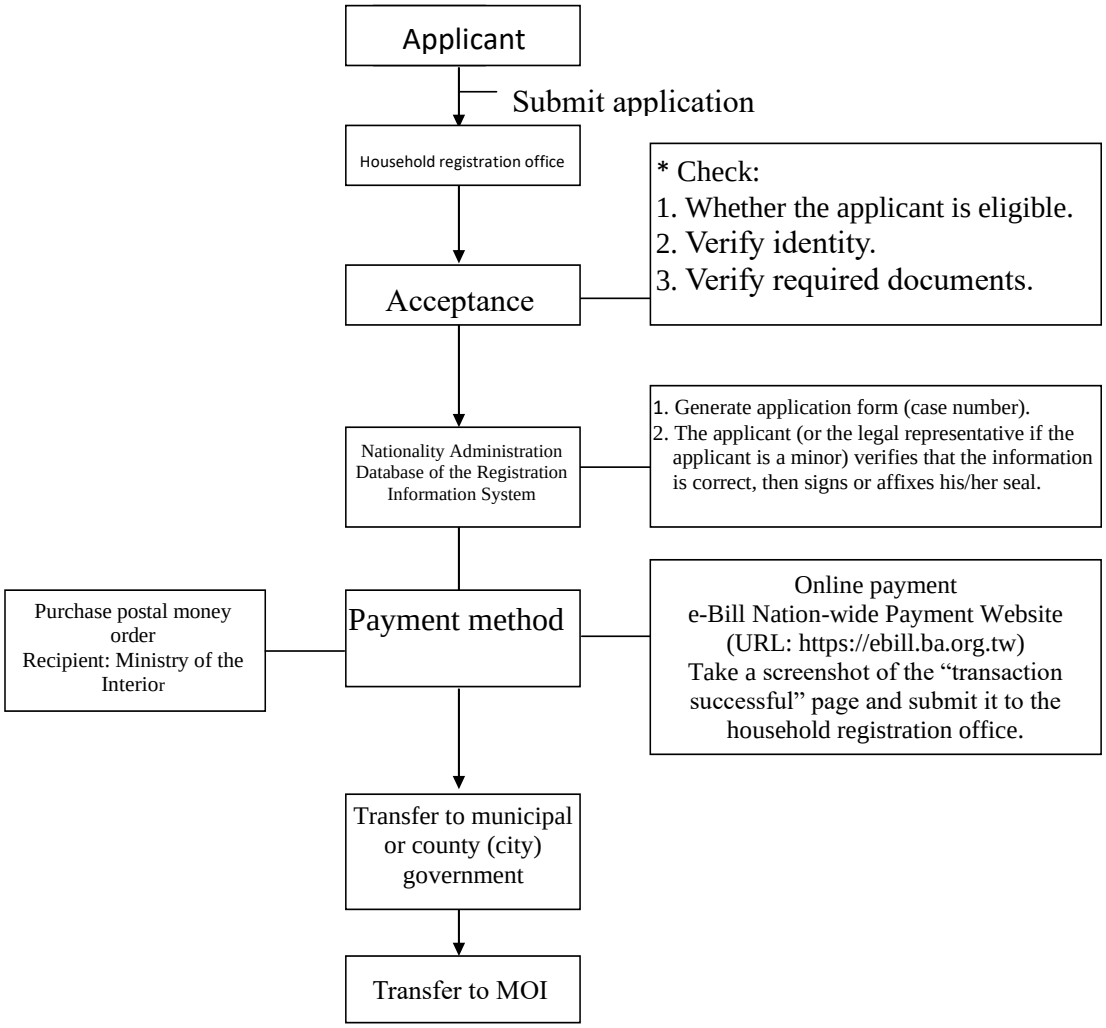
Alien resident certificate No.:

Resident address:

Contact phone number:

Date: (year/month/day)

# Domestic Naturalization Fees – Online Payment Procedures and Important Notes



**Instructions:**

Holders of an IC ATM card issued by a domestic bank can go online to pay the application fee of NT$ _____. In the event that the application is rejected or returned, the refund will be sent to the following account:
Account name:_____
Transfer bank:_____(bank)_____(branch)
Account number: _____.

Holders of an IC ATM card issued by a domestic bank can access the FISC e-Bill National Payment Network using a computer (URL: https://ebill.ba.org.tw) or by downloading the e-Bill National Payment Network app to a mobile device equipped with a mobile ATM card. Select Government Agencies Fees → National Treasury Fees.

**Payment account:** 05080101023006

**Cancellation code:**

Domestic applications: 3 + 1 + letter converted to numbers (2 digits) + the last 8 digits of the case code, for a total of 12 digits. For example: naturalization case code 1T00123456 converts to cancellation code 312000123456.

**ID card number (or unified number):**

National ID Card number or ARC number (including English letters). For example, A123456789 or AD00123456.

Letters used in nationality alteration case codes and their corresponding tasks:

B: New acquisition of nationality case
T: New naturalization case
S: New loss of nationality case
R: New restoration of nationality case
C: New nationality certificate case
CA: Online application for nationality certificate
D: Revocation task
G/N: Replacement/reissuance task
M: Naturalization test
H: Replacement/reissuance of score report for naturalization test

# Letter–Number Conversion Table

| Letter | Numeral | Letter | Numeral | Letter | Numeral |
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| A | 01 | J | 10 | S | 19 |
| B | 02 | K | 11 | T | 20 |
| C | 03 | L | 12 | U | 21 |
| D | 04 | M | 13 | V | 22 |
| E | 05 | N | 14 | W | 23 |
| F | 06 | O | 15 | X | 24 |
| G | 07 | P | 16 | Y | 25 |
| H | 08 | Q | 17 | Z | 26 |
| I | 09 | R | 18 | | |