UK documents: British citizenship

9 documents, rules in force October 2026. Apply online from inside the UK. Items marked in orange apply only in that situation.

Identity and application

- [ ] **UKVI account and eVisa access**
  Your status is digital (eVisa). Keep the passport you applied with linked to your UKVI account.
- [ ] **Fee £1,839 (includes the £130 ceremony)**
  Paid online when you apply.

Job, course or status

- [ ] **Record of every trip outside the UK**
  ILR: no more than 180 days in any 12 months. Citizenship: 450 days in 5 years and 90 in the last 12 months (270 in 3 years if married to a British citizen).
- [ ] **Proof of ILR (eVisa) for at least 12 months**
  Not needed to wait 12 months if you are married to a British citizen.
- [ ] **Two referees**
  One a professional (for example a doctor, lawyer or teacher), the other aged 25+ with a British passport; both must have known you for 3 years.

English and qualifications

- [ ] **Life in the UK test pass**
  For ages 18–64. £50, 24 questions, 75% to pass. Keep the unique reference number.
- [ ] **English at B1 or higher**
  An approved test or a degree taught in English.

Before you submit

- [ ] **Certified translations of documents not in English or Welsh**
  Each translation must confirm it is accurate and show the translator's details and date.
- [ ] **Upload scans or bring documents as the application asks**
  Most applications ask you to upload documents online before or after the biometrics appointment.

> Documents not in English or Welsh need a certified translation. Your permission will be an eVisa in your UKVI account. Check the current GOV.UK guidance before you apply.

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