

Applying for a Fee Waiver

For Citizenship Applications for Children under 18

To register a child as a British citizen, a fee of £1214 must be paid. If the application is rejected, the fee will not be refunded. However, a "fee waiver" can be requested if you cannot afford the citizenship fee. This means you don't have to pay the fee. A separate fee waiver request must be made for each child.

Note that fee waivers are not available for citizenship applications made by adults.

To be granted a fee waiver, credible evidence must be provided that **you cannot afford the citizenship fee after having met your family's essential needs.**

When submitting a fee waiver request, you must provide details and supporting evidence for your own financial circumstances and those of anyone the child depends upon for financial support. This evidence should cover the 6-month period before the date of application for all bank or building society accounts, as well as a full breakdown of monthly income and expenditure at the time of application.

You should include:

- **bank statements**
- **letters from local authorities or family members outlining financial support they provide to you**
- **evidence to show that you receive public funds, e.g. a Universal Credit statement**
- **evidence of household earnings e.g. payslips for family members who work**
- **evidence of household expenses, e.g. how much rent you pay**



There are several grounds on which the fee waiver application may be denied. These include the following:

- **providing unreliable information about the applicant's, their parent's or partner's circumstances**
- **deliberately getting rid of funds**
- **buying non-essential items or spending excessively beyond their income**
- **having enough savings to cover the fee and income beyond necessary expenses, indicating that they can afford to pay**
- **failing to take necessary measures to ensure that they have enough funds to pay upcoming fees.**

If your fee waiver application is approved, you will receive an email or letter with a personalised code (called a "token") to use when you make the citizenship application. This will exempt you from paying the full application fee. It is not possible to get a partial fee waiver.

