

JAMAICAN CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY

ADOPTION, BIRTH, & DESCENT



Jamaican Citizenship by Adoption refers to the following:

A non-Jamaican child who has been legally adopted in Jamaica in accordance with the Children (Adoption) Act; can claim Jamaican citizenship through either the adoptive mother or adoptive father and who must be Jamaican citizens at the time adoption occurred

Jamaican Citizenship by Birth refers to the following:

1. Any person born in Jamaica prior to August 6, 1962, who was on that date a citizen of the United Kingdom and its colonies.
2. Any person born in Jamaica after August 5, 1962.

Jamaican Citizenship by Descent refers to the following:

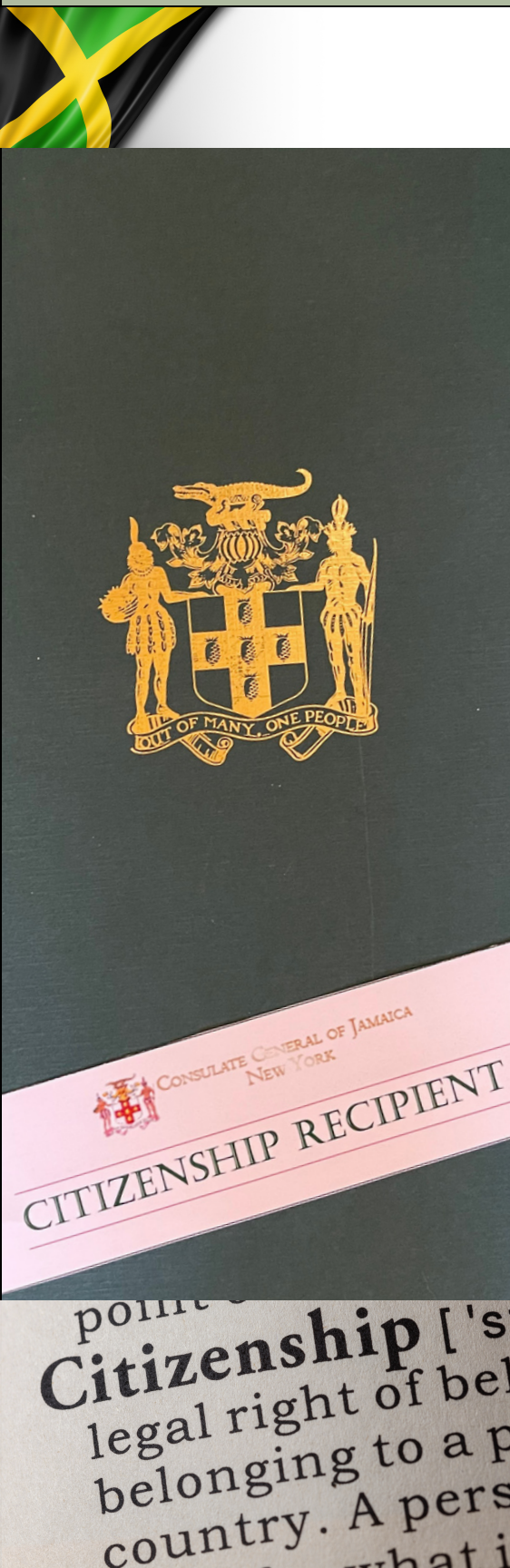
Anyone born outside of Jamaica to parents (mother or father or both) who are citizens of Jamaica at the time of birth

Jamaican Citizenship by Naturalization refers to the following:

A person may be granted naturalization after a minimum of five (5) years of residency in Jamaica, upon application, following his or her residency through either a Visa or Work Permit application.



JAMAICAN CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENT CHECKLIST



PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED:

- ☐ A Completed Application for Jamaican Citizenship by Descent form. Download [HERE](#)
- ☐ Original birth certificate of the applicant
- ☐ Original birth certificate of applicant's mother or father
- ☐ Original birth certificate grandparent or great-grandparent (if citizenship is being requested through them)
- ☐ Original marriage certificate of applicant
- ☐ Original Marriage certificate of parents (if applicant was born in wedlock)
- ☐ Original deed poll or naturalization certificate (if parent/grandparent etc. underwent a name-change)
- ☐ Valid driver's license or passport of mother or father (minors only)
- ☐ A valid government issued ID (valid driver's license or passport – adults only)
- ☐ Two recent passport-sized photographs taken within the last six months. Walk-in applicants need not notarize their photographs. Both photographs for mailed-in applications must be certified by the Notary Public as "I certify this to be a true photo of (FULL NAME OF APPLICANT)" and should be stamped, signed, & dated by the Notary Public.
If this is unable to hold on the photographs, the photographs may be pasted on a blank paper and notarized following the aforementioned guidelines.
- ☐ \$140 USD application fee