

List of Documents as Required for Application for Nationality Alteration	
Application item	A. Naturalization of nationality
Application reason	Applicant as the spouse of an ROC national
Governing law	<p>1、Subparagraph 1 of paragraph 1 of Articles 4, 8, 9 of the Nationality Act.</p> <p>2、Articles 2 to Article 6, Article 8, 9, 11, 16, 18 of the Enforcement Rules of the Nationality Act.</p> <p>3、Charge Standards for Nationality Fees</p>
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	<p>Documents required to be submitted by the applicant</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p>

(3) 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、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:

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

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

③The 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 60 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.

5、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)

6、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.

7、Applicants who have yet to complete their marriage registration in Taiwan shall submit their marriage certificate and nationality identity documents for the applicants and the applicants' spouse who has R.O.C. nationality.

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 :

① Where 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.

② Where the applicant comes to Taiwan for schooling.

③ Where the Applicant is under exit restrictions by the National Immigration Agency of the MOI as requested by competent authorities.

④ Where 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.

⑤ Where an applicant has a labor dispute, which has been under litigation proceedings.

⑥ Where an applicant suffers an occupational disaster and requires medical treatment.

⑦ Where the applicant is the victim or witness of a criminal case.

⑧ Where the applicant is a dependent of persons referred to in the preceding seven Subparagraphs.

3 · The criminal records covering the period of the residence in the

	<p>ROC.</p> <p>4、 Relevant household registration records in which the marriage date is stated.</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>
<p>備註 Remarks</p>	<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> <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.</p> <p>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</p>

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



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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(Same specification
applied to national ID
cards)

Issuance Date and No. of the Certificate of Naturalization Candidacy

Domestic Residence Address :

Reason for Naturalization : **Applicant as the spouse of an ROC national.**

Governing Law : Subparagraph 1of paragraph 1of 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)
- 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.
- 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 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: