



DESCENT APPLICATION FORM

PASSPORT, IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP AGENCY

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CLAIMANT'S INFORMATION

Name:			
Date of Birth: (DD/MMMM/YYYY)		Place of Birth:	
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Occupation:	Religion:	

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PARTICULARS OF PARENTS

FATHER		MOTHER	
Name:		Name:	
Date of Birth: (DD/MM/YYYY)		Date of Birth: (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Place of Birth:		Place of Birth:	

PARTICULARS OF GRAND PARENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

PATERNAL		MATERNAL	
Name:		Name:	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):		Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):	
Place of Birth:		Place of Birth:	

PARTICULARS OF GREAT GRAND PARENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

PATERNAL		MATERNAL	
Name:		Name:	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):		Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):	
Place of Birth:		Place of Birth:	

Applicants name (Please Print):	Applicant's Signature:	Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

When completed the certificate is to be (Please check the appropriate box) Couriered Collected

All documents must be originals. PICA reserves the right to request additional and/or updated information during the process of the application. The established processing time is not guaranteed for applications referred for investigation.

**HOW TO ESTABLISH A CLAIM TO
CITIZENSHIP OF JAMAICA BY BIRTH (DESCENT)**

QUALIFICATIONS

An applicant qualifies for Citizenship by descent where:

- A. (i) She / He was born outside of Jamaica before the 6th August 1962.
- (ii) His / Her mother or father on the 6th August 1962 became or would have, but for his/her death, become a citizen of Jamaica.
- B. She /He was born outside Jamaica after the 5th August 1962 and whose mother/father at the date of his/her birth is/was a citizen of Jamaica by birth, descent or registration by virtue of marriage to a Jamaican.

PROCEDURE

1. The application form which is obtainable at PICA, the Jamaican High Commissions, Embassies and Consulates as well as online at www.pica.gov.jm, should be completed and submitted along with the following documents:
 - (i) The applicant's Birth Certificate;
 - (ii) The applicant's father's or mother's Birth Certificate or Certificate of Jamaican Citizenship or Adoption Certificate issued by the Registrar General's Department (RGD);
 - (iii) Two (2) passport sized photographs of the applicant certified by either a **Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Oaths, Notary Public, Lawyer or Doctor**. (The applicant's name along with the name, number and signature of the certifying officer and the certification date **no** older than 6 months should be included).
 - (iv) Marriage Certificate (where applicable);
 - (v) Applicant's valid ID (If adult 18 years and older);
 - (vi) Jamaican parent's government issued ID (Valid Passport or Driver's Licence); if application is for a minor;
 - (vii) Court issued document evidencing Legal Guardianship where applicable;
 - (viii) Official Change of Name Document (Court Order, Deed Poll registered through the Court or the country's Records Office, etc.) where applicable;
2. **Compliant regular** applications are processed within twenty-five (25) working days and **local expedited** within fifteen (15) working days.

COST

- Applications submitted locally will attract a non-refundable fee of **JMD\$10,000.00 for regular service and JMD\$15,000.00 for expedited service.** Payment for local applications will **only** be accepted in Jamaican dollars.
- Fees for the various foreign currencies are accepted but are only applicable to applications submitted through the Jamaican High Commissions, Consulates/Embassies. The required costs are quoted as follows: **USD\$100.00; CAD\$110.00; GBP£60.00; EUR€74.00**

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The Descent Application Form was revised by the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency on February 19, 2021.