



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT CHECKLIST FOR SURROGACY CASES

- **UNDER SURROGACY GUIDELINES, A CHILD BORN OVERSEAS AS A RESULT OF A SURROGACY ARRANGEMENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT IF AT LEAST ONE OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS IS AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED FULL PARENTAL RIGHTS BY A COURT OF LAW**

Please DO NOT undergo DNA testing unless you have been requested to do so by the Australian Embassy in Moscow

- **YOU MUST PROVIDE COPIES OR SCANS OF ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN THE GENERAL CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT CHECKLIST WHEN YOU LODGE THE APPLICATION, WHETHER YOU LODGE IT ONLINE OR IN PAPER FORM.**
 - **IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE THE DOCUMENTS, PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY DELAYED.**
 - **YOU MUST PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES FOR ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW. FOR OTHER DOCUMENTS, UNCERTIFIED COPIES ARE ACCEPTABLE**
 - **DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFIED ENGLISH TRANSLATION.**
- 1) **Surrogacy Agreement** between intended parents and surrogate mother and/or medical practice.
 - 2) **Valid license** from the Ministry of Health for the Medical Practice involved in the surrogacy arrangements.
 - 3) **Medical Birth Certificate** of the applicant issued by the hospital where the applicant was born. This birth certificate will indicate the surrogate mother.
 - 4) **Statement from the doctor** stating clearly that genetic material from one or both of the intended parents has been implanted in the surrogate mother.
 - 5) Documentation stating clearly the **legal custody** of the surrogate child.
 - 6) Documentation **waiving the rights** of the surrogate mother and her husband or partner (where applicable).

Further information regarding specific procedures for surrogacy cases will be provided by a case officer.

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