

Guidelines for Jamaican Citizenship by Marriage

The conditions

This is spelt out in Section 7, sub-section (1) and is subject to the conditions as laid out at sub-section (2) of the Jamaica Constitution. According to Section 7(1):

"Any man or woman, after the fifth day of August, 1962, marries a person who is or becomes a citizen of Jamaica, shall, subject to subsection (2), be entitled, upon making application in such manner as may be prescribed and, if he or she is a British-protected person or an alien, upon taking the oath of allegiance, to be registered as a citizen of Jamaica."

Under the provisions of sub-section (2) A person may be denied registration if:

(a) there is satisfactory evidence that-

(1) the marriage was entered into primarily for the purpose of enabling that person to acquire Jamaican citizenship; or

(2) the parties to the marriage have no intention to live permanently with each other as spouses, after the marriage:

(b) the person has been convicted in any country of a criminal offence specified in any law which makes provision for such denial on the ground of such conviction."

How to apply

The application **MUST** be submitted in person with the under listed documents:

1. Applicant's Passport and Birth Certificate.
2. Official marriage certificate
3. Husband's/Wife's Official Birth Certificate
4. Husband's /wife's current passport
5. Form R. 1 to be completed in duplicate and certified at the High Commission
6. Two (2) passport-sized photographs certified by a Justice of the Peace, a Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths.
7. Recent Police Character Certificate (Police Report)
8. Recent bank statement
9. Verification of income (e.g. Pay slips, company financial statements, employment letter)
10. Originals and two (2) copies of all documents **MUST** be submitted.
11. Registration fee of US\$260.00 cash.
12. Mailing fee US\$11.00

No application will be accepted unless all the above requirements are met.

The Ministry of National Security and Justice reserves the right to request additional information and/or documentation from an applicant.

Please allow a processing period (by the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency) of approximately 24 months

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