



# CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAMAICA, TORONTO

## REQUIREMENTS FOR JAMAICAN CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

An applicant qualifies for Citizenship by Descent if he/she was born to a citizen of Jamaica before 1962; or his/her mother or father on 6th August 1962 became or would have but for his/her death became a citizen of Jamaica; or if he/she was born outside of Jamaica after 1962 and whose mother /father at the time of his or her birth is/was a citizen of Jamaica by birth, descent or registration by virtue of marriage to a Jamaican.

The following **original** documents are required:

- Completed Citizenship by Descent Application Form;  
<https://www.pica.gov.jm/sites/default/files/Forms/Citizenship%20by%20Descent%20Application%20Form.pdf>
- Birth Certificate – If applicant was born in Canada, a Statement of Live Birth (Long form Birth Certificate) is required;
- Applicant's father's, mother's or grandparent's Birth Certificate, Certificate of Jamaican Citizenship or Adoption Certificate issued by the Registrar General's Department (RGD);
- Marriage Certificate, where applicable;
- Official Change of Name Document – Court Order, Deed Polls registered through the court or the Country's record office, etc., where applicable;
- Two (2) identical passport sized photographs certified by a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Oaths, Medical Doctor and Minister of Religion who is authorized to perform marriages (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). No embossed seal; A Consular Officer may certify the application and photographs if the individual appears in person at the Consulate;
- Valid government issued ID (e.g. Passport or Driver's Licence);
- Jamaican parent's valid government issued ID (e.g. Passport or Driver's Licence); if the application is for a minor.

### FEE

- One Hundred and Ten Canadian Dollars (CDN\$110.00) via **money order** made payable to **PICA**.
- Twenty-Six Canadian Dollars (CDN\$26.00). Consular and postage fees are payable in cash, by debit card or **money order** if the application is submitted by mail. The money order should be made payable to **Consulate-General of Jamaica**.

### PROCESSING TIME

- Compliant applications are processed within three (3) months. All applications are submitted to the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA) in Jamaica.

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