



# 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 Jamaica. The applicant must be able to provide evidence of the parent's or grandparent's Jamaican citizenship **and** evidence of their birth or descent from that person.

The following documents are required:

- Completed Citizenship by Descent Application Form;  
<https://www.pica.gov.jm/sites/default/files/Forms/Citizenship%20by%20Descent%20Application%20Form.pdf>
- Original Birth Certificate – If applicant was born in Canada, an original Statement of live birth (Long form Birth Certificate) or Birth Certificate with Parental Information is required;
- Applicant's father's, mother's or grandparent's original Jamaican Birth Certificate, Certificate of Jamaican Citizenship or Adoption Certificate issued by the Registrar General's Department (RGD);
- Original 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 or 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 (Valid Passport or Driver's Licence);
- Jamaican parent's government issued ID (Valid Passport or Driver's Licence) if the application is for a minor.

### FEE

- One Hundred and Forty Five Dollars (CDN\$145.00)
- Payment for processing of applications can be made via:
  - Cash or **debit** card (In-person Applicants ONLY)
  - Bank draft/money order payable to **Consulate General of Jamaica** (for clients mailing in from the GTHA)

### PROCESSING TIME

- Compliant applications are processed within **six (6) months**.
- All applications are submitted to the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA) in Jamaica. PICA reserves the right to request additional information and documentation in support of the application.

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