

# Citizenship ceremonies

## Frequently asked questions

### **Do I have to attend a ceremony to become British Citizen?**

Yes

### **How long do I have to book a ceremony to become British Citizen?**

You have 3 months from the date on your invitation letter.

### **What if I cannot attend within the 3 months?**

Inform the Home Office as soon as possible, under certain circumstances the Home Office may extend the 3 months.

### **Do my children have to attend a ceremony?**

Children under the age of 18 do not have to attend a ceremony, but may do so if they wish.

### **Do I need to bring anything when attending my ceremony?**

Yes, you need to bring your Home Office invitation letter.

### **Can I transfer my ceremony to a different district?**

No, you can only attend a ceremony at the address stated on your Home Office invitation letter.

## **How long does a ceremony take?**

Your ceremony will take between 30 - 45 minutes.

## **What happens if I am late for my ceremony?**

Unfortunately, you will have to re-book for another ceremony.

## **Do I have to learn the declarations?**

No, you will repeat the declarations after the Superintendent Registrar.

## **Do you provide interpreters?**

No, you will have to bring your own interpreter; you also need to inform the Superintendent Registrar before the start of your ceremony.

## **Can I have more than 2 guests?**

Guests are limited to 2 however, under special circumstances you may be able to. Please speak to a member of staff in the Register Office.

## **Do I have to attend a ceremony with other people?**

No, you can have an individual ceremony; however, there will be a charge of £100.

## **Can I take photos at the ceremony?**

Yes. There is also an official photographer in attendance if you wish to purchase photographs.

## **What is the dress code for attending the ceremony?**

Smart casual.

## **There is a mistake on my certificate, what do I do?**

The certificate has to be returned to the Home Office. The register office cannot make the amendments.

## **Where can I obtain a replacement citizenship certificate?**

Replacement certificates can be obtained from the Home Office, you will be charged a fee of £98.