

# GRANTING POLISH CITIZENSHIP

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Polish citizenship may be acquired by operation of law, by granting Polish citizenship, by recognizing Polish citizenship or by restoring Polish citizenship.

The right to grant Polish citizenship to a foreigner is vested in the President of Poland at the request of the foreigner.

The application is submitted on an official form that includes the following information:

- foreigner's data,
- address
- information about the foreigner's parents and further ascendants, if they had Polish citizenship,
- information about having Polish citizenship in the past, its loss and the date of acquiring citizenship of another country,
- information about the foreigner's sources of income, professional achievements, political and social activities,
- information about the foreigner's knowledge of the Polish language,
- details of the foreigner's spouse.
- information whether the foreigner has applied for acquiring Polish citizenship in the past,
- justification

The application for granting Polish citizenship should be accompanied by, among others, documents confirming the data and information contained in the application and photographs of the persons covered by the application.

The application for granting Polish citizenship is submitted through the voivode or consul, in person or by correspondence, with an officially certified signature. Then, the voivode and the consul submit to the President of the Republic of Poland, through the minister responsible for internal affairs, an application for granting Polish citizenship along with documents and their own opinion. The minister responsible for internal affairs, before submitting the application to the President of the Republic of Poland, requests the Commander-in-Chief of the Police, the Head of the Internal Security Agency, and, if necessary, other authorities, to provide information that may be of significant importance in the matter of granting Polish citizenship, and prepares opinion on the application. After receiving the application, the President of the Republic of Poland may also ask the competent authorities, organizations or institutions to provide information that may be important in the matter of granting Polish citizenship.

The President of the Republic of Poland grants Polish citizenship or refuses to grant it in the form of a decision. A foreigner acquires Polish citizenship on the day the President of the Republic of Poland issues a decision on granting Polish citizenship. The Head of the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland prepares acts of granting Polish citizenship and notifications of refusal to grant it.

The granting of Polish citizenship to parents covers a minor remaining under their parental authority. The granting of Polish citizenship to one of the parents covers a minor remaining under his/her parental authority if:

- the other parent is not entitled to parental authority,
- the second parent submitted a declaration of consent to the minor acquiring or losing Polish citizenship.

More information at: [www.poradyprawne-taurus.pl](http://www.poradyprawne-taurus.pl)

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