

# **REGISTRATION AS A CITIZEN OF GUYANA OF A CHILD BORN TO A GUYANESE PARENT**

*Guyana Birth Certificates are now being issued to children born of Guyanese parents overseas, at the Guyana High Commission, London.*

- 1. The person to be registered must be born on or after 26<sup>th</sup> May 1966.*
- 2. At least one parent whose name is recorded on the Foreign Birth Certificate **MUST** be a Guyanese by **BIRTH**.*
- 3. An original birth certificate together with an official translation, if it is not in the English language, of the person to be registered must be submitted. The birth certificate is to be certified in the country where it is issued.*
- 4. A copy of the birth certificate of the Guyanese parent must accompany application. The parent's name on birth certificate must correspond with the one stated on their child's foreign birth certificate. In the event that it does not, documents such as deed poll (change of name document); affidavit of identity or marriage certificate in the case of married women should be submitted with the application. Additional documents may be required and will be requested if necessary.*
- 5. A photo identification of the person effecting the registration is required. If residing overseas or submitting the application by post, the bio data page of the passport should be **photocopied and certified** (by a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths and Affidavits) before forwarding with application. If the person effecting the registration is not the parent then a duly notarised authorisation of the parent's birth certificate is required.*
- 6. All documents, with the exception of the parent's birth certificate, must be original and should be accompanied by two copies. Please note that the child's foreign birth certificate will not be returned but will be held at the High Commission for its records.*
- 7. The application should have a covering letter requesting that the child be registered as a citizen of Guyana and that the appropriate birth certificate be mailed to the address of the parent. It is imperative to write the address clearly.*
- 8. Fees are paid by cash, Postal Order or International Bank Draft made payable to the "Guyana High Commission". Personal cheques and Euros are not acceptable. Persons residing in the UK can collect the birth certificate when it is completed or forward a registered self addressed envelope while those overseas are required to pay £10.00 for return postage.*

*The fee for a birth certificate is £10.00.*

*Applicants in the UK should note that if a registered self addressed envelope is not forwarded then he or she is required to include an additional £8.00 for postage.*

*Once the application is accompanied by the requisite documents, the process will take one to two months.*