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CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN SYDNEY

GREEK CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

Dear Applicant,

Please note that different procedures are required to acquire Greek citizenship by descent based on your personal circumstances.

We have categorized the most common cases with the relevant required process and needed documentation. If any of the below listed categories apply to you and you have all the required documents ready, please request an appointment with us by returning the attached application form to grgencon.sid@mfa.gr. If you do not default on any of the below listed categories please contact the Consulate at grgencon.sid@mfa.gr to clarify your eligibility and get information on options for citizenship applications.

Please keep in mind that our Consulate can process applications for events that took place in NSW only. If you were **NOT born in NSW** please contact the relevant Consulate General of Greece, Consular Office or Greek Embassy (whichever is applicable and is located nearest to the city/town of birth).

Please note that the below information is to be used as a guide only. Additional documentation or procedures might be requested at the time of an application lodgement. In any case the applicant's special and personal circumstances have to be evaluated at the time of applying.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Greek Citizen!

	Applicants' personal circumstances	Type of Process	Required documentation
1	Applicants with both parents being Greek citizens by birth & parents' marriage being registered in Greece	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birth Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office• Valid Australian Passport• Relevant Stamp duty fees
2	Applicants with both parents being Greek citizens by birth & parents' marriage NOT being registered in Greece	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One of Greek parents' of the applicant has to organize an appointment to register their marriage before their child's application for citizenship can be processed.• <i>In case both Greek parents are deceased without having registered their marriage the applicant will need to follow application procedures for Greek citizenship (see category no 11)</i>• For a marriage to be registered the required documentation is as follows:• Marriage Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office• Marriage Certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church of NSW (if a religious wedding took place)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Greek IDs or Greek passports or Australian Passports for both spouses • Relevant Stamp duty fees. <p><i>After the parents' marriage is acknowledged by Greece the applicant can proceed with a second appointment to register their birth. The required documentation for birth registration is as follows;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office • Valid Australian Passport • Relevant Stamp duty fees
3	Applicants born before 08/05/1984 with only the mother being a Greek citizen by birth and the mother's marriage being registered in Greece	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent Extraction of Birth certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church (if an Orthodox wedding took place) • Recent Extraction of the applicant's own marriage certificate (in case the applicant is married) issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • The applicant's valid Australian Passport (biometric page) with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Relevant Stamp duty fees <p><i>The Apostille stamp can be obtained at Sydney's Passport office Level 7, 26 Lee Street Tel: 02 92076904 https://www.dfat.gov.au/search?keys=appointment+for+apostille</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After receiving the Apostille Stamp on the above documents you need to contact a Solicitor who has a license to operate in Greece to get your documents translated, or you may

			<p>organize the translations with an Authorized Greek Translator. A current list of authorized Greek translators can be found on the following link https://metafraseis.services.gov.gr/search/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent copies of Birth & Marriage certificates can be requested through Service NSW (https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/)
4	<p>Applicants born before 08/05/1984 with only the mother being a Greek citizen by birth and the mother's marriage NOT being registered in Greece</p>	<p>Application</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Greek mother of the applicant has to organize an appointment to register her marriage before her child's application for citizenship can be processed. <i>In case the Greek mother is deceased without having registered her marriage the applicant will need to follow application procedures for Greek citizenship (see category no 11)</i> For a marriage to be registered the required documentation is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marriage Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office Marriage Certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church of NSW (if a religious wedding took place) Valid Greek IDs or Greek passports or Australian Passports for both spouses Relevant Stamp duty fees. <p><i>After the Greek mother's marriage is acknowledged by Greece the applicant can proceed with a second appointment to register their birth. The required documentation for birth registration is as follows;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent Extraction of Birth certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church (if an Orthodox wedding took place) Recent Extraction of the applicant's own marriage certificate (in case the applicant is married) issued by the

			<p>NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant's valid Australian Passport (biometric page) with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Relevant Stamp duty fees <p><i>The Apostille stamp can be obtained at Sydney's Passport office Level 7, 26 Lee Street Tel: 02 92076904</i></p> <p><i>https://www.dfat.gov.au/search?keys=appointment+for+apostille</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After receiving the Apostille Stamp on the above documents you need to contact a Solicitor who has a license to operate in Greece to get your documents translated, or you may organize the translations with an Authorized Greek Translator. A current list of authorized Greek translators can be found on the following link https://metafraseis.services.gov.gr/search/ • <i>Recent copies of Birth & Marriage certificates can be requested through Service NSW (https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/)</i>
5	Applicants born after 08/05/1984 with only the mother being a Greek citizen by birth and the mother's marriage being registered in Greece	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office • Valid Australian Passport • Relevant Stamp duty fees
6	Applicants born after 08/05/1984 with only the mother being a Greek citizen by birth and the mother's marriage NOT being registered in Greece	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Greek mother of the applicant has to organize an appointment to register her marriage before her child's application for citizenship can be processed. • <i>In case the Greek mother is deceased without having registered her marriage the applicant will need to follow application procedures for Greek citizenship (see category no 11)</i> • For a marriage to be registered the required documentation is as follows: • Marriage Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage Certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church of NSW (if a religious wedding took place) • Valid Greek IDs or Greek passports or Australian Passports for both spouses • Relevant Stamp duty fees. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>After the Greek mother's marriage is acknowledged by Greece the applicant can proceed with a second appointment to register their birth. The required documentation for birth registration is as follows;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office • Valid Australian Passport • Relevant Stamp duty fees
7	Applicants born before 18/07/1982 with only the father being a Greek citizen by birth and the father's marriage being registered in Greece	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent Extraction of Birth certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church (if an Orthodox wedding took place) • Recent Extraction of the applicant's own marriage certificate (in case the applicant is married) issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • The applicant's valid Australian Passport (biometric page) with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Relevant Stamp duty fees • <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Apostille stamp can be obtained at Sydney's Passport office Level 7, 26 Lee Street Tel: 02 92076904 https://www.dfat.gov.au/search?keys=appointment+for+apostille</i></p>

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8	Applicants born before 18/07/1982 with only the father being a Greek citizen by birth and the father's marriage NOT being registered in Greece	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Greek father of the applicant has to organize an appointment to register his marriage before her child's application for citizenship can be processed. • <i>In case the Greek father is deceased without having registered his marriage the applicant will need to register the marriage of his parents before following his own application.</i> • For a marriage to be registered the required documentation is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office • Marriage Certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church of NSW (if a religious wedding took place) • Valid Greek IDs or Greek passports or Australian Passports for both spouses • Relevant Stamp duty fees. <p><i>After the Greek father's marriage is acknowledged by Greece the applicant can proceed with a second appointment to register their birth. The required documentation for birth registration is as follows;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent Extraction of Birth certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by

			<p>the Greek Orthodox Church (if an Orthodox wedding took place)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent Extraction of the applicant's own marriage certificate (in case the applicant is married) issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • The applicant's valid Australian Passport (biometric page) with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Relevant Stamp duty fees <p><i>The Apostille stamp can be obtained at Sydney's Passport office Level 7, 26 Lee Street Tel: 02 92076904 https://www.dfat.gov.au/search?keys=appointment+for+apostille</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After receiving the Apostille Stamp on the above documents you need to contact a Solicitor who has a license to operate in Greece to get your documents translated, or you may organize the translations with an Authorized Greek Translator. A current list of authorized Greek translators can be found on the following link https://metafraseis.services.gov.gr/search/ • <i>Recent copies of Birth & Marriage certificates can be requested through Service NSW (https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/)</i>
9	Applicants born after 18/07/1982 with only the father being a Greek citizen by birth and the father's marriage being registered in Greece	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office • Valid Australian Passport • Relevant Stamp duty fees
10	Applicants born after 18/07/1982 with only the father being a Greek citizen by birth and the father's marriage NOT being registered in Greece	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Greek father of the applicant has to organize an appointment to register his marriage before her child's application for citizenship can be processed. • <i>In case the Greek father is deceased without having registered his marriage the applicant will need to follow application procedures for Greek citizenship (see category no 11)</i>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a marriage to be registered the required documentation is as follows: • Marriage Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office • Marriage Certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church of NSW (if a religious wedding took place) • Valid Greek IDs or Greek passports or Australian Passports for both spouses • Relevant Stamp duty fees. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>After the Greek father's marriage is acknowledged by Greece the applicant can proceed with a second appointment to register their birth. The required documentation for birth registration is as follows;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate issued by NSW Registration Office • Valid Australian Passport • Relevant Stamp duty fees
11	<p>Applicants that need to follow application processes (please check below indicative list)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants with both Greek born parents being deceased and family registration records being closed off in the relevant municipality. - Applicants with at least one Greek parent by birth, but with the Greek parent being deceased and never registered their own marriage in Greece. - Applicants with Greek parents not by birth but by descent (born outside Greece), who were granted Greek citizenship after giving birth to their children - Applicants with at least one parent being Greek not by birth but by 	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent Extraction of Birth certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church (if an Orthodox wedding took place) • <i>In case the applicant is born outside wedlock marriage certificates are not required.</i> • For applicants born outside wedlock to a Greek father, a Single Status Certificate for the foreign mother is required, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek translator. • For applicants born outside wedlock to a Greek father, the applicant's mother's Australian Passport (biometric page) is required, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Recent Extraction of the applicant's own marriage certificate (in case the

	<p>descent (born outside Greece) and to whom (parent) Greek citizenship was granted after giving birth to their children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants that were born to a Greek (by birth or descent) father and outside wedlock. - Applicants born before 08/05/1984 to a Greek (by birth) mother and outside wedlock. - Applicants with Greek parents that were granted citizenship through application processes and after giving birth to the said applicants. - Adult applicants born to Greek parents outside wedlock and without the Greek parents having signed a paternity acceptance document while the applicant was still a minor (underage). 		<p>applicant is married) issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant's valid Australian Passport (biometric page) with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. • Relevant Stamp duty fees <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Apostille stamp can be obtained at Sydney's Passport office Level 7, 26 Lee Street Tel: 02 92076904</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>https://www.dfat.gov.au/search?keys=appointment+for+apostille</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After receiving the Apostille Stamp on the above documents you need to contact a Solicitor who has a license to operate in Greece to get your documents translated, or you may organize the translations with an Authorized Greek Translator. A current list of authorized Greek translators can be found on the following link https://metafraseis.services.gov.gr/search/ • <i>Recent copies of Birth & Marriage certificates can be requested through Service NSW (https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/)</i>
12	Applicants with only grandparents being Greek citizens	<p>Application</p> <p>(if the parent who is of Greek descent is alive and willing to acquire Greek citizenship before the applicant continues with their own application)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please contact the consulate to verify your exact circumstances if unsure. <p style="color: red;"><i>In any case the Greek grandparent/grandparents (if still alive) have to register his/her/their marriage that would allow their child to acquire Greek citizenship and pass it on to a descendant through the correct procedures. If the Greek grandparent/grandparents is/are diseased and his/her/their child cannot acquire Greek citizenship through registration or application to pass on to the relevant descendant, naturalization processes have to be followed.</i></p>

		<p>Naturalization</p> <p>(if the parent who is of Greek descent is deceased and therefore cannot acquire Greek citizenship before the applicant proceeds with his own application).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documentation for Naturalization includes but is not limited to: - Registration certificate of the relevant municipality (city/town of origin) of the applicant's Greek descendant (grandparent) - Recent Extractions of the applicant's Greek descendant's marriage certificate with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. - Recent Extractions of the applicant's Greek descendant's child's (father or mother of the applicant) birth certificate with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. - Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. - Recent Extraction of the applicant's parents' marriage certificate issued by the Greek Orthodox Church (if an Orthodox wedding took place) - Recent Extraction of the applicant's Birth certificate issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. - Recent Extraction of the applicant's own marriage certificate (in case the applicant is married) issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. - Recent Extraction of the applicant's underage (if any exist) children's Birth certificates issued by the NSW Registration office, with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. - The applicant's valid Australian Passport (biometric page) with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. - The applicant's underage (if any exist) children's valid Australian Passports (biometric page) with the Apostille
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			<p>Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Police Clearance (Federal) with the Apostille Stamp and officially translated by a Greek licensed Solicitor or authorized Greek Translator. - The applicant's baptism certificate (if a Greek Orthodox baptism took place). - Any additional document that could support the application and could provide evidence of the applicant's Greek ancestry (i.g. old Greek passports, certificates of attendance in Greek schools or Greek language courses, Greek Orthodox Church Certificates, proof of participation in Greek communities and organizations overseas, registrations with Consular Records etc). - Two (2) witnesses that are Greek citizens and hold either a valid Greek passport or a valid Greek ID Card. - One (1) passport size photo. - Relevant Stamp duty fees <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Apostille stamp can be obtained at Sydney's Passport office Level 7, 26 Lee Street Tel: 02 92076904</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>https://www.dfat.gov.au/search?keys=appointment+for+apostille</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After receiving the Apostille Stamp on the above documents you need to contact a Solicitor who has a license to operate in Greece to get your documents translated, or you may organize the translations with an Authorized Greek Translator. A current list of authorized Greek translators can be found on the following link https://metafraseis.services.gov.gr/search/ - Recent copies of Birth & Marriage certificates can be requested through Service NSW (https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/)
13	Applicants that do not default on any of the above categories	Naturalization (in most cases)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please contact the consulate to verify your exact circumstances. Naturalization procedures might be required.
14	Applicants who are NOT born in New South Wales, Australia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please contact the relevant Greek Consulate, Consular Office or Greek Embassy that is closest to the city of your birth.