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**CITIZENSHIP INVITATION**  
**APPLICATION FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP BY**  
**Panagiota Nigianni 27 January 1974**

I am pleased to tell you that this application for British citizenship has been approved. To complete the process of becoming a British citizen, you will need to attend a citizenship ceremony to receive your certificate. In the ceremony you will take an Oath or Affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and a Pledge of loyalty to the United Kingdom. This is a formal promise to Her Majesty the Queen and the United Kingdom.

**What you must do now**

1. The ceremony will be arranged by the Local Authority whose details are shown below. Please contact the authority using these details within **21 days** of the date of this letter to book your ceremony. Please note that documentation may take up to 2 working days to arrive.

The Citizenship Ceremonies Officer Merton

Merton Register Office

Morden Park House

Morden Park

London Road

Morden

Surrey

SM4 5QU

Telephone: 0208 274 5775

2. The personal details below will appear on the certificate. If the details on your certificate are incorrect you should still arrange a ceremony, and return the certificate to us for amendment afterwards. You should also send a copy of your passport or birth certificate as evidence of the correct details.

**Certificate details**

Full name: Panagiota Nigianni

Name at birth:

Date of birth: 27 January 1974

Place of birth: Athens, Greece

**The ceremony**

Please read the enclosed guidance notes as soon as possible. These give important information about the ceremony and the words you need to say for the Oath/Affirmation and the Pledge.

Please note that once you become a British citizen you will lose any refugee status you may hold in the United Kingdom.

**You must bring this invitation to the ceremony, if you do not your ceremony will be postponed. The registrar may request evidence of identity including a photograph.**



# CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES GUIDANCE NOTES

The final part of becoming a British citizen is for you to attend a citizenship ceremony, which your local authority will arrange.

## Who should attend a ceremony?

Every successful applicant aged over 18 is required to attend a ceremony.

Children under 18 who have applied with their parents may attend a ceremony with other members of the family, to collect their certificate. They do not have to take the Oath/Affirmation or Pledge, but may do so. If they do not attend the ceremony, another family member may collect their certificate.

Guests can come to your ceremony but normally only two will be allowed. If you would like more guests to attend please discuss this when you arrange the ceremony.

## What will happen at the ceremony?

During the ceremony you will have to say either the Oath or the Affirmation of allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and the Pledge of loyalty to the United Kingdom. This is a formal promise to Her Majesty the Queen and the United Kingdom.

You may make the Oath (or Affirmation) and Pledge either in English or Welsh.

### Oath of allegiance

I, (name), swear by Almighty God that, on becoming a British citizen, I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

### Affirmation of allegiance

I (name) do solemnly, and sincerely affirm that, on becoming a British citizen, I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

### Pledge

I will give my loyalty to the United Kingdom and respect its rights and freedoms. I will uphold its democratic values. I will observe its laws faithfully and fulfil my duties and obligations as a British citizen.

or, if attending a ceremony in Wales, in Welsh

### Llwyd teyrngarwch

Yr wyf i, (enw), yn tyngu i Dduw Hollalluog y byddaf i, ar ôl dod yn ddinesydd Prydeinig,

yn ffyddlon ac yn wir deyrngar i'w Mawrhydi y Frenhines Elisabeth yr Ail, ei Hetifeddion a'i Holynwyr, yn unol â'r gyfraith.

### Cadarnhau teyrngarwch

Yr wyf i, (enw), yn datgan ac yn cadarnhau yn ddifrifol, yn ddiffuant ac yn gywir y byddaf i, ar ôl dod yn ddinesydd Prydeinig, yn ffyddlon ac yn wir deyrngar i'w Mawrhydi y Frenhines Elisabeth yr Ail, ei Hetifeddion a'i Holynwyr, yn unol â'r gyfraith.

### Adduned

Rhodaf fy nheyrngarwch i'r Deyrnas Unedig ac fe barchaf ei hawlau a'i rhyddidau. Arddelaf ei gwerthoedd democrataidd. Glynaf yn ffyddlon wrth ei chyfreithiau a chyflawnaf fy nyletswyddau a'm rhwymedigaethau fel dinesydd Prydeinig.

We recommend that you practise saying the words beforehand. But don't worry-this isn't a memory test! Cards with the words of the Oath (or Affirmation) and Pledge printed on them will be given out at the ceremony. The person conducting the ceremony will say the words a few at a time and ask you to repeat them after him or her.

When you book your ceremony please tell the local authority if you are going to make an Oath or an Affirmation of allegiance and, if you are attending a ceremony in Wales, whether you wish to make the Oath (or Affirmation) and Pledge in Welsh or in English.

If you are going to make an Oath of allegiance you may bring a holy book with you if you want to.

After making the Oath (or Affirmation) and Pledge, you will be presented with your certificate.

In most ceremonies there will be a group of people making the Oath (or Affirmation) and Pledge together. If you do not want to be a part of a group ceremony, you will need to discuss this with the local authority when you book your ceremony. You may need to pay extra for an individual ceremony.

### Where will the ceremony take place?

The venue will normally be arranged by the local authority.

### What you must do now?

**1** Check that the details on the ceremony invitation, which will be on your certificate, are correct. If any of the details are incorrect, you

should still arrange and attend the ceremony. If your certificate needs amending you should return this, after attending the ceremony, to

UKBA NW Region, Nationality, PO Box 306, The Plaza, Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9QJ. Telephone number 0845 010 5200.

**2 Telephone the local authority**, using the number on your invitation, to arrange your ceremony. Do this as soon as possible. However you should note that it may take up to 2 working days for the local authority to receive your documentation. You will not be a British citizen until you have attended the ceremony. Please do not wait more than 14 days from the date you receive your invitation letter. The ceremony must take place within three months. The local authority will need time to arrange it.

When you telephone, the local authority may ask you the following questions:

Do you want a group or individual ceremony?

How many guests would you like to bring?

Do you intend to make an Oath or an Affirmation of allegiance?

(If you are attending a ceremony in Wales) Do you intend to make the Oath (or Affirmation) and Pledge in Welsh or in English?

Are you happy to shake hands when you receive your certificate?

**3 KEEP YOUR INVITATION LETTER SAFE.** You must bring it to the ceremony. If you do not your ceremony will be postponed.

### For further information

- About the arrangements for your ceremony: contact your local authority on the number shown on your invitation.
- General information about citizenship: contact UKBA Nationality, on 0845 010 5200 or visit the website at [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk)

**We hope that you will enjoy your ceremony**