



Advice to naturalisation applicants – questions and answers

What do I need to do before sitting the Citizenship Test?

The test is based on the whole of the 3rd Edition of the handbook “Life in the United Kingdom: A Guide for New Residents” and on the latest Jersey supplement (from October 2022). You should therefore prepare for the test by reading these publications (see question below ‘What does the test consist of?’). Copies of “Life in the United Kingdom” may be purchased from bookstores, online retailers or The Stationary Office (www.tsoshop.co.uk/bookstore.asp). The Jersey supplement is issued free of charge and is available online at www.gov.je or from Highland College.

I have read the test material, what do I do now?

You should contact Highlands College and ask for arrangements to be made for you to sit the Citizenship Test. The College runs exams on a frequent basis and you may well take the test while others in the same room are sitting other exams. Highlands College will charge you a fee for the test.

What does the test consist of?

You will have 45 minutes in which to answer 24 questions selected at random from a large bank of questions. Eighteen questions will be based on the handbook “Life in the United Kingdom: A Guide for New Residents” and six on the Jersey supplement. Part one of the supplement is a short history of Jersey (you will not be asked for historical details such as dates of events) and part two is a profile of life in Jersey now and in more recent times. The questions are in a multiple choice or “true or false” format and therefore there is little writing to do.

What happens after I have taken the test?

The test will be marked by Highlands College and if you pass you will be awarded a certificate. You must then produce that certificate when you make your application for naturalisation to the Jersey Customs & Immigration Service.

What if I fail the test?

There is no restriction on the number of times you sit the test but you will have to pay the full fee on each occasion that you take it.



I'm not sure if my knowledge of English is good enough, what should I do?

If you are in doubt you may arrange with Highlands College to be assessed by an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) assessor.

My knowledge of English is not good enough to take the Citizenship test. I still want to become a British citizen, what can I do?

You are advised to enrol on an ESOL language course with Highlands College and ask to do the citizenship module as an addition to the course.

Where can I get advice from about naturalisation?

Information and advice about naturalising as a British Citizen in Jersey can be found on www.gov.je/travel/passports/pages/britishcitizenship.aspx

Where do I apply to sit the Citizenship Test or for a language assessment?

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