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Introduction

The final requirement for anyone who becomes a new British citizen is to attend a citizenship ceremony. This ceremony marks the end of a long journey for people from many parts of the world, and is both a celebration of their new status as British citizens and a warm welcome from the local community. In Peterborough, these ceremonies are organised by Peterborough Register Office.

When the Home Office approves your application for British citizenship, they will invite you to [contact us](#) and book onto a ceremony. The ceremony date that you choose must be within three months of the Home Office approval date.

Most citizens will attend a public ceremony, usually held at Peterborough Town Hall. The cost of this is included in the fee paid to the Home Office when you apply for citizenship. Alternatively, some new citizens choose a smaller private ceremony at Peterborough Register Office, for an additional fee. Details of both types of ceremony are given below.

New citizens who are less than 18 years old do not have to come to a ceremony as their certificates can be collected by their parents, although they are welcome to attend if they would like to.

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Public ceremonies

If you choose a public ceremony, you will be granted British citizenship alongside a group of other new citizens. We aim to make this a memorable event, in recognition of the importance of the occasion.

The ceremony will be led by the Superintendent of Peterborough Register Office, and will also be attended by the Mayor of Peterborough and other local dignitaries. As a group, you will all be asked to give a pledge of allegiance to the Queen, invited to join us in singing the British national anthem, and the Mayor will then present you with your naturalisation certificate. A photographer will also be in attendance to capture the presentation of the certificate.

After the ceremony the new citizens and their guests are invited to join [the Mayor](#), the dignitaries and the Superintendent for refreshments.

Unfortunately, space restrictions mean that only one guest can be brought to the ceremony.

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Private ceremonies

If you would prefer not to attend one of the public ceremonies, it is possible to arrange a private ceremony at [Peterborough Register Office](#). These are held on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. Family members and friends are welcome to join you as guests. The Mayor, dignitaries and photographer will not be present, and we are unable to provide refreshments; however the ceremony is otherwise very similar to the larger public ceremonies, and is an equally special occasion.

The fee for a citizenship ceremony at Peterborough register office is:

| Citizenship ceremonies held: | Monday or Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Up to 31 March 2020 | £180 | £240 |
| Up to 31 March 2021 | £190 | £250 |

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Contact us

If you have any questions regarding citizenship ceremonies please contact [Peterborough Register Office](#).

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