

## Access to Public Information Request

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### Request regarding British Citizenship to Guernsey

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Dear Sir or Madam,

This is a request for information under the Code of Practice for Access to Public Information.

I would like to request the following:

1) The number of people that applied to become a British citizen in Guernsey from 2015 to date, broken down by calendar year (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020-to-date).

For each year could you please give me the breakdown of:

- a) The number of naturalisation and registration requests
- b) The number of naturalisation and registration requests that failed
- c) The reasons why a request failed
- d) The number of citizenship tests taken and the number failed

2) Guernsey's Royal Court conducts citizenship ceremonies, when islanders are formally granted British citizenship. Some governments, such as Malta, publish annual lists of such new citizens.

Please could you provide me with an equivalent list of people who have been granted British citizenship in Guernsey from 2015, to-date, broken down by calendar year?

Please provide the information in an electronic format.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to it exceeding the cost of compliance limits, please provide assistance as to how I can refine my request.

I look forward to receiving your response within 20 working days. If you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Response:**

Thank you for your request.

We do not have a breakdown between naturalisation/registration applications. They amount to the same thing – both are applying for citizenship but registration is for minors and those that have certain entitlements though UK ancestry. Naturalisation is for those over 18 years old.

We cannot share data of those who have become British citizens through the process of naturalisation and registration due to Guernsey’s data protection laws.

The below table illustrates the number of applications we have received since 2015:

Year	Number of applications	Number of approvals	Number of refusals
2019	61	60	1*
2018	52	52	0
2017	57	57	0
2016	41	41	0
2015	42	42	0

\*did not meet the statutory requirements.

Local applicants can take the citizenship test (Life in the UK test) at the Guernsey College of Further Education. Statistics are collated by the college and are currently only available up to 2018. They are below. It should be noted that the test can be taken in the UK and Jersey and would be acceptable for applications made in the Bailiwick.

Year	Number of tests taken in Guernsey	Number of tests failed
2018	97	37
2017	80	25
2016	73	22
2015	58	12