

EXAMINATION OF PROOF OF HUNGARIAN CITIZENSHIP

“Hungarian citizenship can be proven with a valid personal ID., a valid Hungarian passport, or with a Certificate of citizenship.” A Hungarian birth certificate does not prove citizenship. The examination is conducted by the following office: Bevándorlási és Állampolgársági Hivatal, Állampolgársági Igazgatósága, Állampolgárság Megállapítási Osztálya (Directorate of Citizenship, Office of Immigration and Citizenship, Department of Determination of Citizenship), while the registration of births, weddings, etc. is done by the same Office's Hazai Anyakönyvi Osztály (Local Department of Registration). Since the EU membership the applications have multiplied the procedure may take 6-9 months.

Order of process:

1.) Exact completion of form

Please, print in capital letters when filling out the “Application for proof of citizenship”. Write your full name. When filling in USA location names, please spell out the name of the State, exp: Seattle, Washington, USA. It is especially important to fill out the points regarding to family status and any further citizenships. Regarding the questions about your ancestors, fill out only the points for which you have exact information.

2. a) If you have already had at least once a Hungarian passport, or personal ID.:

You have to attach the original Hungarian birth certificate, or its certified copy, and the Hungarian documents proving your family status [marriage(s), divorce(s) death certificate of spouse], or their photo copies. Foreign language documents have to be translated into Hungarian. The original document, or its consul-certified copy, has to be sent along, in order to register them in Hungary after the proof of citizenship was established.

2. b) If you have never had a Hungarian passport or a personal ID.:

Besides documents mentioned in 2. a) you have to attach the parents' birth and marriage certificates (or, if they did not have any Hungarian documents either, then their parents' birth and marriage certificates, or their consul-certified copies). If these are foreign language documents, then a Hungarian translation has to be attached. In case of an adult, the forms for registering the birth or marriage of ancestors, are not necessary. If applicant has a minor child, then the marriage and the child's birth also will have to be registered.

3.) Those, who have lost their Hungarian citizenship for any of the following reasons, can regain it by making an official statement:

- were deprived from their citizenship,
- were resettled to Germany,
- were granted dismissal between Sept. 15, 1947 and May 2, 1990

In case 3), the form to fill out is: „Nyilatkozat a magyar állampolgárság visszaszerzésére” (“Statement to Regain Hungarian Citizenship.”)

II. Handing in to the Hungarian Consulate:

If you do not hand it in person in Los Angeles, then it is necessary for the Hon. Consul, or a notary public, to notarize your photo and signature. (The notary public section will have to be notarized by Los Angeles Consulate and the notary public will have to fill out a form to send it along with his/her signature. In order to receive this notarization you will have to bring a valid photo ID with you.

You may apply for a Hungarian passport after your citizenship certificate and the Hungarian registrations have taken place. You can hand in your petition for registration in Hungary at the same time you are handing in your application for examination of proof of citizenship.