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**GUIDELINES FOR THE RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

The Consulate General in New York exercises consular jurisdiction in the following states of the eastern seaboard of the United States of America – Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. All of the other states are covered by our Embassy in Washington, D.C. and the Consulate General in Miami.

Effective July 29th 1988, citizens of Trinidad and Tobago by birth or descent who acquire citizenship of another country will no longer lose their citizenship by reason only of such acquisition. Those who, prior to July 29th 1988, lost their Trinidad and Tobago citizenship by voluntary acquisition of another citizenship, or by having renounced Trinidad and Tobago citizenship, may make an application to the Minister of National Security on the prescribed form to have their Trinidad and Tobago citizenship restored.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP MUST BE MAILED TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, NEW YORK

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW ON APPLICATION

1. **Three (3) completed copies** of the Form 16 (these forms must be notarized).
2. **Four (4) identical passport** photographs measuring 2 inches by 1¾ inches. All four (4) photographs must be notarized at the back. The photos must be high quality color photographs, no smiling, no glasses, no facial piercings, both ears visible, white background, no hair on forehead and no shadows.
3. **Two (2) Police certificates of good character.** One (1) from the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (T.T.P.S.) and the other from the United States of America (Federal). This document from the U.S. may also be referred to as a background check or verification of criminal history report.
4. **Medical forms** 40 and 40(a) with X-ray report.
5. Trinidad and Tobago **Computer Generated Birth Certificate.** If the applicant's given name does not appear on the birth certificate, a name insertion must be done on the birth certificate by Office of the Registrar General for Trinidad and Tobago before an application for restoration can be submitted. (Refer to the instructions for application of Birth Certificate for details).
6. **Trinidad and Tobago passport.** Please produce the passport that was most recently issued to the applicant. If the applicant's passport is not available please indicate by notarized declaration the reason for its unavailability.
7. A **Marriage Certificate(s)** and **Divorce Decree(s)** is required for female applicants (if applicable).
8. **Evidence of the acquisition of citizenship** of the country of present nationality. The original Naturalization Certificate is required.
9. **Notarized copy of the bio-data page** of foreign passport(s).
10. **One (1) money order one for ninety four dollars (\$94.00)** made payable to "Consulate General of Trinidad and Tobago".
11. Contact Information must be provided using a telephone number and email address.
12. **Return postage** must be provided to have your original documents returned by post in the form of a money order for **fifteen dollars (\$15.00)** made payable to "Consulate General of Trinidad and Tobago".
13. **Authorization Letter** must be provided to state the full address of where you would like your original documents to be mailed.