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Our ref: HSI06918

21 November 2025

Dear Sir/ Madam,

[Application for Naturalisation as a British Citizen](#)

Applicant: Pen-Yuan Hsing
Date of Birth: 5 September 1986
Nationality: Taiwan

We represent the above-named applicant in respect of their immigration matter. We request that you update your records accordingly and address all future correspondence to our office.

Please find enclosed the supporting evidence for the applicant as follows:

Background

The applicant is a Taiwanese national.

On 24 September 2014, the applicant entered the UK with a Tier 4 (General) student visa to study a PhD. This visa was valid from 11 September 2014 until 30 January 2019.

Prior to the expiry of the applicant's Tier 4 (General) student visa, they submitted an application to extend their status under the Doctorate Extension scheme. The application was subsequently granted on 31 January 2019 and was valid until 29 January 2020

On 8 November 2019, the applicant submitted an application under the Tier 2 (General) route. This application was subsequently granted until 14 September 2022.

In 2022, prior to the expiry of their Tier 2 (General) visa, the applicant was offered new employment and therefore pursued a change of employment application under the skilled worker route. This application was subsequently granted, and valid until 28 October 2023.

On 26 October 2023, the applicant was granted an extension under the Skilled Worker route, with the same Sponsor. The visa issued was valid until 14 January 2025.

On 16 November 2024, the applicant submitted their application for indefinite leave to remain, which was subsequently granted on 21 November 2024. We refer you to the enclosed Home Office letter, as well as your own records, as confirmation that the applicant has been granted indefinite leave to remain.

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The applicant continues to reside in the UK and intends to remain in the UK permanently, as detailed within the enclosed documentation.

On 21 November 2025, the applicant submitted their online application to naturalise as a British citizen. We refer you to your own records as confirmation of the applicant's submission of their online application to naturalise as a British citizen.

Schedule of Enclosures

The applicant provides the following documents in support of their application:

General

- Online application for naturalisation
- Document checklist

Identity Documentation

- Current Taiwanese passport issued to the applicant, Pen-Yuan Hsing (364854816)
- Previous Taiwanese passport issued to the applicant, Pen-Yuan Hsing (309563506)
- National identity card issued to the applicant

English Language and Knowledge of Life in the UK

- PhD certificate, issued by the University of Durham
- Life in the UK test result (PSI/070924/SW100BR01/Y2RHHYSC)

Proof of residence

- Home Office decision letter granting indefinite leave to remain
- Confirmation of the applicant's digital status, confirming indefinite leave to remain
- Skilled worker leave to remain BRP (RU9845855) - expiry on 31 December 2024
- Skilled worker leave to enter BRP (RX9624570) - expiry on 28 October 2023
- Tier 2 (general) leave to remain BRP (RJ3983382) - expiry on 14 September 2022
- Tier 4 (general) doctoral extension scheme leave to remain BRP (RH5940362) - expiry 29 January 2020)
- Tier 4 (general) entry clearance vignette (009605536 - valid from 11 September 2014 until 20 January 2019)
- Bank statements, covering the period of 30 September 2020 until 29 October 2025
- P60s, covering the period of April 2022 to April 2025
- Council tax statements, covering the period of 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2026
- Bulb energy statements, covering the period of 1 December 2019 until 22 October 2025
- University of Bath employment verification letter, dated 19 September 2024
- University of Bristol employment verification letter, dated 24 October 2024
- Tenancy agreement, dated 2 September 2021
- Tenancy renewal agreement
- University of Bristol payslip, dated 26 October 2025
- Citizen access revenues change of tenancy notification, dated 7 September 2021

Referee documentation

- Referee declaration form, signed by Jaqueline Marie Thompson
- Copy of Jaqueline Marie Thompson's British passport (127479994)

- Referee declaration form, signed by Emine Gurbuz
- Copy of Emine Gurbuz's Turkish passport (U33936200)

The applicant, Pen-Yuan Hsing, a citizen of Taiwan, is submitting the enclosed application to naturalise as a British citizen.

Naturalisation Requirements

The legal requirements under Section 6(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981 that the applicant should meet are:

- They are aged 18 or over at the date of application;
- They are of sound mind, so that they understand the steps they are taking;
- They intend to continue to live in the UK
- They can communicate in English to an acceptable degree;
- They have sufficient knowledge about life in the UK;
- They are of good character; and
- They have lived in the UK for a minimum of five years prior to applying and meet the residence requirements.

The residence requirements the applicant must meet are:

- They must have been physically present in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands on the day three years before the application is received by the Home Office.
- They must not have had more than 450 days outside the United Kingdom in the five year period before making the application.
- They must not have had more than 90 days outside the United Kingdom in the 12 month period before making the application.
- They must be free of immigration time restrictions for the 12 months preceding the application
- They must not have been in breach of the immigration rules in the 10 year period before making the application

For the reasons set out in the following sections it is submitted that the applicant satisfies all the above requirements and should be granted naturalisation.

Aged 18 or over

The applicant is aged 18 or over at the date of application. We refer you to the applicant's passport enclosed as confirmation. Therefore, this requirement is satisfied.

Sound mind

The applicant understands the requirements of this application and is able to answer questions relating to it without assistance other than legal advice. Therefore, the applicant satisfies this requirement.

Intention to live in the UK

The applicant intends to live in the UK on a permanent basis. The applicant is employed by the University of Bristol, where they undertake the role of Senior Research Associate. This em-

ployment has been ongoing since 12 September 2022 and the applicant intends to remain in employment with the University of Bristol in the UK for the foreseeable future.

We refer you to the applicant's passports and evidence of residence enclosed to confirm the applicant's residence in the UK and to confirm that the applicant intends to live in the UK on a permanent basis.

Therefore, we submit the applicant satisfies this requirement.

Knowledge of language and life in the UK / English Language

The applicant passed the Life in the UK Test on 7 September 2024 (reference: PSI/070924/SW100BR01/Y2RHHYSC). Please refer to the enclosed screenshot dated 7 September 2024 as confirmation.

The applicant has completed a PhD qualification at the University of Durham, which is being submitted to satisfy the English language requirement. Please refer to the enclosed degree certificate.

Accordingly, the applicant satisfies the English language and knowledge of life in the UK requirements for naturalisation.

Good character

The applicant has a clear criminal record and is a person of exemplary character. They therefore satisfy the good character requirement for naturalisation.

Residence / Absences from the UK

The applicant has provided every page of their current and expired passports confirming their residence. The applicant has not resided in any other country during the relevant period.

We also refer you to the evidence of the applicant's residence which includes bank statements, payslips, P60s, council tax statements and letters addressed to the applicant, as demonstration of their residence within the UK throughout the qualifying period. Thus further confirming that the applicant has not resided in any other country during the relevant period.

During the relevant five-year period, the applicant was absent from the UK for no more than 81 days and has been absent for no more than 26 days in the last 12 months.

The applicant's five-year qualifying period is from 22 November 2020 to 21 November 2025. The applicant was present in the UK on 22 November 2020, five years before the date of the application. Therefore, the applicant satisfies the residence requirement, including the requirement to be present in the UK five years prior to the date of application.

The applicant was granted indefinite leave to remain on 21 November 2024. Therefore, the applicant has been free of immigration time restrictions for the 12-month period preceding the date of the enclosed application.

The applicant has not been in breach of the Immigration Rules since their arrival to the UK.

Therefore, in light of the above and enclosed, we submit the applicant satisfies the residence requirements for an application to naturalise as a British citizen.

Conclusion

We submit that the application and evidence enclosed satisfies the requirements of Section 6(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981 and therefore, the applicant should be granted a certificate of naturalisation to naturalise as a British citizen.

If you require further information regarding the enclosed application, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours faithfully,

Robbie Love
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