

Polaron
European Citizenship

Reclaiming your Polish Citizenship

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Now that you've taken the first step in reclaiming your Polish citizenship, trust Polaron, the European citizenship experts, to help you get your EU passport.

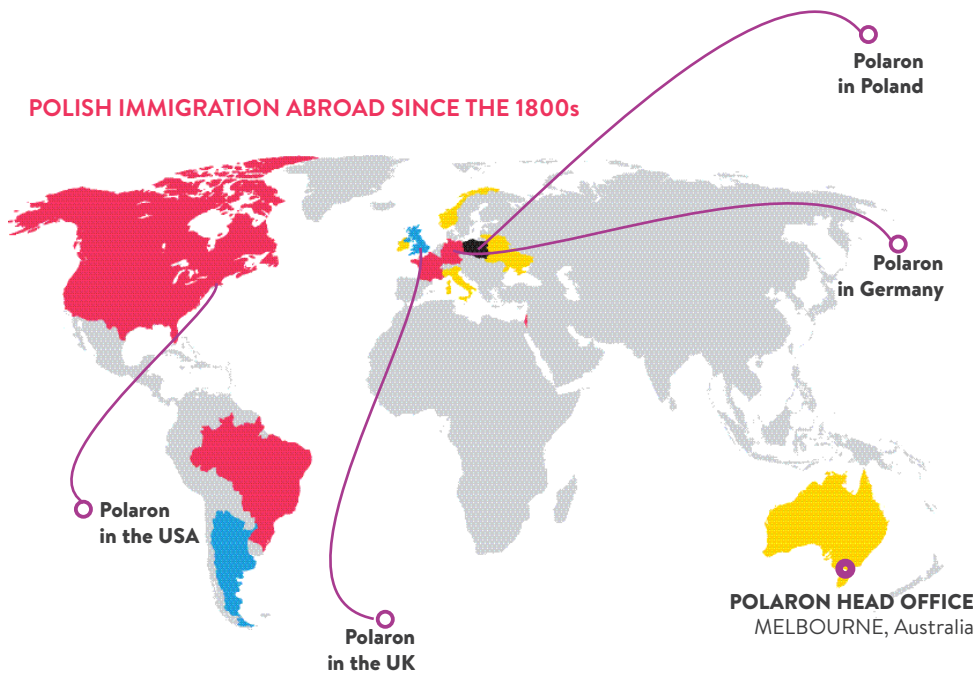
This infopack contains an outline of all you need to know to get you started on this exciting journey. We will provide you with accurate and reliable information, and guide you through the process from start to finish.

As everyone's journey is different, we encourage you to share your family history with us. This will enable us to look at various milestones in your life and those of your ancestors, to make sure there are no legal impediments to your claim.

Having worked with thousands of families, we understand your right to full confidentiality and will treat your case with the utmost respect and sensitivity.

Once we confirm your eligibility, we can guarantee a positive outcome to your case. Multiple family members can apply at once and most cases are processed within 12 months.

POLISH IMMIGRATION ABROAD SINCE THE 1800s



The map shows countries by number of citizens who reported Polish ancestry.

TO APPLY FOR AN EU PASSPORT, YOU HAVE TO HOLD CITIZENSHIP OF ONE OF THE EU MEMBER COUNTRIES

Poland has been a member of the EU since 2004. European citizenship is supplementary to Polish national citizenship and it can be acquired by birth or by descent.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

WE VERIFY YOUR ELIGIBILITY



- Investigate & study your history
- Apply Polish legislation to your case & flag issues
- Review documents carefully
- Create research plan & determine eligibility
- Issue no-obligation quote

WE GATHER DOCUMENTS



- Execute agreements & arrange payment
- Obtain relevant authorisations
- Collect vital records from you & conduct research
- Translate documents into Polish
- Legalise documents as required

WE LODGE & FOLLOW THROUGH



- Complete required forms
- Represent you in Poland at Voivodship & Registry Offices
- Liaise with Polish authorities
- Answer questions
- Provide additional documents if needed

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR YOUR EU PASSPORT

Outcome	What is needed	Who arranges it	How much it costs		Time
1 Gathering evidence to prove your eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family tree • Polish documents if available • Immigration documents • Any other document or form of evidence 	<i>Polaron with your assistance</i>	CURRENCY \$ dollar £ pound € euro	RANGE \$0 - \$3,000 £0 - £1,380 €0 - €1,880	0 - 24 months
2 Confirmation of Polish Citizenship Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authority for Polaron to act on your behalf • Ancestor's documents • Your personal documents, including birth certificate and notarized copy of ID • Sworn translations into Polish • Forms • Fees 	<i>Polaron via the Voivodeship Office</i>	CURRENCY \$ dollar £ pound € euro	RANGE \$1,500 - \$3,500 £695 - £1,622 €952 - €2,224	6 - 12 months
3 Registration of vital records and name changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your birth/marriage/divorce certificates • Sworn translation into Polish • Letters of authority • Forms • Fees 	<i>Polaron via Civil Registry Office</i>	CURRENCY \$ dollar £ pound € euro	RANGE \$500 - \$1,500 £232 - £695 €318 - €952	1 - 2 months
4 PASSPORT APPLICATION LODGED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form • Passport photo • Fingerprints • Fees 	<i>You via Polish Consulate</i>	CURRENCY \$ dollar £ pound € euro	COST \$164 £76 €103	2 - 3 months

FAST TRACK PROCESSING

CHECK WITH US TO SEE IF WE CAN **FAST TRACK** YOUR APPLICATION

FASTER!

ADVANTAGES OF EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

- ✓ Transfer of citizenship onto children
- ✓ Unlimited working and residential rights
- ✓ Opportunity to select advantageous tax regimens
- ✓ Access to subsidized tertiary education and scholarships
- ✓ Ability to own property
- ✓ International travel flexibility
- ✓ Access to preferential investment loans
- ✓ National health care benefits
- ✓ Ability to hold public service positions
- ✓ Access to social security



QUICK GLOSSARY

Apostille/authentication official certification required on original documents issued by foreign countries

Case officer – inspector at the Voivodeship Office assigned to assessing your case

Case reference number – the number assigned to your case upon lodgement at the Voivodeship Office

Confirmation of Polish Citizenship Certificate (CC) – decision issued by the Polish authorities confirming you are Polish

Fast track lodgement – in some cases we can expedite lodgement & processing of your case

Lodgement – submission of your case at the Voivodeship Office

Notary public – an official authorized to certify documents and signatures for international use

PESEL number – unique identification number assigned to each Polish citizen

Registry Office – Polish government office responsible for issuing vital records

Voivodeship Office – Polish government office responsible for confirming citizenship

I RECEIVED THIS INFOPACK. WHAT NOW?

If you'd like to continue with your inquiry we will need from you:

- 1. Further information linking you to your Polish ancestor/s** (e.g.: birth and marriage dates, year they left Poland, year they were naturalized & if they served in a foreign army)
- 2. Polish documents you have from your ancestor/s** – we can conduct research to retrieve what's needed to support your case

The more you have, the quicker the process and the less you pay!

If you'd like to proceed with your inquiry, we will:

- Create an **action plan**
- Conduct a phone or face-to-face **interview** with you
- Provide you with a **no-obligation fixed quote** and time lines

For more information, call us on T: +61 3 9510 9661 or visit www.polaron.eu or email citizenship@polaron.com.au

KNOWING THE EU

Citizenship of the European Union was established with the Maastricht treaty in 1993. It is supplementary to national citizenship and includes the right to vote in European elections, the right to free movement, as well as residence and employment across the EU. European citizenship does not replace national citizenship – it is an additional status and set of rights and obligations.

The EU is an integrated market in which citizens, as well as goods and services, can move freely across borders. After four rounds of enlargement, the European Union currently has 27 member states. These are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

If you have citizenship of any of the EU member countries, you are automatically an EU citizen. EU citizenship can be acquired by birth or by descent. Each member state's legislation on citizenship is different, so you need to comply with its individual internal regulations if you want to pursue it. Having a Polish passport is like having a passport to any EU country, allowing you to live and work anywhere in the EU.

ABOUT POLARON

Since 2003 we have handled over 7,000 individual cases and have worked with clients from 15 countries, including the US, Australia, Canada, South Africa, UK and Israel.

Our team includes specialist project managers, international researchers and translators. We have offices in Poland, Australia, UK & Germany and are available around the clock.

Over the years we have established an invaluable network of partner organisations and government bodies, including consulates and archival institutions, to ensure your case is managed professionally.