



Changes to citizen status in the State of Hokoria

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The Department of the Interior is changing the way that citizen status is recognised and processed, following the passing of the Proposed Amendment to the Act of Citizenship. Additionally, we're using this as an opportunity to make changes to the certificates of citizen status that we have issued, and will be updating every Citizen Tracking ID that has been assigned to citizens.

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Changes to the Act of Citizenship

On (Date), the Proposed Amendment to the Act of Citizenship was passed by the Council of Representatives and has since been brought into force. It's important that the Interior's operations remain fully compliant with the new law which is why we have been looking into how we should respond to these changes.

One significant change is that citizen status is no longer a single status, instead being split into three different statuses with different meanings and privileges.

International citizen status	Local citizen status	Honourary citizen status
"International citizen status grants individuals the right to access all of the Government's public services and to vote in democratic processes. International citizens should not be permitted to permanently reside within the State's territory, where residence would be possible and sustainable."	"Local citizen status grants individuals the right to access all of the Government's public services and to vote in democratic processes. Local citizens should be permitted to permanently reside within the State's territory, where residence would be possible and sustainable."	"Honourary citizen status grants individuals the right to access all of the Government's public services but not to vote in democratic processes. Honourary citizens should not be permitted to permanently reside within the State's territory, where residence would be possible and sustainable."

Additionally, the requirements for applying for citizen status have changed to legally allow for citizens who were granted citizen status before the 11th April 2023, but did not register afterwards, to apply for citizen status once more. This change will not affect existing citizens.

The law now prohibits individuals from misleading officials on an application of citizen status. The Department of the Interior will still accept pseudonyms on applications, though will continue to deny an application or request a different name be used where a famous or satirical name is used.



Honorary citizen status may now be awarded by the Chancellor, as well as the Monarch. Honorary citizen status may bypass any of the requirements or restrictions for citizen status.

Citizens may now request new certificates of citizen status when their details change. Although new certificates have been issued before the change in law, the Department of the Interior is now required to comply with requests.

Information relating to citizens may be released to government officials where it may concern a matter of national security and integrity.

The Department of the Interior is now granted the power to revoke citizen status where evidence may be provided that a citizen poses a threat to national security or integrity, and where it can be evidenced that an individual had provided false information on an application.

Individuals who have had an application for citizen status denied, or had their citizen status revoked, may now reach out to a judicial body. The Department of the Interior should comply with all rulings.

How we'll process international citizen status

Applications for international citizen status will be processed where an application is submitted to the Department of the Interior through the official form for submitting such applications. The Department of the Interior will not accept applications for citizen status that are submitted in any other format.

On applications for international citizen status, we will now collect and record:

- First name
- Last name
- Date of birth (including year)
- Email address
- Current country of residence
- Foreign citizenships
- Gender identity

Where we have no record of date of birth (including year), current country of residence, foreign citizenships or gender identity, we will use other means such as a national census to complete our records.



How we'll process local citizen status

The decision has been made that the Department of the Interior will not grant local citizen status to any individual at this time, instead referring individuals to international citizen status. The State of Hokoria has no facilities and capacity for residents at this time. The Department of the Interior does not wish to mislead individuals into believing that we have such capacity by offering local citizen status.

This will most likely change in the future, when the State of Hokoria has sufficient infrastructure to support residency.

How we'll process honorary citizen status

Honorary citizen status will be processed where the Monarch or the Chancellor is able to provide us with information to store and record.

We will need to store and record:

- First name
- Last name
- Date of birth (including year)
- Email address
- Current country of residence
- Foreign citizenships
- Gender identity

Changes to citizen status

In response to the introduction of three different statuses, the Department of the Interior will be considering all existing citizens to have international citizen status. The change is purely administrative, and citizens will see little (if any) effects of this. This is inconsiderate of whether an individual was granted citizen status by application or by honour.

Changes to certificates of citizen status

We will be issuing every citizen with a new certificate of citizen status which will state their citizen status as being international. This is also an opportunity for the certificate itself to be updated to reflect the change to the State of Hokoria's flag and the change of the State of Hokoria into a monarchy. The Royal Government of Hokoria will not accept nor recognise old certificates of citizen status from the 31st April 2024.



Changes to Citizen Tracking IDs

In December 2023, we identified issues with our current Citizen Tracking IDs system in that they were insecure, easily guessed and even contained personal and identifying information. When first introduced in March 2023, these issues were not a problem, although now we consider them to be a threat to national security and integrity.

We have introduced and assigned citizens with new Citizen Tracking IDs. The new citizen ID consists of the 'CIT' three letter classification of the code as a citizen ID, followed by a five letter combination that includes the first three letters of the individual's first name followed by the first two letters of the individual's last name. This is followed by a ten digit code of 10 random numbers and a two letter code containing a province code for the province that the individual is registered within. The Citizen Tracking IDs will change where citizens register in new provinces, and have hidden security features.

Layout: CIT-LLLLL-NNNNNNNNNN-LL

Example: CIT-JANDO-1234567890-KI



Codes per province

The Hokorian Provincial Coding System (HPCS) assigns codes to each province of the State of Hokoria.

Code	Province
KO	Komichi
KI	Kojima Island
MI	Mizumi
TS	Tsuri
AT	Atsuzoko
BA	Baria
KE	Territori Reial de Keraland*
AS	Royal Territory of Atlantis*

* The Territori Reial de Keraland and Royal Territory of Atlantis will not be assigned any citizens as they are not included in democratic processes.

Citizenship for Atlantean citizens

The current arrangement with the former Atlantean government is that the Department of the Interior will be sent citizen records so that we may process their citizen status. The Act of Citizenship does not have provisions in place that allow us to grant citizen status to former Atlantean citizens. We expect the King to issue a Royal Order to allow the Department of the Interior to grant citizen status to these individuals. We don't know when this process will be completed and if we'll be provided with sufficient information to process these individual's citizen statuses.