



CERTIFICATE OF IRISH HERITAGE

The Official Certificate from the Government of Ireland

HONOUR YOUR FAMILY'S IRISH ROOTS

Certificates of Irish Heritage are issued by the Irish Government to those who have at least one Irish Ancestor. The Government wants to provide official recognition to those who are proud of their Irish roots and provide them with a statement of their heritage that can be displayed with pride.



"The West of Ireland" design is one of 3 available, in English, Gaelic or Spanish. Many people identify with the landscape design as it represents the place where their ancestors came from.

"Emigrant Ship" is another design. For many people, the ship is an emotional evocation of the hazardous journey that their ancestors made.

HOW TO GET A CERTIFICATE

Apply online at www.heritagecertificate.ie
An ancestor document is needed to authenticate the application but once you have that, the process takes only a few minutes. The Certificate will be delivered in 2 to 3 weeks.

Each Certificate is unique, showing the Certificate Holder's name as well as that of 2 Irish ancestors.

SPECIAL PRICES FOR FAMILIES

Parents and grandparents may want to get a certificate for all the family as a shared part of their history. It is also a unique gift for special family occasions. For example, 5 certificates will come to €155 (a little over \$200), including delivery. A single certificate is €40 (about \$53) plus delivery.

GIVE AS A GIFT

It's the look on someone's face when they are presented with a Certificate. It is part of their history, part of their family history and brings out strong emotions. Partners, brothers and sisters and children are the most common gifts.





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Chief of NYC Fire Department Edward S. Kilduff, Bridget Hunter, and Tánaiste Eamon Gilmore display the Certificate of Irish Heritage awarded posthumously to Firefighter Joseph Hunter, who died at the World Trade Centre on 9/11.



An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny and the Tánaiste, Eamon Gilmore present President Bill Clinton with a Certificate of Irish Heritage at Dublin Castle in Oct 2011

IRISH GOVERNMENT HONOREES

The Government of Ireland has an ongoing programme of Certificate presentations. Honorees so far include President Bill Clinton, Willam Clay Ford Jr, Notre Dame Coach Brian Kelly, Judge Margaret McMorrow, Joe Hunter and 86 year old Australian Jim Edwards, whose ancestor was an orphan girl sent to Australia after the Great Famine.

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION PROGRAM

For Irish organisations worldwide who would like to use the Certificate as a unique presentation gift for their own honorees, the Presentation Program is available. Further information is available online.

FOR HELP OR MORE INFORMATION

The Heritage Certificate customer service centre, based in Co Kerry, Ireland, will help applicants through the process, including locating your ancestor document.

- No time to go through the process? We have a list of affiliated genealogists, who can apply for Certificates and undertake any ancestor research necessary.
- Prices and Shipping: The website has a detailed price list, updated regularly to show prices in the main currencies.
- Media Kit: The website has downloadable images and briefing information.

Contact us on help@heritagecertificate.ie or on 00 353 66 9796250

