

Enrolled Freeman of Grimsby – Notes for Applicants

The law relating to the conditions of admission has changed, and people who were previously excluded may now be able to apply.

Please refer to these notes when completing your application form. Answer as much as you can, but where you are not sure, leave blank. We will come back to you if there is more information we need.

(n.b. If you are applying on the grounds of birth because your mother has recently been enrolled, simply substitute **her** details on the form where it asks for “father”. Likewise, the same applies to the birth certificate – see “Documents” below)

Briefly, the main changes are as follows:

- a)The **daughter** of an enrolled Freeman can now join. Previously, only sons could do this.
- b)The father does not already have to have been a Freeman at the date of the son or daughter’s birth. Previously, you could not apply if your father was not already a Freeman when you were born. Now, **provided he was a Freeman at some point**, you can apply.

What has stayed the same:

- a)Sons can still apply as before, and the daughter of a Freeman can still make her husband a Freeman.
- b)To apply, you must be living within the boundary of what was the old Great Grimsby Borough Council, and have lived within that boundary for at least 12 months. The old boundary does **not** include New Waltham, Humberston, Cleethorpes, Waltham or Healing. If in doubt, check with us.
- c)If you are someone who is liable to pay Council Tax, then, for at least 12 months prior to making this application, you must have paid the whole or some part of the Council Tax due.

Documents required to support your application:

If claiming by birth

A full copy birth certificate, **showing the name of the father**. Some applicants omit this, and just produce the standard short form of certificate. However, this isn’t sufficient, as it doesn’t show the father’s name.

If claiming by marriage

- a) the wife being the daughter of a Freeman, then we need to see

- 1) a copy of the applicant's marriage certificate
- 2) a copy of the wife's full birth certificate
- 3) a copy of the applicant's full birth certificate

b) the wife having been the widow of an enrolled freeman

- 1) a copy of the first husband's death certificate
- 2) a copy of the marriage certificate to the first husband
- 3) a copy of the marriage certificate to the applicant
- 4) a copy of the applicant's full birth certificate

If claiming by servitude

- 1) the original Indentures of Apprenticeship
- 2) a copy of the applicant's full birth certificate

FEE

A fee of £1.13 is payable, but only at the Mayor's Court, upon confirmation of your admission. Do not send any money now.