

FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF YORK

The rules for claiming the freedom state that applicants can claim as far back as their great grandfather on either the maternal or paternal side of the family. Applicants must be over the age of 21 and must have been born after the person they are claiming through was admitted to the freedom.

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Application forms are available from Electoral Services, City of York Council, The Guildhall, York, YO1 9QN.

The following information is required on the application form: -

- Applicants: - full name  
address  
occupation  
date of birth
- The full name of the relative they are claiming freedom through.
- The address of the relative at the time they were made a freeman.
- The occupation of the relative at the time of being made a freeman.
- The date the relative was made a freeman.

If this information is not known you may inspect the Roll of Freemen which is available for inspection at the City Archives, Exhibition Square, York, Telephone 01904 551879.

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- Application forms should be returned to Electoral Services with the original full birth certificate showing parentage, photocopies will not be accepted. Married ladies should also include their original marriage certificate.
- Birth and marriage certificates will be returned to the applicants by recorded post.
- The application form will be checked and a letter stating that the application is in order will be sent.
- A further letter is sent to applicants in the summer inviting them to attend the annual court which is usually held on a Monday evening in the Autumn.
- An administrative fee of £25.00 is payable before the court.
- Applicants are required to bring with them to the court an older relative to act as a witness as to their identity, applicants may also bring one guest to the court.
- Applicants who prefer to take an Affirmation (rather than an Oath) at the court should notify the Electoral Services office in order that this can be arranged.

If any further information is required please contact Joanne Lowe Electoral Services on 01904 551050.