

# Freedom of the City of London by Redemption in a Livery Company

When you have received the Freedom of the Livery Company, you are required to obtain the Freedom of the City of London before you can proceed to the livery.

You are eligible for the Freedom of the City of London if you are above the age of eighteen years, not an undischarged bankrupt and not having been convicted of a criminal offence. Applicants need not disclose convictions that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Application forms are available (via email only) from your Livery Company Clerk and the Chamberlain's Court office. Once completed, they should be emailed to the [Court Assistant](#) with scans of the following official documents (certified translations are required of documents that are not in the English language):

- Livery Company Freedom document.
- Full birth or adoption certificate. A full birth certificate shows the names of parents and exact place of birth; a short one does not. Applicants can order a replacement certificate [via the GOV.UK website](#).
- A woman who uses a married surname should bring her marriage/divorce certificate
- Applicants using names other than those registered on their birth, adoption or marriage certificate should provide an official document showing changes – for example, a change of name deed, passport or driving licence.

The fee of £180 (from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024), known as the 'Freedom Fine', is paid by BACs transfer, for which details are provided on the application form. If your name is on the Ward List (City of London electoral roll) there is no fee, but please ensure you state 'Ward List' in your application, and provide the Ward address you are registered with, including the name of the Ward.

Should you have any further queries concerning your application for the Freedom of the City of London, contact the Court Assistant, [Dave Hollander](#).

## Freedom Admission Ceremony

Your application will be submitted to the next Court of Aldermen for approval (unless you are a Ward List applicant). Subject to the approval of the Court, you will receive an email from the Chamberlain's Court office inviting you to make an appointment for your Freedom admission ceremony.

Freedom ceremonies take place each working day between 10.30am and 12pm and between 2pm and 3.30pm, usually in the Chamberlain's Court Room, Guildhall. You will be asked to read aloud the Declaration of a Freeman and to sign the Declaration book, after which you will receive your copy of the Freedom (City Freedom certificate). No special dress is required, but you are expected to be of smart appearance – no jeans or trainers. Friends and family are most welcome to attend.

## Declaration of a Freeman

"I do solemnly declare that I will be good and true to our Sovereign Lord King Charles the Third; that I will be obedient to the Mayor of this City; that I will maintain the Franchises and Customs thereof, and will keep this City harmless, in that which in me is; that I will also keep the King's Peace in my own person; that I will know no Gatherings nor Conspiracies made against the King's Peace, but I will warn the Mayor thereof, or hinder it to my power; and that all these points and articles I will well and truly keep, according to the Laws and Customs of this City, to my power."

*Non-British and British Commonwealth Citizens have the option to substitute "our Sovereign Lord" with "His Majesty".*

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