

**FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LONDON BY  
R E D E M P T I O N  
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 which are spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

**TWO** personal visits to the Chamberlain's Court, Guildhall, London EC2 are necessary. The first is to make application for the freedom while the second (generally a month or so later) is for the ceremony of freedom admission. Telephone 020 7332 1008/3055 and ask for an appointment to make application for the freedom by redemption in a livery company. Or by arrangement with the Livery Company.

**Documents required for first appointment:**

*Certified translations are required of documents not in the English language*

- Livery Company Freedom document or photocopy
- Full birth or adoption certificate. A full birth certificate shows names of parents and exact place of birth; a short one does not.
- A woman who uses a married surname should bring her marriage/divorce certificate
- Applicants using names other than those registered on birth/adoption/marriage certificate should bring an Official document showing changes e.g. change of name deed, passport and driving licence.

All documents are returned immediately except the Livery Company document which will be kept in the Chamberlain's Court archive.

**The fee** is £100 cash, card or cheque made payable to 'The Chamberlain of London'.

If your name is on the Ward List (City of London electoral roll) there is no fee and only **ONE APPOINTMENT** at the Chamberlain's Court is required, but please ensure that you state 'Ward List' when making the appointment.

The Chamberlain's Court is open week-days 10.00am-3.30pm.

Should you have any queries concerning your application for freedom of the City of London you may telephone the Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, 020 7332 1008/3055.

**Freedom of the City of London  
by Redemption**

Your application (unless a Ward List) will be submitted to the next Court of Aldermen for approval. The Court of Aldermen meet 7 times a year so it is part of a regular cycle. Your attendance is not required on that day. Subject to the approval of the Court of Aldermen you will receive a letter from the Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court inviting you to make an appointment for your freedom admission ceremony. Ceremonies take place each working day between the hours of 10.30am and 3.00pm.

Each freedom ceremony is carried out individually 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, whereupon you will receive your copy of freedom (City freedom certificate). No special dress is required, however you are expected to be of smart appearance, no jeans or trainers. Gentlemen are expected to wear a jacket and tie. Friends and family are most welcome to attend.

**DECLARATION OF A FREEMAN**

I, [names in full] do solemnly declare that I will be good and true to \*Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second; 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 Queen's Peace in my own person; that I will know no Gatherings or Conspiracies made against the Queen'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.

\* EU citizens may substitute 'Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second' for 'Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second'