

# **FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LONDON BY S E R V I T U D E**

When you have received the freedom of your livery company you may proceed to the freedom of the City of London.

You are eligible for the freedom of the City by servitude if you have served a term of apprenticeship according to Custom of London; above the age of 21 years; never having been adjudged bankrupt and never having been convicted of a criminal offence. (Applicants need not disclose convictions which are spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.)

**ONE** personal visit to the office of the Chamberlain's Court, Guildhall, (north wing) is required. Freedom admissions cannot be made by post or proxy. By appointment only, telephone 020 7332 1008, and ask for an appointment for admission to the freedom by servitude, or by arrangement with the livery company.

## **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

### If indentures were inroled

Certificate of livery company  
freedom  
City indentures

### If indentures were not inroled

Certificate of livery company freedom  
City indentures  
Full birth/adoption certificate  
Master's copy of freedom

A woman who is or who has been married should bring her marriage certificate or divorce order.

If the master is not in attendance at the Chamberlain's Court when the apprentice receives the freedom of the City of London, the master should provide written evidence that the term has been faithfully and fully served. Printed forms for this purpose may be obtained at no cost from the Chamberlain's Court. Alternatively, the testimony may be written on the reverse of the indenture to be presented for the freedom of the City.

The fee is £100, cash, cheque or card made payable to 'The Chamberlain of London. If your name is on the Ward List (City of London electoral roll) there is no fee.

Should you have any queries concerning your application for freedom of the City of London you may telephone the Chamberlain's Court, 020 7332 1369/1008.

### **Freedom of the City of London by Servitude continued**

Freedom admission ceremonies are 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 your name in the declaration book, whereupon your certificate of freedom (copy of freedom) will be presented. No special dress is required to be worn. Friends, family and master are most welcome to attend.

#### THE 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 nor 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.

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Guildhall  
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