



Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 41

1 Acquisition of British citizenship.

- (1) The Secretary of State may, on an application made for the purpose, register as a British citizen any woman who, before the passing of this Act, was the recipient or intended recipient of a UK settlement letter if—
- (a) she has her residence, or principal residence, in Hong Kong; ^{F1}...
 - (b) where she is no longer married to the man in recognition of whose service the assurance was given, she has not remarried^{F2}; and
 - (c) the Secretary of State is satisfied that she is of good character]
- (2) In this section “UK settlement letter” means a letter written by the Secretary of State which—
- (a) confirmed the assurance given to the intended recipient that, in recognition of her husband’s service, or her late or former husband’s service, in defence of Hong Kong during the Second World War, she could come to the United Kingdom for settlement at any time; and
 - (b) was sent by the Secretary of State to the Hong Kong Immigration Department for onward transmission to the intended recipient (whether or not she in fact received it).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 1 repealed (13.1.2010) by [Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009 \(c. 11\)](#), ss. 47(2)(a), 58(2), [Sch. Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2009/2731, art. 4(f)(j)
- F2** S. 1(c) and preceding word inserted (13.1.2010) by [Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009 \(c. 11\)](#), [ss. 47\(2\)\(b\)](#), 58(2); S.I. 2009/2731, art. 4(f)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1 restricted (4.12.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), [ss. 58](#), 62(1), 62(2); S.I. 2006/2838, art. 4(1) (with art. 4(2))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) Act 1996, Section 1.