
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986

Connections with Hong Kong

2.—(1) For the purposes of this Order a person shall be taken to have a connection with Hong Kong if—

- (a) subject to paragraph (3) below, he, his father or his mother was born, naturalised or registered in Hong Kong or found abandoned there as a new-born infant; or
- (b) he, his father or his mother was adopted (whether or not in Hong Kong) and the adopter or, in the case of a joint adoption, one of the adopters was at the time of the adoption a British Dependent Territories citizen by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article; or
- (c) he, his father or his mother was registered outside Hong Kong on an application based (wholly or partly) on any of the following:—
 - (i) residence in Hong Kong;
 - (ii) descent from a person born in Hong Kong;
 - (iii) descent from a person naturalised, registered or settled in Hong Kong (whether before or after the birth of the person registered);
 - (iv) descent from a person adopted (whether or not in Hong Kong) in the circumstances specified in sub-paragraph (b) above;
 - (v) marriage to a person who is a British Dependent Territories citizen by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article or would have been so but for his death or renunciation of citizenship;
 - (vi) Crown service under the government of Hong Kong;
 - (vii) where citizenship has been renounced and subsequently resumed, birth, naturalisation or registration in Hong Kong; or
- (d) at the time of his birth his father or mother was settled in Hong Kong; or
- (e) his father or mother was born to a parent who at the time of the birth was a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article; or
- (f) being a woman, she was married before 1st January 1983 to a man who is a British Dependent Territories citizen by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article or would have been so but for his death.

(2) In paragraph (1) above “registered” means registered as a British Dependent Territories citizen or, before 1st January 1983, as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies; and “registration” shall be construed accordingly.

(3) A person born in Hong Kong on or after 1st January 1983 shall not be taken to have a connection with Hong Kong under paragraph (1)(a) above by virtue of his birth there unless, at the time of his birth, one of his parents was—

- (a) settled in Hong Kong; or

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- (b) a British Dependent Territories citizen by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article.