British Nationality Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 61

PART I

BRITISH CITIZENSHIP

Acquisition after commencement

Person unable to be registered under other provisions of this Act

(1) A person ("P") is entitled to be registered as a British citizen on an application made under this section if—
   (a) P meets the general conditions; and
   (b) P would be entitled to be registered as a British citizen under—
      (i) section 1(3),
      (ii) section 3(2),
      (iii) section 3(5),
      (iv) paragraph 4 of Schedule 2, or
      (v) paragraph 5 of Schedule 2,
      had P's mother been married to P's natural father at the time of P's birth.

(2) In the following provisions of this section “relevant registration provision” means the provision under which P would be entitled to be registered as a British citizen (as mentioned in subsection (1)(b)).

(3) If the relevant registration provision is section 3(2), a person who is registered as a British citizen under this section is a British citizen by descent.

(4) If the relevant registration provision is section 3(5), the Secretary of State may, in the special circumstances of the particular case, waive the need for any or all of the parental consents to be given.

(5) For that purpose, the “parental consents” are—
   (a) the consent of P's natural father, and
(b) the consent of P's mother,
insofar as they would be required by section 3(5)(c) (as read with section 3(6)(b)), had P's mother been married to P's natural father at the time of P's birth.]
### Changes to legislation:
British Nationality Act 1981, Section 4F is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 May 2019. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

### Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:
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- s. 6(3)(4) inserted by 2009 c. 11 s. 40(2)
- s. 41(1)(bc)-(be) inserted by 2009 c. 11 s. 41(2)
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- Sch. 1 para. 2(1)(ca) inserted by 2009 c. 11 s. 39(7)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(5) inserted by 2009 c. 11 s. 39(10)
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- Sch. 1 para. 2(1)(a) substituted by 2009 c. 11 s. 39(4)
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- Sch. 1 para. 2(1)(d) words substituted by 2009 c. 11 s. 39(8)(b)