



Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 41

PART 1

NATIONALITY

10 Right of abode: certificate of entitlement

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the issue to a person of a certificate that he has the right of abode in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The regulations may, in particular—
 - (a) specify to whom an application must be made;
 - (b) specify the place (which may be outside the United Kingdom) to which an application must be sent;
 - (c) provide that an application must be [^{F1}accompanied by specified information;]
 - (d) provide that an application must be accompanied by specified documents;
 - (e) [^{F2}.....]
 - (f) specify the consequences of failure to comply with a requirement under any of paragraphs [^{F3}(a) to (d)] above;
 - (g) provide for a certificate to cease to have effect after a period of time specified in or determined in accordance with the regulations;
 - (h) make provision about the revocation of a certificate.
- (3) The regulations may—
 - (a) make provision which applies generally or only in specified cases or circumstances;
 - (b) make different provision for different purposes;
 - (c) include consequential, incidental or transitional provision.
- (4) The regulations—
 - (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and

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- (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (5) The Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77) shall be amended as follows—
 - (a) in section 3(9)(b) (proof of entitlement to right of abode) the words “issued by or on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom certifying that he has such a right of abode” shall cease to have effect, and
 - (b) in section 33(1) for the definition of “certificate of entitlement” substitute—

““certificate of entitlement” means a certificate under section 10 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 that a person has the right of abode in the United Kingdom;”.
- (6) Regulations under this section may, in particular, include provision saving, with or without modification, the effect of a certificate which—
 - (a) is issued before the regulations come into force, and
 - (b) is a certificate of entitlement for the purposes of sections 3(9) and 33(1) of the Immigration Act 1971 as those sections have effect before the commencement of subsection (5) above.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 10(2)(c) substituted (5.11.2007) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), [ss. 50\(5\)](#), 62; [S.I. 2007/3138](#), [art. 5\(i\)](#)
 - F2** S. 10(2)(e) ceases to have effect (2.4.2007) and repealed (2.4.2007) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), [ss. 52, 61, 62](#), [Sch. 2 para. 4\(a\)](#), [Sch. 3](#); [S.I. 2007/1109](#), [arts. 4, 5](#), [Sch.](#) (subject to [art. 6](#))
 - F3** Words in s. 10(2)(f) substituted (2.4.2007) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#) [ss. 52, 62](#), {[Sch. 2 para. 4\(b\)](#)}; [S.I. 2007/1109](#), [art. 4](#)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S.10 partly in force; s.10(1)-(4)(6) in force at Royal Assent see s. 162(2); s. 10(5)(b) in force at 21.12.2006 by [S.I. 2006/3144](#), [art. 2](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 18(1)(1A) substituted for s. 18(1) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 31\(2\)](#)
- s. 22A inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(7\)](#)
- s. 27(ba) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(10\)](#)
- s. 51(2)(d) and word inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 26\(6\)](#)
- s. 55(2)(aa) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 26\(7\)](#)
- s. 62(3A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 11\(8\)](#)
- s. 80A(5A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(8\)](#)
- s. 82A inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 23\(1\)](#)
- s. 94(6B) inserted by [2006 c. 13 s. 13](#)
- s. 106(2)(ua) inserted by [2007 c. 30 s. 19\(3\)](#)
- s. 107(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 36 Sch. 3 para. 5\(a\)](#)
- s. 126(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 12\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 12(2)(3) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(ga) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 2\(2\)](#) (This Act is amended by S.I. 2020/1309, Sch. 1 para. 3(a))
- Sch. 3 para. 1(2A) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 2\(4\)](#) (This Act is amended by S.I. 2020/1309, Sch. 1 para. 3(b))
- Sch. 3 para. 1A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 3](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(ca) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 3A-3C inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 6](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 7B7C and cross-headings inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 9](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 10A10B inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 10](#) (This Act is amended by S.I. 2020/1309, Sch. 1 para. 3(c))
- Sch. 3 para. 15(aa) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 14\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 15(d)-(f) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 14\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 7C(1)(c) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 12\(5\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 12(5)(a)(c)(d) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- Sch. 5 para. 3(1) Sch. 5 para. 3 renumbered as Sch. 5 para. 3(1) by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 407\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The "original amending provision" is already fully in force, see Sch. 4 paras. 361, 407(5))
- Sch. 5 para. 3(2)-(4) inserted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 407\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The "original amending provision" is already fully in force, see Sch. 4 paras. 361, 407(5))
- Sch. 5 para. 3(1) words inserted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 407\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The "original amending provision" is already fully in force, see Sch. 4 paras. 361, 407(5))