



# British Overseas Territories Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 8

### *Change of names*

#### **1 British overseas territories**

- (1) As the territories mentioned in Schedule 6 to the British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61) are now known as “British overseas territories”—
  - (a) in section 50(1) of that Act (definitions), at the appropriate place insert—

““British overseas territory” means a territory mentioned in Schedule 6;”
  - (b) for “dependent territory” (or “dependent territories”), wherever occurring in that Act, substitute “British overseas territory” (or “British overseas territories”), and
  - (c) in the heading to that Schedule, for “British Dependent Territories” substitute “British Overseas Territories”.
- (2) In any other enactment passed or made before the commencement of this section (including an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation), any reference to a dependent territory within the meaning of the British Nationality Act 1981 shall be read as a reference to a British overseas territory.
- (3) In the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30), at the appropriate place in Schedule 1 (list of definitions) insert—

““British overseas territory” has the same meaning as in the British Nationality Act 1981;”.

#### **2 British overseas territories citizenship**

- (1) Pursuant to section 1, British Dependent Territories citizenship is renamed “British overseas territories citizenship”; and a person having that citizenship is a “British overseas territories citizen”.
- (2) Accordingly, in the British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61)—

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- (a) for “British Dependent Territories citizenship”, wherever occurring, substitute “British overseas territories citizenship”, and
  - (b) for “British Dependent Territories citizen” (or “British Dependent Territories citizens”), wherever occurring, substitute “British overseas territories citizen” (or “British overseas territories citizens”).
- (3) In any other enactment passed or made before the commencement of this section (including an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation), any reference to British Dependent Territories citizenship, or a British Dependent Territories citizen, shall be read as a reference to British overseas territories citizenship, or a British overseas territories citizen.