



# British Overseas Territories Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 8

### *British citizenship*

#### **3 Conferral on British overseas territories citizens**

- (1) Any person who, immediately before the commencement of this section, is a British overseas territories citizen shall, on the commencement of this section, become a British citizen.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who is a British overseas territories citizen by virtue only of a connection with the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia.
- (3) A person who is a British citizen by virtue of this section is a British citizen by descent for the purposes of the British Nationality Act 1981 if, and only if—
  - (a) he was a British overseas territories citizen by descent immediately before the commencement of this section, and
  - (b) if at that time he was a British citizen as well as a British overseas territories citizen, he was a British citizen by descent.