



Bahamas Independence Act 1973

1973 CHAPTER 27

3 Retention of citizenship of United Kingdom and Colonies by certain persons connected with the Bahamas.

- (1) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, a person shall not cease to be a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies under section 2 of this Act if he, his father or his father's father—
 - (a) was born in the United Kingdom or in a colony^{F1} . . . ; or
 - (b) is or was a person naturalised in the United Kingdom and Colonies; or
 - (c) was registered as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies; or
 - (d) became a British subject by reason of the annexation of any territory included in a colony.
- (2) A person shall not cease to be a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies under the said section 2 if either—
 - (a) he was born in a protectorate or protected state; or
 - (b) his father or his father's father was so born and is or at any time was a British subject.
- (3) A woman who immediately before the appointed day is the wife of a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies—
 - (a) shall not cease to be such a citizen under the said section 2 unless her husband either does so at the same time or has already done so; and
 - (b) if she would, apart from paragraph (a) of this subsection, have ceased to be such a citizen under that section at any time and her husband subsequently ceases to be such a citizen under that section, she shall cease to be such a citizen when her husband does so.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the reference in subsection (1)(b) of this section to a person naturalised in the United Kingdom and Colonies shall include a reference to a person who would, if living immediately before the commencement of the^{M1} British Nationality Act 1948, have become a person naturalised in the United Kingdom and Colonies by virtue of section 32(6) of that Act.
- (5) In this section—

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- (a) references to a colony shall be construed as not including references to any territory which, on the appointed day, is not a colony for the purposes of the ^{M2}British Nationality Act 1948 as that Act has effect on that day, and accordingly do not include references to the Bahamas, and
- (b) references to a protectorate or protected state shall be construed as not including references to any territory which, on the appointed day, is not a protectorate or a protected state (as the case may be) for the purposes of that Act as it has effect on that day;

and subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to a person by virtue of any certificate of naturalisation granted or registration effected by the Governor or Government of a territory which by virtue of this subsection is excluded from references in this section to a colony, protectorate or protected state.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 3(1)(a) repealed (8.11.1995) by 1995 c. 44, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. II** Gp. 1

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