



# 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.

#### **4 Acquisition by British overseas territories citizens by registration**

After section 4 of the British Nationality Act 1981 insert—

##### **“4A Acquisition by registration: further provision for British overseas territories citizens**

- (1) If an application is made to register as a British citizen a person who is a British overseas territories citizen, the Secretary of State may if he thinks fit cause the person to be so registered.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in the case of a British overseas territories citizen who—
  - (a) is such a citizen by virtue only of a connection with the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia; or

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (b) has ceased to be a British citizen as a result of a declaration of renunciation.”

## **5 Acquisition by reference to the British overseas territories**

Schedule 1 (which makes provision about the acquisition of British citizenship by reference to the British overseas territories) has effect.