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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 523**

**BRITISH NATIONALITY**

**The British Nationality (Maldives) Order 2021**

*Made* - - - - 28th April 2021  
*Laid before Parliament* 5th May 2021  
*Coming into force* - - 2nd June 2021

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 28th day of April 2021

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the power conferred upon Her by section 37(2) of the British Nationality Act 1981(1), by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, orders as follows.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the British Nationality (Maldives) Order 2021 and comes into force on 2nd June 2021.

**Amendment of Schedule 3 to the British Nationality Act 1981**

2. In Schedule 3 to the British Nationality Act 1981(2) (countries whose citizens are Commonwealth citizens) after "Malaysia" insert "Maldives".

**Revocation of the British Nationality (Maldives) Order 2017**

3. The British Nationality (Maldives) Order 2017(3) is revoked.

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(1) 1981 c. 61.

(2) Schedule 3 has been amended by S.I. 1983/882, 1983/1699, 1989/1331, 1990/1502, 1994/1634, 1998/3161, 2010/246, 2015/1771, 2017/568 and 2018/620.

(3) S.I. 2017/568.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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*Richard Tilbrook*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Article 2 of this Order adds Maldives to Schedule 3 to the British Nationality Act 1981. This means that citizens of Maldives will now have the status of Commonwealth citizens.

Article 3 of this Order revokes the British Nationality (Maldives) Order 2017 which removed Maldives from Schedule 3 to the British Nationality Act 1981.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.