



British Nationality Act 1964

1964 CHAPTER 22

An Act to facilitate the resumption or renunciation of citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies. [25th March 1964]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Resumption of citizenship.

(1) A person who has ceased to be a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies as a result of a declaration of renunciation, whether made before or after the commencement of this Act, shall be entitled to registration under this section as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies on making application therefor in the prescribed manner, if he is of full capacity and satisfies the Secretary of State—

- (a) that at the time he made the declaration he was or was about to become a citizen of a country mentioned in section 1(3) of the principal Act and either could not have remained or become such a citizen but for the declaration or had reasonable cause to believe that he would be deprived of his citizenship of that country unless he made the declaration; and
- (b) that he has a qualifying connection with the United Kingdom and Colonies or with a protectorate or protected state or, if a woman, has been married to a person who has or would, if living, have such a connection;

and the Secretary of State may so register any person who would be entitled thereto if he had such a connection.

(2) A person has a qualifying connection with the United Kingdom and Colonies if he, his father or his father's father—

- (a) was born in the United Kingdom or a colony; 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