

Annex E

Draft letter explaining which documents are needed to establish a claim to British overseas territories citizenship

Dear

Thank you for your letter of about your citizenship.

Citizenship is a matter which can be determined conclusively only by the courts. However, from the information which you have provided it appears that you were a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies before 1 January 1983 and that on that date, when the British Nationality Act 1981 came into force, you became a British Dependent Territories citizen and that, on 26 February 2002, you became a British overseas territories citizen.

Production of [list the appropriate documents] will normally be sufficient to establish your citizenship for all ordinary purposes, for example if you wish to apply for a British passport. Please note, however, that additional evidence of identity such as a driving licence, a banker's card or, in the case of a child, a school record may be requested in certain cases. An application for a British passport should be made to your regional Passport Office. Application forms can be obtained from main Post Offices.

Yours sincerely