

## **Chapter 50: British Nationals (Overseas) - Hong Kong Act 1985 & Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986 - general information**

50.1 British National (Overseas) status was created by the Hong Kong Act 1985, and given effect by the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986. A more detailed explanation of how, and by whom, the status is acquired, and how it can be lost is given in Chapters 51-53.

50.2 Particular points about British National (Overseas) status are:

- It can be acquired only by the persons, and in the manner, described in Chapter 51;
- It can be held with another nationality or citizenship, including another form of British nationality (e.g. British citizenship);
- It cannot be transmitted;
- It can be renounced (Chapter 52);
- Once renounced, it cannot be resumed;
- It can be lost automatically (Chapter 53);
- It can be lost by deprivation (Chapter 55);
- The holders of it are (uniquely among British nationals) entitled to hold a passport in that status.