

Annex A: Article 2 of the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986

Connections with Hong Kong

(1) For the purposes of this Order a person shall be taken to have a connection with Hong Kong if:

(a) subject to paragraph (3) below, he, his father or his mother was born, naturalised or registered in Hong Kong or found abandoned there as a new-born infant; or

(b) he, his father or his mother was adopted (whether or not in Hong Kong) and the adopter or, in the case of a joint adoption, one of the adopters was at the time of the adoption a British Dependent Territories citizen by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article; or

(c) he, his father or his mother was registered outside Hong Kong on an application based (wholly or partly) on any of the following:-

(i) residence in Hong Kong;

(ii) descent from a person born in Hong Kong;

(iii) descent from a person naturalised, registered or settled in Hong Kong (whether before or after the birth of the person registered);

(iv) descent from a person adopted (whether or not in Hong Kong) in the circumstances specified in sub-paragraph (b) above;

(v) marriage to a person who is a British Dependent Territories citizen by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article or would have been so but for his death or renunciation of citizenship;

(vi) Crown service under the Government of Hong Kong;

(vii) where citizenship has been renounced and subsequently resumed, birth, naturalisation or registration in Hong Kong; or

(d) at the time of his birth his father or mother was settled in Hong Kong; or

(e) his father or mother was born to a parent who at the time of the birth was a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article; or

(f) being a woman, she was married before 1st January 1983 to a man who is a British Dependent Territories citizen by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article or would have been so but for his death.

(2) In paragraph (1) above, "registered" means registered as a British Dependent Territories citizen or, before 1st January 1983, as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies; and "registration" shall be construed accordingly.

(3) A person born in Hong Kong on or after 1st January 1983 shall not be taken to have a connection with Hong Kong under paragraph (1)(a) above by virtue of his birth there unless, at the time of his birth, one of his parents was -

(a) settled in Hong Kong; or

(b) a British Dependent Territories citizen by virtue of his having a connection with Hong Kong as specified in this Article.