

Commonwealth Countries

Country	Former name	Former status	Date of inclusion in section 1(3) BNA 1948/Schedule 3 BNA 1981
Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua	Colony/Associated State	1.11.81
Australia		Dominion	1.1.49
Bahamas		Colony	10.7.73
Bangladesh	East Pakistan	Dominion	4.2.72
Barbados		Colony	30.11.66
Belize	British Honduras	Colony	21.9.81
Botswana	Bechuanaland	Protectorate	30.9.66
Brunei		Protected State/Foreign country	1.1.84
Cameroon		Foreign country	25.1.99
Canada		Dominion	1.1.49
Cyprus (see NOTES below)		Colony	16.8.60
Dominica		Colony/Associated State	3.11.78
Fiji (see NOTES below)		Colony	10.10.70
The Gambia	Gambia	Pt. Colony/Protectorate	18.2.65
Ghana	Gold Coast & Togoland	Pt. Colony/Protectorate	6.3.57
Grenada		Colony/Associated State	7.2.74
Guyana	British Guiana	Colony	26.5.66
India		Dominion	1.1.49
Jamaica		Colony	6.8.62
Kenya		Pt. Colony/Protectorate	12.12.63
Kiribati	Gilbert Islands	Colony	12.7.79
Lesotho	Basutoland	Colony	4.10.66
Malawi	Nyasaland	Protectorate	6.7.64
Malaysia	Malaya	9 Protected States and 2 Colonies of Penang and Malacca	31.8.57
	Singapore	Colony	16.9.63
	Sabah (N Borneo)	Colony	16.9.63
	Sarawak	Colony	16.9.63
Maldives		Protected State/Sovereign State	11.3.85
Malta		Colony	21.9.64
Mauritius		Colony	12.3.68
Mozambique		Foreign country	25.1.99
Namibia	South West Africa	Foreign Territory	25.8.90
Nauru		Mandated Territory	31.1.80
New Hebrides (see Vanuatu)		Trust Territory	
New Zealand		Dominion	1.1.49
Nigeria		Pt. Colony/Protectorate	1.10.60
Pakistan (see NOTES below)		Foreign country	1.10.89
Papua New Guinea		Foreign country	31.1.80
St Christopher & Nevis		Colony/Associated State	19.9.83

St Lucia		Colony/Associated State	22.2.79
St Vincent and the Grenadines		Colony/Associated State	27.10.79
Seychelles		Colony	29.6.76
Sierra Leone		Pt. Colony/Protectorate	27.4.61
Singapore (see NOTES below)		Colony	16.9.63
Solomon Islands	The Solomon Islands	Protectorate	7.7.78
South Africa (see NOTES below)		Foreign country	26.7.94
Southern Rhodesia - see Zimbabwe			
Sri Lanka	Ceylon	Dominion	1.1.49
Swaziland		Protected State	6.9.68
Tanzania	Tanganyika & Zanzibar (Union day 26.4.64)	Trust Territory/Protected State	(Tan) 9.12.61
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Tonga		Protected State	4.6.70
Trinidad & Tobago		Colony	31.8.62
Tuvalu	Ellice Islands	Colony	1.10.78
Uganda		Protectorate	9.10.62
Vanuatu		Anglo-French Condominium	30.7.80
Western Samoa		Mandated Territory/Trust Territory	31.1.80
Zambia	Northern Rhodesia	Protectorate	24.10.64
Zimbabwe	Southern Rhodesia	Section 1(3) country as Southern Rhodesia	(S. Rhodesia) 1.1.49
			(Zimbabwe) 18.4.80

Notes

- The Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia remained a colony after Cyprus attained independence on 16.8.60, and are now classed as a British Dependent Territory included in Schedule 6 to the BNA 1981.
- Fiji withdrew from the Commonwealth, declaring itself a republic, on 15.10.87. It was re-admitted to the Commonwealth on 1 October 1997. Throughout this period, however, Fiji continued to be listed in Schedule 3 to the BNA 1981, and so remained a Commonwealth country for British nationality purposes.
- East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) was included in s.1(3) BNA 1948 on 1.1.49.
- Pakistan (formerly West Pakistan) became a member of the Commonwealth on 1 January 1949, ceased to be a member on 31 August 1973 and was readmitted to the Commonwealth on 1.10.89.
- South Africa was included in s.1(3) BNA 1948 on 1 January 1949. It ceased to be a member of the Commonwealth on 30 May 1962. It rejoined on 1 June 1994 and was included in Schedule 3 to the BNA 1981 on 26 July 1994.

- Singapore attained full independence on 16.9.63 when it joined with the Federation of Malaya to form Malaysia and was included in s.1(3) BNA 1948 on that date. Singapore seceded from Malaysia on 9.8.65 and was then included in s.1(3) as a separate country.