

Exceptions to Loss

1. The legislation enacted when a colony attained independence before 1983 usually provided for citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies to be lost by persons who acquired citizenship of the newly-independent country on Independence Day, unless they possessed certain qualifying connections either with the United Kingdom or with a place then remaining a colony, protectorate or protected state. The following categories of persons were normally excepted from loss:

- Those born in a place which remained part of the United Kingdom and Colonies after Independence Day
- Those naturalised in the United Kingdom and Colonies, provided the relevant certificate of naturalisation was granted in a place which remained part of the United Kingdom and Colonies, a protectorate, protected state or a UK trust territory after Independence Day
- Those registered as citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies either in a place which remained part of the United Kingdom and Colonies, a protectorate, protected state or a UK trust territory after Independence Day, or in an independent Commonwealth country
- Those who became a British subjects through the annexation of territory which remained part of the United Kingdom and Colonies after Independence Day
- Those (of legitimate descent) whose father or paternal grandfather belonged to any of categories above
- Those (of legitimate descent) whose father or paternal grandfather would have belonged to category b. by reason of "local" naturalisation in a colony or protectorate had he been alive immediately before the commencement of the British Nationality Act 1948 on 1 January 1949
- Those born in a place which remained a protectorate, protected state or a UK trust territory after Independence Day
- Those (of legitimate descent) whose father or paternal grandfather was at any time a British subject who was born in a place which remained a protectorate, protected state or a UK trust territory after Independence Day
- Women whose husbands remained citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies after Independence Day