

# **British Indian Ocean Territory (Citizenship) Bill**

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**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Acquisition of British overseas territory citizenship**

- (1) The British Nationality Act 1981 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 16 insert—

**“16A Acquisition of British overseas territories citizenship**

- (1) A person ('D') born outside the British Indian Ocean Territory is entitled to be registered as a British overseas territories citizen if –
  - (a) an application is made for D's registration under this section; and
  - (b) each of the following conditions is satisfied.
- (2) The first condition is that D is a direct descendant of a person ('P') who was a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies by virtue of P's birth in the British Indian Ocean Territory or, prior to 8 November 1965, in those islands designated as the British Indian Ocean Territory on that date. 10
- (3) The second condition is that D is not a British overseas territories citizen. 15
- (4) *No charge or fee shall be imposed for registration under this section. ”*

**2 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to—
  - (a) the United Kingdom, 20
  - (b) the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and

- (c) the British overseas territories.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the British Indian Ocean Territory (Citizenship) Act 2018.

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