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CITIZENSHIP STATISTICS UNITED KINGDOM 1988

SUMMARY

1. 64,600 people were granted British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 1988, about the same number as in 1987. This was well above the 46,000 in 1986, which was reduced by work on computerisation, and the 54,000 in 1985. The increased numbers of grants in 1987 and 1988 were associated with the ending in December 1987 of the transitional registration arrangements under the British Nationality Act 1981; hence, the increased grants were mainly made on the basis of residence, and mainly to Commonwealth citizens. Grants to Commonwealth citizens increased to 46,900 in 1988 from 41,500 in 1987 and 26,100 in 1986. In 1988 there was an offsetting fall in grants to foreign nationals from 23,000 in 1987 to 16,800 in 1988.

Total grants (Tables 1 and 2)

2. Around 64,600 people were granted British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 1988, almost exactly the same number as in 1987. This was 19,000 more than in 1986, when the numbers were reduced by the work involved in the introduction of computerisation of some of the administrative procedures, and over 11,000 more than in 1985. The higher level of grants was partly due to increased productivity from computerisation, partly to other measures designed to increase output and partly to the higher proportion (67 per cent in 1988 compared with 47 per cent in 1986) of total grants which were entitlements to register as a British citizen under the 1981 British Nationality Act's



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transitional provisions which expired at the end of 1987; such applications form the simplest types of applications processed in the Nationality Division. In total, some 300,000 applications for citizenship were received in 1987, about 5 times the number received in 1986: this large increase reflected the expiry of the transitional provisions. As a result of this very heavy intake of applications, a new Nationality Office was established in Liverpool in August 1988 and the new office was processing registration entitlement applications during the last few months of 1988. The output from the Liverpool Nationality Office helped to offset the loss of production which arose in the early part of 1988 as a result of the need to divert considerable numbers of staff from considering cases to the initial processing of the unexpectedly large number of applications.

3. In the years 1982-84 grants averaged 70,000 a year reflecting the large numbers of applications received around the time when the British Nationality Act came into force on 1 January 1983, compared with around 25,000 grants a year between 1977 and 1980.

Grants by basis and nationality (Tables 3 and 4)

- 4. As in previous years, residence in the United Kingdom was the most frequent basis on which people were granted British citizenship in 1988. The number of grants on this basis totalled 44,500, or just over two-thirds of the total, and this was a substantial increase on the 38,600 in 1987 and 23,300 in 1986. Most of the increase was among those granted citizenship on the basis of an entitlement rather than at the Home Secretary's discretion and mainly reflected the ending of the transitional entitlements in December 1987. further 13,100 grants were on the basis of the applicants' marriage to a British citizen, less than the 16,400 in 1987 but similar to the number in 1986. The fall in 1988 was mainly in cases involving the exercise of discretion to naturalise a person (male or female) who has lived in the United Kingdom for three years or more and whose spouse is a British citizen. 6,400 grants in 1988 were to minor children: this was considerably less than the 9,500 in 1987 and continued a decline in such grants since 1981.
- 5. Also reflecting the ending of the transitional registration arrangements, which applied particularly to Commonwealth citizens, the number of grants to Commonwealth citizens increased from 41,500 in 1987 to 46,900 in 1988 while

those to foreign nationals fell from 23,000 to 16,800. Grants to citizens of the West Indies, which had increased from 10,000 to 22,000 in 1987, increased further in 1988 to 25,000, of which 17,900 were grants to Jamaicans, very largely on the basis of residence. Grants to citizens of India increased from 5,200 in 1987 to 7,200 in 1988 and those to citizens of Bangladesh from 3,000 to 3,600. There were also increases in grants to Nigerian citizens from 700 in 1987 to 1,100 in 1988, and to British overseas citizens from 1,300 to 1,800. Among foreign nationals, there were falls in grants to European nationals from 4,700 to 2,500, to South Africans from 3,700 to 1,800 and to nationals of Pakistan from 5,600 to 4,800. Grants to Vistnemese, which increased from 300 in 1986 to 700 in 1987, increased a little further, to 800, in 1988.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 1. This bulletin gives the following information on grants of citizenship:
 - (a) a summary of the grants of British and British overseas citizenship and British subject status in the United Kingdom and of British Dependent Territories citizenship granted in the Dependencies, in each of the years 1983-88 (Table 1);
 - (b) a summary of the grants of citizenship in the United Kingdom by the main categories for the years 1978-88 (Table 2);
 - (c) a summary for 1978-88 of the previous nationalities or citizenships of persons granted citizenship in the United Kingdom (Table 3);
 - (d) a table of grants of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 1988, analysed by the previous nationality or citizenship and the section of the British Nationality Act 1981 under which citizenship was granted (Table 4).

The figures for BDTC (Gibraltar) and stateless in Table 4 refer to persons registered under sections 5 or 36 respectively of the British Nationality Act 1981.

- 2. The nationality shown in the first column of Tables 3 and 4 is the one, or in cases of dual nationality the main one, which the person possessed immediately before acquiring British citizenship. As citizens of the Republic of Ireland are treated in the same way as Commonwealth citizens in the naturalisation and registration provisions of the Acts, they have been included in the Commonwealth section of Table 4,
- 3. The categories shown in Tables 1, 2 and 4 relate to the section of the British Nationality Act 1981 under which citizenship was acquired. The following is a brief summary of the provisions of the relevant sections of the Act:
 - s.1(3) entitlement to registration of a minor born in the United Kingdom when one of his parents becomes a British citizen or settled in the United Kingdom.
 - s.3(1) discretionary registration of a minor.
 - 8.3(2) entitlement to registration of a minor less than one year old who was born outside the United Kingdom to parents one of whom was a British citizen by descent.
 - s.3(5) entitlement to registration of an overseas-born minor resident in the United Kingdom, one of whose parents was a British citizen by descent.
 - s.4(2) entitlement to registration of a British Dependent Territories citizen, a British overseas citizen, a British subject or a British protected person resident in the United Kingdom.
 - s.4(5) discretionary registration on the grounds of Crown Service of a British Dependent Territories citizen, a British overseas citizen, a British subject or a British protected person.

- s.5 entitlement to registration of a British Dependent Territories citizen from Gibraltar.
- s.6(1) naturalisation of an adult by virtue of residence in the United Kingdom.
- s.6(2) naturalisation of an adult, resident in the United Kingdom, by virtue of marriage to a British citizen.
- s.7 transitional entitlement to registration (which ended on 31 December 1987) of a Commonwealth citizen who is resident in the United Kingdom.
- s.8(1) transitional entitlement to registration (which ended on 31 December 1987) of a woman still married since before 1983 to a man who became a British citizen on commencement of the 1981 Act.
- s.8(2) and 8(3) transitional discretionary registration (which ended on 31 December 1987) of a woman married before 1983 to a man who would have become a British citizen but for his death or renunciation of citizenship.
- s.9 transitional entitlement to registration (which ended on 31 December 1988) of a minor born in a foreign country whose father was or would have been a British citizen.
- s.10(1) entitlement to acquire British citizenship by a person who had renounced citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies before 1983.
- s.10(2) discretionary registration of a person connected with the United Kingdom who renounced citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies before 1983.
- s.13(1) entitlement to resume British citizenship by a person who renounced it to acquire some other citizenship.
- s.13(3) discretionary registration of a person who has previously renounced British citizenship.
- s.36 entitlement to registration of a stateless person.
- Schedule 8 any applications made before the commencement of the 1981 Act continue to be decided in accordance with the provisions of the previous nationality Acts.
- 4. Statistics for the years 1962 1983 were published annually in "Statistics of persons acquiring Citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies" (for 1962-77), "Tables of persons acquiring Citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies" (for 1978-82) and "Tables of persons acquiring British Citizenship" (for 1983), all of which are available from HMSO. Statistics for 1984 to 1987 were published in Statistical Bulletins 21/85, 26/86, 29/87 and 12/88. These are available from the Home Office Statistical Department.
- 5. Enquiries about the figures in the bulletin should be addressed to the Home Office Statistical Department, Lunar House, 40 Wellesley Road, Croydon, Surrey CRO 9YD (Tel: 01-760 2711). Press enquiries should be made to the Home Office Press Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SWIH 9AT (Tel: 01-273 4620).

- 6. The following symbols are used in the tables:
 - not applicable

 - negligible

Table 1 Grants of citizenship in the United Kingdom 1983-88

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					Mumber of	Dersons
ERITISH CITIZENSHIP	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
All grants	<u>60,691</u>	<u>73,982</u>	<u>53,765</u>	45,872	<u>64,876</u>	64,584
of which DISCRETIONARY						
Married to a British citizen Minors	324 9,816	6,620 13,017	5,827 10,145	5,363 8,527	8,281 8,587	5,697 6,053
Residence qualifications/ relevant employment	12,183	11,839	11,239	8,822	10,181	8,837
All discretionary	22,323	31,476	27,211	 22,712	27,049	20,587
-						<u> </u>
ENTITLEMENT Women married before 1983 to a British citizen Minors Residence qualifications Stateless persons Resumption of citizenship Gibraltarians	11,867 1,625 19,546 14 38 5,278	15,681 809 25,325 26 59 606	9,229 889 15,758 26 81 571	7,339 920 14,441(2) 19 87 354	8,071 915 28,374 10 79 378	7,423 370 35,668 6 60 470
All entitlement	38,368	42,506	26,554 ———	23,160	37,827	43,997
BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIEDASHIP	16	135	185	122	107	85
of which Wives Minors Stateless persons	14 2 	107 28 -	115 64 6	90 32	79 27 1	75 10 -
CITIZENSHIP OF THE BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES (1)	3,101	3,042	2,637	3,293	3,434	3,650 (3)
BRITISH SUBJECT STATUS	. 2	Ħ	6	7	4	2

Granted in the Department Territories.
 Includes a few discretionary grants not separately identified.
 Provisional figure.

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Table 2 Grants of citizenship in the United Kingdom by basis of grant 1978-88

				Number of	persons
Year of grant	Marriage	Minor children	Residence	Other (2)	All grants
1978	8,145	4,687	12,073	66	24,971
1979	6,830	7,771	9,873	112	24,58,
1980	6,219	9,264	12,016	37	27,536
1981	12,318	15,853	20,365	57	48,593
1982	18,641	14,133	43,452	52	76,278
1983	12,191	11,441	31,729	5,330	60,691
1984	22,301	13,826	37,164	691	73,982
1985	15,056	11,034	26,997	678	53,765
1986	12,702	9,447	23,263	460	45,872
1987	16,352	9,502	38,555	467	64,876
1988	13,120	6,423	44,505	536	64,584

⁽¹⁾ For 1978-82, the grant was of citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies, from 1983 onwards of British citizenship.

⁽²⁾ From 1983, includes British Dependent Territories citizens from Gibraltar registered as British citizens under s.5 of the 1981 Act.

Table 3 Grants of citizenship in the United Kingdom 1978-88

										Thou	sands
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Previous citizenship or nationality	Citiser	ship c	of the	DK & C	colonies	 	ritish	citiz	enship		
All grants	25.0	24.6	27.5	48.6	76.3	60.7	74.0	53.8	45.9	64.9	64.6
Irish Republic	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.9
Commonwealth total	15.1	12.6	11.8	21.1	48.0	37.3	46.0	30.7	26.1	41.5	46.9
Old Commonwealth Australia Camada New Zealand	0.4 0.1 0.1 0.1	0.3 0.1 0.1 0.1	0.4 0.2 0.1 0.1	0.6 0.2 0.2 0.2	0.9 0.3 0.3 0.3	0.8 0.3 0.3	1.6 0.6 0.6 0.6	1.4 0.5 0.5 0.4	1.1 0.4 0.4 0.3	1.7 0.4 0.7 0.5	1.2 0.3 0.5 0.4
New Commonwealth Africa Bangladesh, India	14.8 2.0	12.3 2.3	11.4 2.1	20.4 2.9	47.1 5.1	29.5 4.3	42.3 5.7	26.4 3.8	22.9 2.7	37.3 3.1	42.5 3.3
and Sri Lanka Pakistan (1) West Indies Other Commonwealth	4.6 1.3 4.5 2.3	3.5 0.7 4.1 1.8	3.2 0.5 4.1 1.6	6.1 0.3 9.1 3.1	15.9 0.2 22.2 3.8	10.6 0.1 14.7 2.3	17.4 + 15.6 3.6	10.0 + 9.6 3.0	7.7 + 10.0 2.5	9.5 + 22.0 2.7	11.8 + 25.0 2.4
British Overseas citizens and British Dependent Territories citizens	•	•	•	•		6.9	2.1	2.9	2.1	2.5	3.0
Foreign total	9.4	11.7	15.5	27.2	27.8	20.7	27.5	22.6	19.4	23.0	16.8
European Community Other Europe United States of America Other Americas	0.8 1.7 0.1 0.2	1.0 1.7 0.2 0.3	2.0 2.7 0.3 0.4	4.1 4.0 0.8 0.6	3.0 3.4 0.7 0.6	2.1 2.5 0.5 0.5	2.6 3.0 0.7 0.6	1.9 2.7 0.7 0.6	2.0 1.6 0.6 0.5	2.0 2.7 0.6 0.5	1.0 1.4 0.4 0.4
South Africa Pakistan Other foreign	0.7 3.6 2.2	0.9 4.7 2.8	1.3 3.8 5.0	2.3 8.7 6.7	1.9 10.6 7.6	1.3 7.7 6.3	2.1 10.2 8.3	2.3 6.9 7.4	3.3 4.9 6.5	3.7 5.6 7.9	1.8 · 4.8 7.1

⁽¹⁾ Pakistan ceased to be a Commonwealth country on 1 September 1973 but certain nationals of Pakistan were regarded as Commonwealth citizens for the purpose of applying for registration.

Table 4 Grants of British citizenship in the United Kingdom, 1988

Number of persons

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Australia	14	ņ	100	104	34	_	11	1	ł -	275
Rahanay Bungladesh	460	2 51	11 1245	2 623	5 728	ĩ	4	Ξ	1 1	20 3552
Barbados	36	8	8	2275	34	-	-	-	-	2361
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Brunei	_	_	-	i -	_	_	_	_	-	Ō
Canada Cyprus	18 131	29 174	137 44	212 94	140 132	-	1	-	1 1	538 375
Dominica	14	7	13	708	2		_	_	_	744
Piii	3	6	2	39	14	_	_	_	6	70
Genbia Ghana	2 262	1 107	87	32 385	2 36	7	=	-	-	37 884
Grecada	28	11	12	1011	ű	<u>-</u>	=	=] -	1073
Guyana	51	46	27	383	31	_	_	_	-	538
India Irish Republic	780 22	859 14	422 40	3836 697	1315 92	ñ	=	2	=	7223 867
Jamaica -	217	96	93	17931	120	-	-	_	i -	17857
Kenya	115	63	68	91	71	-	1	-	12	421
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Maleysia	104	60	2 <u>1</u> 11	74	101	2	_	-	! -	l 362
Helta Hecritius	10 26 1	4 93	11 19	96 210	16 109	2 .3	-	_	i 8	147
New Sealand	44	39	69	129	106	_	_	_	_	387
Migeria	57	39	56	570	36	5	-	-	4	1067
Papua Rev Guinea St Kitts	-	-	Ξ.	14	. :	_		-		0
St Lucia	18	4	5	901	10	-	-	-	-	938
St Vincent		7	5	7.4	5	-		-	<u> </u>	739
Seychelles Sierza Leone	10 43	6 12	6 7	23	8 9	_	-	=] -	53 150
Singspore	11	13	. 7	1 '35	21	.=		-	<u> </u>	į 8 7
Sri Lanka	447	112	126	28 2	59	13	-	-	2	1041
Swaziland Taosania	- 95	1 70	40	35	33	_	-	=	1 :	273
Tonga Tuvalu	-	-	-] 2	2	-	-	-	1 -	4
Trinidad & Tobago	36	19	12	592	62	-	_	-	5	725
Uganča	29	13	15	62	9	2	_	_	1	131
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British oversens citizens	3	6	28	1751	4	1	_	-	_	1793
British dependent territories	_	•	_]	-	_		_	1	1
citizens	9	32	66	656	. 8	14	1	•	-	786
British subjects	4	4	1	424	72	1	-	-] -	449
Total Commonwealti	3397	2332	2900	35035	3466	Q2	21	. 3	42	47258
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Foreign	•			}]]
Afobanistan	8	2	3	-	_	_	_	_	[13
Algeria Asgentina	8	2 <u>3</u>	4	<u> </u> -	2	-	-	_	-	13 37 43 37
Mostria	10 4	5 1	10 11 1	-	15 17	=		<u> </u>	:	37
Bahsain	-		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bolgium Bolivia	5	5 5	25 1	=	13 5	-	=	5] =	53 14 66
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Table 4 Greats of British citisenship in the United Kingdon, 1988 (cont'd)

Number of persons

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Previous citizenship	Dia	cretione	Y		Ex	Resump- tion	Total			
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mationality	residence or relevant	to a British	minor children	residence	to a British	OK-born child	of a British citisen	others] [
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Cambodia	7	. 3	7	-	_	_		-	_	17
Cameroon Cape Verde Islands Chad	2	2	-	=	=	=	-	-	=	9
Chile	17	ņ	7	<u> </u>	6	Ξ	ī	ĩ	ļ -	43
China Colombia	201 23	98 15	16 5] =	11 14	ī	=	-] =	326 58
Costa Rica Cuba Canchoslovakia	2 10	3 2 10	- 2	}	1 2	-	1	:] =	3 24
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Dominican Republic Econdor	ī	1	1] :	3	-	-	Ξ] =	. 2
Egypt El Salvador	129 1	128 1	33 -	[=	5 1	3	-	-	=	298 3
Equatorial Guinea Entonia	- 2	-	_	-	ī	-	-	-	-	9
Ethiopia Finland	32 6	4 3	5 2		2 9		=	1	<u> </u>	43
France	19	44	88	ļ -	83	1	5	Ž	ļ -	242
German Democratic Republic Garman	5	5	1	-	5	-	_	-	<u> </u>	16
Pederal Republic Greece	24 16	53 38	60 13] =	47 16	ī	3		} =	127
Guatemala Honduras	_		3	} =	5	=			1 =	1 7
Bungary	31.	40	5] -	7	1	-] -	84
Iceland Indonesia	7 651		6 132	=	11 27	-			=	24 1249
Iran Iraq	156	107	37] :	3	Ť	=	-] =	370
Israel Italy	57 20	35 37	55 71	<u> </u>	37 45	=	4 2	5 1	=	193
Ivory Coast Jacan	ī	ī	2	1 :	7	ī	=	-	=	0 12
Jordan	26		4	-	4	1	-	-] =	72
Korea Komit Lacs	10 -	_	6 1	\ <u> </u>	2	-				26
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Liberia	1	2	_	-	1		_	_	-	4
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Nepal Notherlands	1 6	5	10] =	10	1		_] =	33
Micaragua Morway Casa	1	2	16	<u> </u>	13	=	=	_	1 1	33
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Peru Philippines	372	5 105	40	=	25 68	Ξ	Ξ	1	=	35 585
Poland Fortugal	175 39	129 25	20 5	-	93 22	1			=	418 92
Postala	2	5	3	-	=	=	_	-	i -	10

Table 4 Grants of British citizenship in the United Kingdom, 1988 (cont'd)

Number of person.

Previous	Discretionary			[En	Resump	Tora			
citizenship or						M	inor child	irea	tion	
nationality	employment	to a British citisen	children	residence	to a British citizen	chi]d	British citizen	othera		
	ss. 4(5)	88. 6(2) 8(2),(3)	s. 3(1)	8.4(2)[A] 7(1),(2) Sch. 8	s. 8(1) Sch. B	s. 1(3)	3 (2) 3(5)	ss. 4,9	es.10,13	
Rwanda Saudi Arabia	- 2			-	Ξ	=	Ξ	=	i –	!
Senegal Somalia South Africa Spain Sudan	- 28 190 11 8	5 149 16	514 60		849 35	- 8 - 1	5 3	69 1		4f 178 32; 1
Sweden Switzerland Syria Taivan	3 9 41 10	6 19 13 13 6	27 49 1 10 1 11	-	24 83 3	-	2 1	1	6 9 -	£: 17: 6: 2:
Thailand Togo	22	18	8 -	-		-		- -	-	6.
Tunisia Turkey Union of Soviet Socialist	6 201	16	48	=	. =	ī			-	36.
Republics United Arab Emirates	23 -	15 - 1		-	4	-	- 1	-	-	1
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Venezuela Vietnam Yenen Arab	4 531	17	5 2 7 285	=	8	=	-	=	-	83t
Republic Yemen People's Democratic	54	1 13	3 15	- .	. 1	-	-	· -	-	8.
Republic Yugoslavia Zaire	22 57 2		7 8] -	1 23	-	 -	<u> </u>	=	34 115 4
British protected persons Uncertain	1	_		597			-	-	-	61£
nationality Total foreign	738 5440			633		<u> </u>			18	1467
All nationalities	8837			35668		<u></u>	B4		60	64108 [B]

[[]A] Includes a few grants to minor children which cannot be individually identified.
[B] In addition, 470 RDTC (Gibraltar) and 6 stateless persons were registered (see explanatory note 1). The total number of grants was therefore 64,584.