



Persons Granted British Citizenship United Kingdom, 2007

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MAIN POINTS:

- Applications for British citizenship rose by 8 per cent in 2007 to 160,980 (paragraph 1).
- The number of persons granted British citizenship in the United Kingdom rose by 7 per cent to 164,635 in 2007 (paragraph 2).
- 53 per cent of grants were on the basis of residence, 18 per cent marriage, and 25 per cent minor children (paragraph 5).
- Citizens of countries in Asia and Africa accounted for 44 and 31 per cent respectively of total grants (paragraph 6).
- The main nationalities granted British citizenship were Indian, Filipino, Afghan, South African and Pakistani (9, 7, 6, 5 and 5 per cent respectively) (Paragraph 8).
- The number of persons attending a British citizenship ceremony rose by 11 per cent to 119,490 in 2007. (Paragraph 15)

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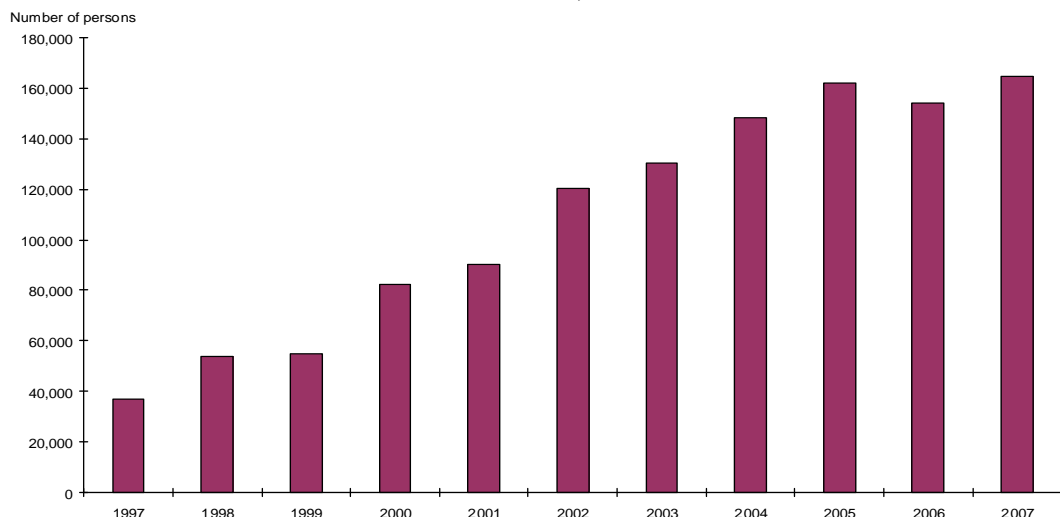
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Figure 1

GRANTS OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1997 TO 2007



Introduction

This bulletin provides provisional summary statistics on applications for, and, grants/refusals of, British citizenship in 2007 and preceding years. It also contains information on citizenship ceremonies attended, applications rejected/ withdrawn and those found to be British already.

The British Nationality Act 1981 came into force on 1 January 1983 and replaced citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies with three separate citizenships, statistics on which are shown in the tables indicated below:

1. British citizenship, for people closely connected with the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man (Tables 1-5);
2. British overseas territories citizenship, for people connected with the British overseas territories (Table 6);
3. British Overseas citizenship, for those citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies without connections with either the United Kingdom or the British overseas territories (Table 6).

The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 amended the British Nationality Act 1981 and requires all successful applicants for British citizenship who are aged 18 or above to take an oath and pledge at a citizenship ceremony, unless exempted by the Home Secretary. The ceremony is organised by County Councils and Local Authorities within the United Kingdom and Gibraltar (Table 8)

Further information explaining the position from 1 January 1983 under the 1981 Act, and explaining some changes made by the British Overseas Territories Act 2002 is at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/policyandlaw/guidance/IDIs1/nivol1/>

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Data is extracted from the UK Border Agency administrative database, after caseworkers have entered data relating to the Applications and Decisions.

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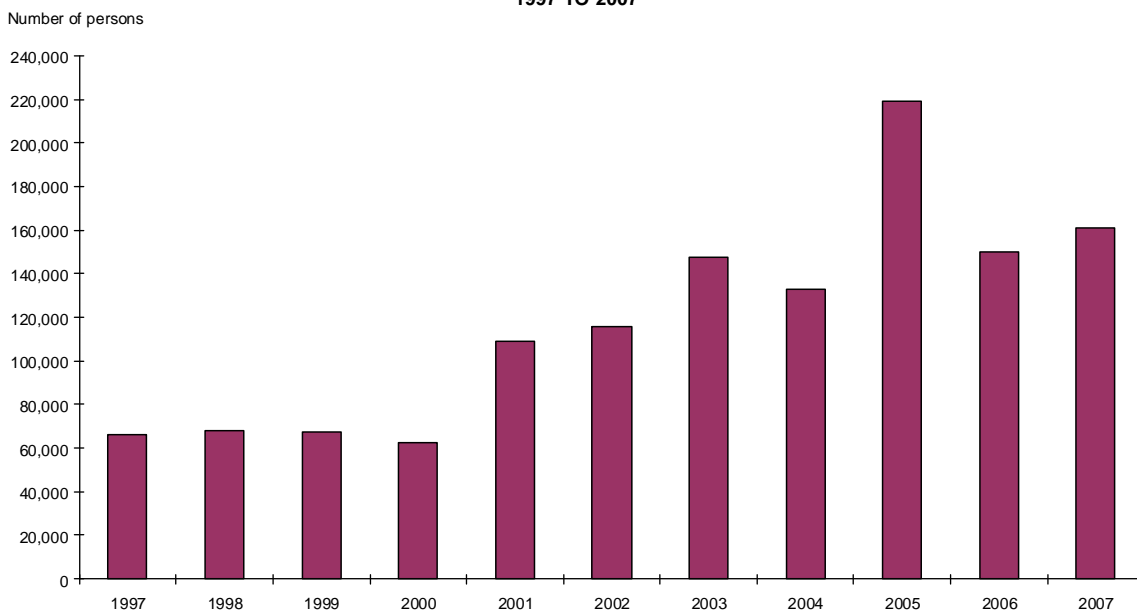
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Applications Received (Figure 2 and Table 1)

1. The number of applications received for British citizenship in 2007 was 160,980 – a rise of 8 per cent compared to the previous year when 149,695 applications were received. It is not clear what the reasons for the rise are, however it may be connected to an increase in processing fees on 1 April 2007 which resulted in an increased volume of applications between January and March 2008. The rise in applications in 2007 was a significant change from the 32 per cent fall in the 2006 which marked a return to levels prior to the introduction of a new requirement on 1 November 2005 for applicants to demonstrate knowledge of life in the UK as well as their English language ability.

Figure 2

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR BRITISH CITIZENSHIP 1997 TO 2007



Grants and Refusals (Figure 1 and Table 1)

2. The number of persons granted British citizenship in 2007 was 164,635 an increase of 7 per cent on the previous year. The increase was partly explained by improved productivity in caseworking decision making which reduced the backlog of applications.

3. 15,630 applications for British citizenship were refused, withdrawn or found to be British already in 2007, similar to 2006 when 15,310 applications were also refused. Refusals made up 9 per cent of all decisions in 2007, the same proportion as in 2006.

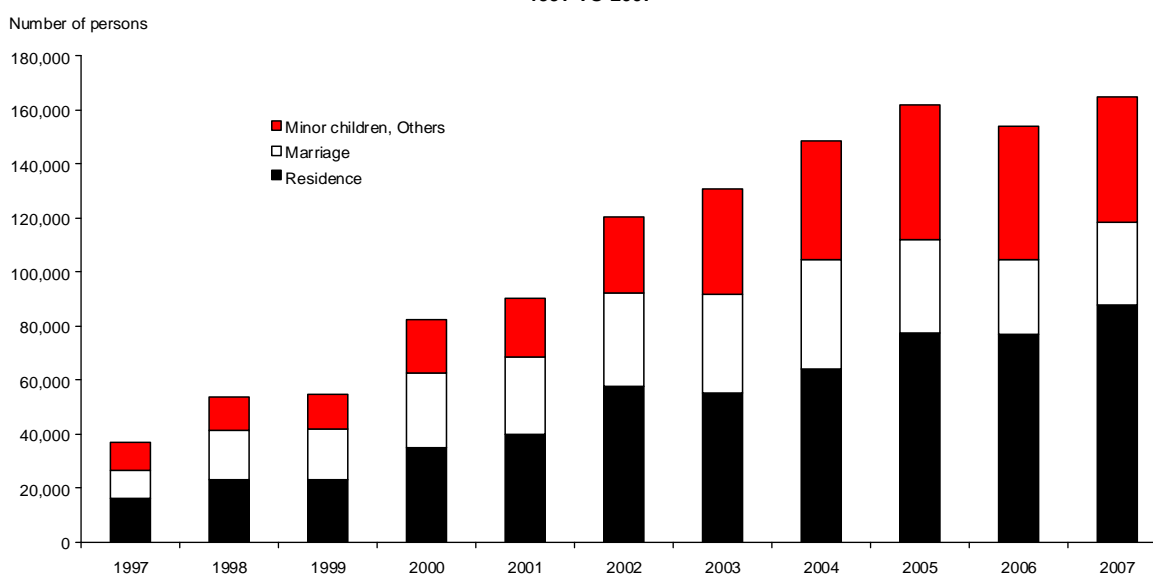
4. The total number of decisions made in 2007 rose by 6 per cent to 180,265. This rise can be attributed to an increase in applications received during the year.

Basis of Grant (Figure 3 and Table 2)

5. Residence in the United Kingdom continued to be the most frequent basis on which persons were granted British citizenship in 2007. The number of such grants was 87,785, 53 per cent of the total. The number of grants to persons on the basis of marriage to a British citizen was 30,425, 18 per cent of the total. The proportion based on residence increased by 3 percentage points from the previous year, whilst that based on marriage remained the same (50 per cent and 18 per cent respectively in 2006). The number granted on the basis of marriage rose compared to 2006, but is still significantly less than in 2004 when a record number of persons (40,405) were granted citizenship in this category. Most of the remaining grants in 2007 (40,535) were to minor children¹ which accounted for 25 per cent of the total.

Figure 3

GRANTS OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BY BASIS OF GRANT, 1997 TO 2007



Previous Nationality (Figure 4 and Tables 3, 4)

6. Persons whose previous nationality was from countries in the African continent constituted 31 per cent (51,255) of all grants in 2007, 1 per cent more than in 2006. The Remainder of Asia accounted for 22 per cent (35,640) of grants, 6 per cent more than 2006. While grants made to people from the Indian sub-continent fell by 14 per cent to 24,885, grants made to people from the Remainder of Europe (i.e. outside the European Economic Area) decreased by 28 per cent to 14,515, due to Bulgaria and Romania becoming part of the European Economic Area from 1 January 2007.

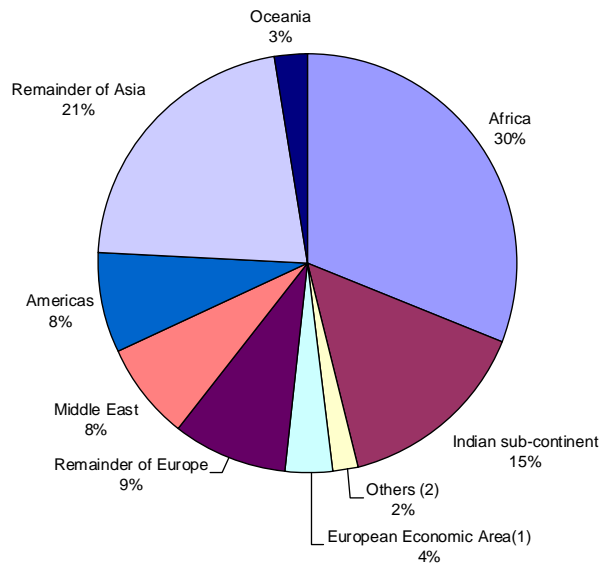
7. Afghans saw the highest increase in grants in 2007 to 10,555 (an increase of 211 per cent as compared to 3,400 in 2006).

8. Nationalities with the largest numbers of grants in 2007 were: Indian 14,490 (9 per cent of the total); Filipino 10,840 (7 per cent), Afghan 10,555 (6 per cent), South African 8,150 (5 per cent); and Pakistani 8,140 (5 per cent).

¹ Children under the age of 18

Figure 4

GRANTS OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 2007 BY PREVIOUS NATIONALITY GROUPED BY REGION
(Total number of persons 164,635)



(1) Includes British overseas territories citizens (except from Gibraltar) and British Overseas citizens
(2) Includes British Overseas territories citizens from Gibraltar

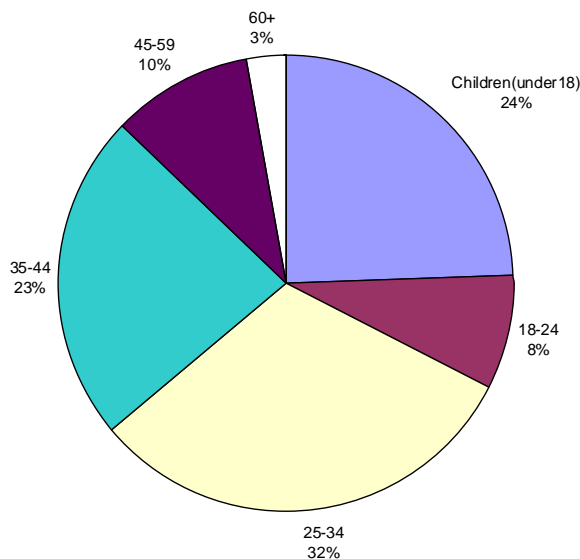
Grants by Age/Gender (Figure 5 and Table 5)

9. The majority of grants of British citizenship were to people aged between 25 and 34 (31 per cent of the total), 2 per cent more than the previous year. Children under 18 constituted 24 per cent of total grants. Persons aged 35 to 44 constituted 23 per cent, the same proportion as the previous year. Persons aged 45 to 59 constituted 10 per cent; 18 to 24 8 per cent; and the over-60s 3 per cent.

10. The number of grants to female adults² was 63,770 (39 per cent of the total), 60,665 (37 per cent) grants were made to male adults².

Figure 5

GRANTS OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 2007, BY AGE
(Total number of grants, 164,470)⁽¹⁾



(1) Excludes 165 cases where age and gender analysis are not available.

² Persons aged 18 and over

Other Grants of British Citizenship (Table 6)

11. 780 people were granted British citizenship in 2007 under the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Act 1997; an increase of 27 per cent compared to 2006. This brought the total number of grants since 1997 under this Act to 6,150. This is in addition to 136,500 grants in 1991 - 97 under the earlier 1990 Act and its associated Selection Scheme, under which key workers in Hong Kong and their spouses and dependants were granted British citizenship.

Reasons for Refusal of British Citizenship (Figure 6 and Table 7)

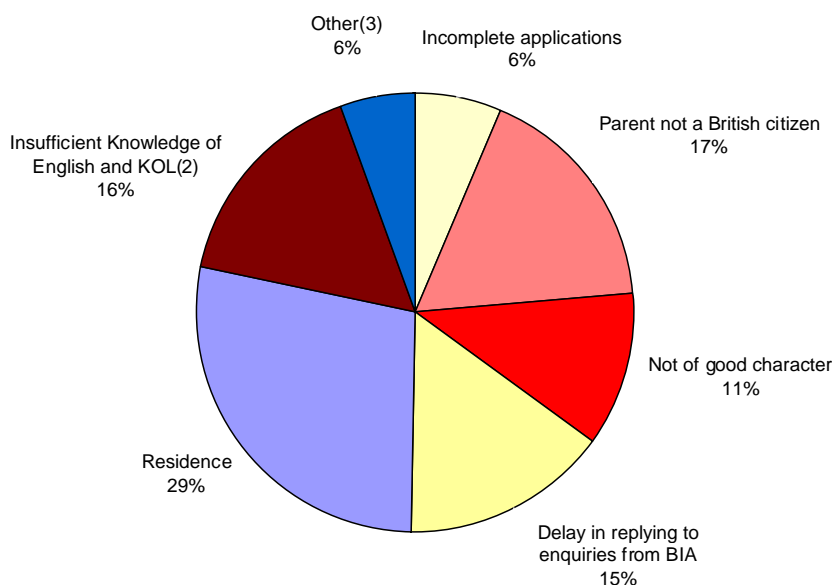
12. There was an 8 per cent rise in the number of persons refused British citizenship in 2007. Of the 14,725 refusal decisions made: 28 per cent (4,135) were refusals on the grounds of Residence; 17 per cent (2,535) were refused because the parent was not a British citizen; 16 per cent (2,365)³ were due to the applicants' insufficient knowledge of English and/or knowledge of life in the United Kingdom; 15 per cent (2,230) due to the applicants' delay in replying to enquiries from BIA; 11 per cent (1,695) because the applicant was considered not to be of good character; and 6 per cent (930) due to 'incomplete application'. Other miscellaneous reasons for refusal made up 5 per cent (795), and less than 1 per cent (40) were refused because the Oath was not taken in time.

13. A total of 915 applications were rejected in 2007. This included 660 applications where the applicant was found to be a British Citizen and 255 applications rejected for other reasons, including non-payment of fee. This is a marked reduction from the 7,545 rejections in 2006, showing that people are now enclosing their supporting documentation when making their application.

14. 245 applications were withdrawn by the applicant during 2007.

Figure 6

REASONS FOR REFUSAL OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP 2007, BY TYPE OF REFUSAL
(Total number of refusals 14,725)⁽¹⁾



(1) Excludes cases where the applicant was found to be British already, rejected applications and withdrawals.

(2) Knowledge of life in the United Kingdom

(3) Includes Oaths not taken in time

³ Almost five times more than the 500 refusals under this category in 2006

British Citizenship Ceremonies (Table 8)

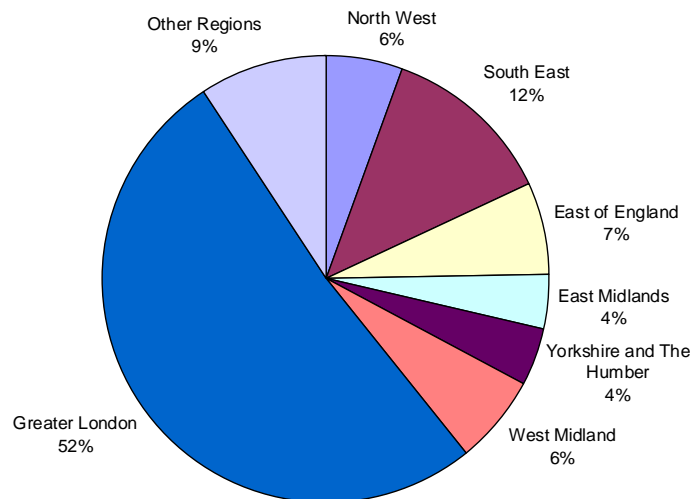
15. The number of persons attending a British citizenship ceremony in 2007 was 119,490, a rise of 11 per cent compared to 2006 when there were 107,565 ceremonies.

16. Over half of all ceremonies in 2007, 61,690 (52 per cent) were held within Greater London, compared to 56,995 (53 per cent) in 2006. The South East was the next highest area with 14,640 (12 per cent) in 2007 and 12,145 (12 per cent) in 2006.

17. In 2007 the Authorities holding the highest numbers of ceremonies were: Ealing 3,875 (3 per cent); Brent 3,465 (3 per cent); Newham 3,075 (3 per cent) and Birmingham 3,055 (3 per cent). The corresponding figures in 2006 were: Brent 3,260 (3 per cent), Birmingham 3,255 (3 per cent); Ealing 3,150 (3 per cent), and Newham 3,085 (3 per cent).

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Table 1 Applications for British citizenship received and decided in the United Kingdom, 1997- 2007

Year	Applications received	Decisions taken		Refusal as a % of all decisions
		Grants ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Refusals ⁽³⁾	
1997	66,000	37,010	4,745	11%
1998	68,030	53,935	3,750	7%
1999	67,400	54,900	3,995	7%
2000	62,475	82,210	6,785	8%
2001	109,005	90,295	9,530	10%
2002	115,500	120,125	8,455	7%
2003 ^(R)	147,345	130,535	10,555	7%
2004 ^(R)	132,630	148,275	13,820	9%
2005 ^(R)	219,115	161,700	19,905	11%
2006 ^(R)	149,695	154,020	15,310	9%
2007 ^(P)	160,980	164,635	15,630	9%

(1) See explanatory note 5.

(2) Data from November 2001 includes grants of British citizenship in the Channel Island and Isle of Man.

(3) Includes small numbers of applications withdrawn and applicants found to be British already.

Table 2 Grants⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of British citizenship in the United Kingdom by basis of grant, 1997 - 2007

Number of persons

Year of grant	All grants	Residence	Marriage ⁽³⁾	Minor children	Other ⁽⁴⁾
1997	37,010	16,465	10,355	9,545	645
1998	53,935	22,935	18,495	11,975	530
1999	54,900	23,170	18,920	12,270	540
2000	82,210	34,980	27,425	19,160	645
2001	90,295	39,775	28,625	21,270	625
2002	120,125	57,595	34,415	26,320	1,795
2003 ^(R)	130,535	54,965	36,755	35,345	3,465
2004 ^(R)	148,275	64,105	40,405	38,415	5,350
2005	161,700	77,335	34,495	41,640	8,230
2006 ^(R)	154,020	77,080	27,585	42,445	6,905
2007 ^(P)	164,635	87,785	30,425	40,535	5,895

(1) See explanatory note 5.

(2) Data from November 2001 include grants of British citizenship in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

(3) Includes Civil Partnership introduced from 5 December 2005 (See explanatory note 4 s.6(2)).

(4) Includes British overseas territories citizens (before February 2002 known as British Dependent Territories citizens) from Gibraltar registered as British citizens under s.5 of the British Nationality Act 1981.

Table 3 Grants ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of British citizenship in the United Kingdom by geographical region, 2003 - 2007

Previous nationality grouped by geographical region	Number of persons				
	2003 ^(R)	2004 ^(R)	2005	2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)
European Economic Area ⁽³⁾	4,245	4,180	4,090	3,745	5,880
Remainder of Europe	15,255	15,950	24,600	20,290	14,515
Americas	10,455	12,080	13,605	12,015	12,530
Africa	40,145	45,255	47,235	46,270	51,255
Indian sub-continent	29,700	33,455	30,380	29,100	24,885
Middle East	6,250	6,985	10,185	10,230	12,685
Remainder of Asia	13,330	16,125	22,050	24,285	35,640
Oceania	3,875	4,620	4,985	4,980	4,285
Other ⁽⁴⁾	7,280	9,625	4,570	3,100	2,965
All grants	130,535	148,275	161,700	154,020	164,635

(1) See explanatory note 5.

(2) Data include grants of British citizenship in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

(3) Includes the 10 accession states from 2004 and British overseas territories citizens (before February 2002 known as British Dependent Territories citizens) - from Gibraltar.

(4) British overseas territories citizens (before February 2002 known as British Dependent Territories citizens) except from Gibraltar, British Overseas citizens, British subjects, British protected persons, stateless and nationality uncertain.

Table 4 Grants⁽¹⁾ of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2007^(P) by previous nationality, type and category of grant

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage ⁽²⁾	Entitlement ⁽³⁾			Discretionary ⁽⁴⁾		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾	Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾
s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 7,8, 10(1),13(1)	ss 1(3),3 (2),3(5),9	ss4B,C,4(2), 5,S.2,1(4)	ss8(2),(3), 10(2),13(3)	ss3(1)	ss4A,4(5), 27(1),S.8		
European Economic Area									
Austria	50	25	5	†	15	†	-	10	-
Belgium	40	10	5	-	15	5	-	10	-
Bulgaria	1,115	785	115	-	80	†	-	135	-
Cyprus	40	15	15	-	10	-	-	5	-
Czech Republic	80	25	40	-	10	†	-	5	-
Denmark	65	25	10	-	15	†	-	15	-
Estonia	65	45	5	-	5	-	-	10	-
Finland	40	20	10	-	5	†	-	5	-
France	480	170	55	-	130	40	-	80	-
Germany	370	150	60	†	65	25	-	75	-
Greece	285	175	60	-	30	5	-	10	-
Hungary	95	45	25	-	5	†	-	20	-
Iceland	5	5	†	-	†	-	-	†	-
Ireland	140	60	25	-	15	10	-	30	-
Italy	345	150	55	-	70	25	-	45	-
Latvia	85	40	20	-	10	-	-	20	-
Liechtenstein	5	†	-	†	-	-	-	†	-
Lithuania	170	90	25	-	20	-	-	40	-
Luxembourg	†	-	†	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malta	30	10	5	10	†	5	-	†	-
Netherlands	200	70	30	†	45	5	†	40	-
Norway	25	10	5	-	5	5	-	5	-
Poland	560	290	110	-	80	10	-	70	-
Portugal	520	280	45	-	140	5	-	45	-
Romania	540	285	145	-	55	-	-	55	-

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Slovakia	125	55	55	-	10	-	-	5	-
Slovenia	10	5	†	-	†	-	-	-	-
Spain	185	65	20	-	50	15	†	30	-
Sweden	105	45	20	†	15	†	-	20	-
European Economic Area	5,785	2,955	965	15	905	160	†	785	-
Remainder of Europe									
Albania	1,115	380	595	-	45	-	-	95	-
Armenia	140	90	15	-	5	-	-	25	-
Azerbaijan	215	125	45	-	15	-	-	30	-
Belarus	175	75	70	-	10	-	-	20	-
Bosnia-Herzegovina	195	105	55	-	15	-	-	20	-
Croatia	375	220	65	-	35	-	-	55	-
Cyprus (Northern part of)	130	70	25	-	20	†	-	15	-
Georgia	155	90	30	-	10	-	-	30	-
Kazakhstan	120	50	50	-	5	-	-	15	-
Kyrgyzstan	65	25	25	-	†	-	-	15	-
Macedonia	215	120	65	-	20	-	-	10	-
Moldova	130	60	40	-	5	-	-	20	-
Russia	1,885	840	740	-	60	†	-	245	-
Serbia and Montenegro	3,485	2,195	400	-	400	†	-	485	-
Switzerland	70	15	10	†	25	10	-	5	-
Tajikistan	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	†	-

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Turkey	4,710	2,575	1,020	-	475	5	-	635	-
Turkmenistan	25	10	10	-	-	-	-	5	-
Ukraine	1,220	515	455	-	65	-	-	185	-
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	†	†	†	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	90	30	45	-	†	-	-	15	-
Remainder of Europe	14,515	7,600	3,760	†	1,210	20	-	1,930	-
Americas									
Antigua and Barbuda	20	10	5	-	†	-	-	5	-
Argentina	125	55	45	-	5	5	-	15	-
Bahamas	10	5	†	5	†	-	-	†	-
Barbados	105	50	40	-	5	5	-	5	-
Belize	20	10	10	-	-	-	-	†	-
Bolivia	75	35	20	-	5	-	-	20	-
Brazil	610	295	225	-	30	10	-	60	-
Canada	1,140	330	285	-	75	350	-	100	-
Chile	90	45	30	-	†	†	-	10	-
Colombia	1,845	1,040	315	-	240	†	-	245	-
Costa Rica	10	5	5	-	-	-	-	†	-
Cuba	90	25	50	-	†	-	-	10	-
Dominica	35	20	10	-	-	-	-	5	-
Dominican Republic	20	5	10	-	-	-	-	5	-
Ecuador	745	430	55	-	105	†	-	150	-
El Salvador	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	70	40	20	-	5	†	-	5	-
Guatemala	20	†	5	-	†	†	-	10	-
Guyana	240	135	55	-	15	†	-	35	-
Haiti	5	†	†	-	-	-	-	†	-

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Previous nationality	Total	Naturalisation		Registration						Number of persons
		Residence	Marriage ⁽²⁾	Entitlement ⁽³⁾			Discretionary ⁽⁴⁾			
				Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾	Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾	
Honduras	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	3,165	1,575	825	-	230	45	-	495	-	-
Mexico	135	45	75	-	5	5	-	15	-	-
Nicaragua	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	10	5	5	-	-	-	-	†	-	-
Paraguay	†	†	†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peru	220	95	90	-	15	5	-	20	-	-
St. Kitts and Nevis	10	5	5	-	-	-	-	†	-	-
St. Lucia	125	75	40	-	5	5	-	5	-	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	130	95	15	-	5	-	-	10	-	-
Surinam	5	†	-	-	-	-	-	†	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	480	280	110	†	50	10	-	30	-	-
United States of America	2,785	1,020	740	5	220	365	5	430	-	-
Uruguay	10	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venezuela	155	70	60	-	5	5	-	15	-	-
Americas	12,530	5,810	3,170	10	1,015	810	5	1,705	-	-
Africa										
Algeria	1,170	655	300	-	115	†	-	100	-	-
Angola	1,200	690	40	-	290	5	-	180	-	-
Benin	15	10	5	-	†	-	-	5	-	-
Botswana	25	15	†	5	†	-	-	5	-	-
Burkina Faso	5	†	†	-	-	-	-	†	-	-
Burundi	680	445	25	-	100	-	-	115	-	-
Cameroon	535	305	50	-	95	5	-	80	-	-
Cape Verde	†	†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central African Republic	†	†	-	-	†	-	-	-	-	-
Chad	30	15	5	-	5	-	-	5	-	-

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		Residence	Marriage ⁽²⁾	Entitlement ⁽³⁾			Discretionary ⁽⁴⁾		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾	Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾
		s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 7,8, 10(1),13(1)	ss 1(3),3 (2),3(5),9	ss4B,C,4(2), 5,S.2,1(4)	ss8(2),(3), 10(2),13(3)	ss3(1)	ss4A,4(5), 27(1),S.8
Comoros	†	†	†	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congo	470	265	30	-	80	-	-	95	-
Congo Democratic Republic	2,100	1,030	85	-	590	5	-	390	-
Djibouti	10	5	5	-	-	-	-	†	-
Egypt	730	340	180	-	90	10	-	110	-
Equatorial Guinea	5	†	†	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	915	635	55	-	110	-	-	120	-
Ethiopia	865	600	95	-	80	-	-	90	-
Gabon	10	5	5	-	-	-	-	†	-
Gambia	410	185	105	-	75	†	-	45	-
Ghana	3,375	1,775	615	-	545	50	-	395	-
Guinea	75	55	10	-	5	-	-	10	-
Guinea-Bissau	15	5	-	-	5	-	-	5	-
Ivory Coast	450	225	35	-	125	†	-	70	-
Kenya	2,235	1,190	400	25	235	45	†	340	-
Lesotho	15	10	†	-	-	-	-	5	-
Liberia	245	155	15	-	55	-	-	20	-
Libya	405	175	50	-	115	5	-	60	-
Madagascar	5	†	5	-	-	-	-	†	-
Malawi	165	80	25	-	10	5	-	40	-
Mali	5	5	†	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mauritania	15	5	5	-	5	-	-	†	-
Mauritius	905	560	185	-	70	5	-	90	-
Morocco	510	240	240	-	5	†	-	20	-
Mozambique	15	5	5	-	5	-	-	5	-
Namibia	30	20	10	†	†	-	-	†	-
Niger	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	6,030	3,155	1,205	-	800	125	-	740	-

Table 4 Grants⁽¹⁾ of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2007^(P) by previous nationality, type and category of grant (continued)

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage ⁽²⁾	Entitlement ⁽³⁾			Discretionary ⁽⁴⁾		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾	Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾
s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 7,8, 10(1),13(1)	ss 1(3),3 (2),3(5),9	ss4B,C,4(2), 5,S.2,1(4)	ss8(2),(3), 10(2),13(3)	ss3(1)	ss4A,4(5), 27(1),S.8		
Rwanda	745	470	25	-	105	-	-	140	-
Senegal	35	15	10	-	5	-	-	5	-
Seychelles	75	40	15	-	10	-	-	10	-
Sierra Leone	2,195	1,465	145	-	375	5	-	200	-
Somalia	7,450	4,160	260	-	715	5	-	2,305	-
South Africa	8,150	4,840	1,515	-	510	385	-	895	†
Sudan	735	450	105	-	80	-	-	100	-
Swaziland	20	5	†	-	†	-	-	10	-
Tanzania	530	260	125	†	80	10	-	60	-
Togo	105	70	5	-	15	-	-	10	-
Tunisia	185	70	90	-	10	†	-	10	-
Uganda	1,210	715	95	-	190	10	-	195	-
Zambia	555	295	65	-	65	10	-	120	-
Zimbabwe	5,590	3,325	400	130	360	75	-	1,305	-
Africa	51,255	29,045	6,635	165	6,135	760	†	8,515	†
Indian sub-continent									
Bangladesh	2,250	815	905	†	180	5	-	340	-
India	14,490	7,415	3,510	5	1,605	75	-	1,875	-
Pakistan	8,140	3,085	3,220	-	580	15	-	1,240	†
Indian sub-continent	24,885	11,315	7,635	5	2,370	100	-	3,460	†

Table 4 Grants⁽¹⁾ of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2007^(P) by previous nationality, type and category of grant (continued)

Previous nationality	Total	Naturalisation		Registration						Number of persons
		Residence	Marriage ⁽²⁾	Entitlement ⁽³⁾			Discretionary ⁽⁴⁾			
				Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾	Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾	
Middle East										
Bahrain	15	†	5	-	5	†	-	†	-	-
Iran	4,425	3,035	520	-	210	5	-	650	-	-
Iraq	5,480	3,725	560	-	350	10	-	835	-	-
Israel	540	215	135	-	65	50	-	80	-	-
Jordan	310	125	110	-	30	5	-	45	-	-
Kuwait	25	15	5	-	-	†	-	5	-	-
Lebanon	625	290	185	-	55	-	-	90	-	-
Oman	5	5	†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palestine	425	215	65	-	70	-	-	80	-	-
Qatar	†	-	†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	75	35	5	-	10	5	-	25	-	-
Syria	330	170	95	-	25	-	-	40	-	-
United Arab Emirates	25	5	5	-	10	†	-	5	-	-
Yemen	400	205	80	-	30	10	-	75	-	-
Middle East	12,685	8,040	1,765	-	860	90	-	1,930	-	-
Remainder of Asia										
Afghanistan	10,555	7,295	465	-	865	-	-	1,930	-	-
Bhutan	35	30	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Brunei	10	5	5	-	†	-	-	-	-	-
Cambodia	25	5	10	-	-	-	-	15	-	-
China	3,345	1,755	815	-	285	†	-	490	-	-
Hong Kong SAR of China (Holder of Certificate of Identity)	10	5	†	-	†	-	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong SAR of China (Holder of Special voucher)	100	30	20	-	20	5	-	25	-	-

Table 4 Grants⁽¹⁾ of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2007^(P) by previous nationality, type and category of grant (continued)

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage ⁽²⁾	Entitlement ⁽³⁾			Discretionary ⁽⁴⁾		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾	Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾
s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 7,8, 10(1),13(1)	ss 1(3),3 (2),3(5),9	ss4B,C,4(2), 5,S.2,1(4)	ss8(2),(3), 10(2),13(3)	ss3(1)	ss4A,4(5), 27(1),S.8		
Indonesia	170	70	75	-	10	5	-	10	-
Japan	135	80	30	-	15	5	-	5	-
Korea (South)	575	335	65	-	75	-	-	100	-
Korea (North)	†	†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laos	5	†	†	-	-	-	-	5	-
Malaysia	635	360	165	-	55	10	†	35	-
Maldives	5	†	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	65	30	15	-	5	-	-	20	-
Myanmar (Burma)	180	115	40	-	5	-	-	25	-
Nepal	1,045	560	105	-	60	†	-	320	-
Philippines	10,840	5,705	2,005	†	1,085	-	-	2,045	-
Singapore	120	55	35	-	15	-	-	10	-
Sri Lanka	6,495	3,995	1,190	-	440	5	-	870	-
Thailand	985	255	520	-	20	†	-	190	-
Vietnam	305	130	100	-	20	†	-	50	-
Remainder of Asia	35,640	20,820	5,660	†	2,975	35	†	6,150	-
Oceania									
American Samoa	†	†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	2,835	1,255	495	†	130	745	-	205	-
Fiji	65	40	10	†	5	-	-	10	-
Kiribati	5	†	-	-	†	-	-	†	-
Marshall Islands	†	†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nauru	†	†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	1,355	820	245	-	55	170	†	60	†

Table 4 Grants⁽¹⁾ of British citizenship in the United Kingdom in 2007^(P) by previous nationality, type and category of grant (continued)

Previous nationality	Total	Number of persons							
		Naturalisation		Registration					
		Residence	Marriage ⁽²⁾	Entitlement ⁽³⁾			Discretionary ⁽⁴⁾		
				Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾	Adult	Minor Children	Other ⁽⁵⁾
s.6(1)	s.6(2)	ss 7,8, 10(1),13(1)	ss 1(3),3 (2),3(5),9	ss4B,C,4(2), 5,S.2,1(4)	ss8(2),(3), 10(2),13(3)	ss3(1)	ss4A,4(5), 27(1),S.8		
Papua New Guinea	5	†	†	-	-	†	-	†	-
Samoa	†	-	†	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	†	-	†	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonga	10	5	-	-	†	†	-	†	-
Vanuatu	5	-	-	†	-	-	-	†	-
Oceania	4,285	2,130	755	5	195	920	†	280	†
Other									
British overseas territories citizen ⁽⁶⁾	820	5	-	-	-	10	-	-	810
British Nationals (Overseas)	680	25	50	-	10	555	-	35	5
British Overseas Citizen	1,100	15	10	-	5	1,065	-	5	5
British subjects	150	5	†	10	†	125	-	5	-
British protected persons	100	†	-	-	-	95	-	-	†
Nationality Currently Unknown	15	†	†	-	5	†	-	5	-
Nationality Unknown Officially Designated as Stateless	30	5	5	-	10	5	-	5	-
Stateless - Defined 1954 Convention	45	15	†	-	10	†	-	20	-
Stateless Refugee - Defined 1951 Convention	5	†	†	-	-	†	-	5	-
Stateless refugee - Other	15	5	5	-	5	†	-	5	-
Other	2,965	80	70	10	45	1,855	-	80	820
All nationalities	164,540 ⁽⁷⁾	87,785	30,425	215	15,705	4,755	10	24,830	825

(1) See explanatory note 5.

(2) Includes Civil Partnership(s.6(2)) introduced from 5 December 2005 (See explanatory note 3).

(3) See explanatory note 7.

(4) See explanatory note 8.

(5) Eligibility not restricted by age of applicant.

(6) Excluding Gibraltar BOTCs.

(7) In addition, 95 Gibraltar BOTCs were registered under section 5 of the British Nationality Act 1981.

Table 5 Grants⁽¹⁾ of British citizenship in the United Kingdom by age, gender and geographical region, 2007^{(P)(2)(3)}

Geographical Region	Number of persons						
	Children (under 18)	Adults	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-59	60+
All Nationalities							
Male	20,280	60,665	6,545	24,580	19,660	7,900	1,980
Female	19,755	63,770	6,730	27,080	18,910	8,310	2,735
Total	40,035	124,435	13,275	51,665	38,570	16,210	4,715
European Economic Area							
Male	685	1,250	125	360	445	260	65
Female	705	1,585	105	685	500	215	80
Total	1,390	2,835	225	1,045	945	475	145
Remainder Of Europe							
Male	1,750	6,155	1,115	2,825	1,560	550	105
Female	1,630	6,610	765	3,275	1,705	725	140
Total	3,380	12,770	1,885	6,100	3,265	1,275	245
Americas							
Male	1,315	4,050	310	1,480	1,380	675	200
Female	1,340	5,815	465	2,190	1,870	1,020	275
Total	2,655	9,865	770	3,670	3,255	1,695	470
Africa							
Male	7,155	17,050	1,860	6,045	5,800	2,750	600
Female	7,240	19,750	2,720	7,510	5,975	2,700	840
Total	14,400	36,800	4,580	13,555	11,775	5,450	1,440
Indian sub-continent							
Male	2,900	9,370	680	4,190	3,095	1,110	295
Female	2,845	9,750	1,015	5,080	2,365	850	440
Total	5,745	19,115	1,695	9,265	5,465	1,955	735
Middle East							
Male	1,410	6,165	705	2,715	1,815	710	220
Female	1,305	3,785	495	1,435	1,105	505	240
Total	2,715	9,950	1,195	4,150	2,920	1,220	460
Remainder Of Asia							
Male	4,685	13,560	1,615	5,770	4,580	1,295	295
Female	4,310	13,060	1,030	5,605	4,470	1,555	400
Total	9,000	26,620	2,645	11,375	9,050	2,850	700
Oceania							
Male	225	1,890	60	940	665	180	45
Female	230	1,935	50	1,020	580	240	50
Total	450	3,830	110	1,960	1,245	420	90
Other							
Male	150	1,180	80	250	315	370	165
Female	150	1,475	85	280	335	505	265
Total	300	2,655	165	535	650	870	430

(1) See explanatory note 5.

(2) Data include grants of British citizenship in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

(3) Excludes 15 cases for which information on age is not available and 150 cases gender is unknown.

Table 6 Other grants of British citizenship by type of citizenship, 2003 - 2007

Type of citizenship	Number of persons				
	2003	2004 ^(R)	2005 ^(R)	2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)
British citizenship granted in the UK to residents of Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	175	80	150	570	780
British overseas territories citizenship granted in the British overseas territories ⁽³⁾	1,355	1,215	1,355	1,630	2,025

(1) Includes persons of non-Chinese ethnic origin.

(2) Data prior to 2006, may undercount (see explanatory note 10).

(3) Data supplied by Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). The total in a year may include decisions made in a subsequent year.

Table 7 Reasons for refusal of British citizenship by type of refusal and other outcomes, 2003 - 2007

Reason for refusal	Number of applications				
	2003	2004	2005	2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)
Incomplete applications ⁽¹⁾	610	825	1,310	1,595	930
Parent not a British citizen	775	1,100	1,670	2,160	2,535
Not of good character ⁽²⁾	945	1,185	1,665	1,765	1,695
Delay in replying to enquiries from BIA	1,755	1,600	2,160	1,955	2,230
Residence ⁽³⁾	4,275	6,510	6,260	4,740	4,135
Oath not taken in time	115	185	340	105	40
Insufficient Knowledge of English and KOL ⁽⁴⁾	*	*	235	500	2,365
Other ⁽⁵⁾	500	710	895	790	795
Total refusals	8,975	12,120	14,530	13,610	14,725
British already ⁽⁶⁾	1,395	1,500	1,860	1,440	660
Rejected applications ⁽⁷⁾	*	*	3,260	6,105	255
Withdrawn ⁽⁸⁾	185	200	250	255	245

(1) Includes cases where the applicant has not paid the fee, submitted unacceptable documentation, late and improper applications.

(2) Includes applicants who are considered a threat to national security.

(3) Includes applicants who have not lived lawfully in the UK for the required period, have been in breach of the immigration laws, have been absent from the UK for more than 450 days or more than 90 days in the last 12 months.

(See Explanatory note 3, s6(1) and s6(2))

(4) Knowledge of life in the United Kingdom.

(5) Includes cases where the applicant is not of full capacity, is under/over the age limit, is not married to a British citizen, has no qualifying connections and transitory period.

(6) Reflects cases where the applicant was already British and the application refused to 2005. From 2006 the figure includes applications rejected (see Explanatory note 6).

(7) Applications rejected prior to consideration of the case (see Explanatory note 6).

(8) Reflects cases where the application was withdrawn by the applicant.

Table 8 Persons attending a British citizenship ceremony by Region and Authority 2006 - 2007

Region	Authority ⁽¹⁾	Ceremony Attended ⁽²⁾		Region	Authority ⁽¹⁾	Number of persons	
		2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)			2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)
North East	Darlington	45	45	North West (cont)	Warrington	100	120
	Durham County Council	85	90		Wigan	100	125
	Gateshead	180	145		Wirral	125	190
	Hartlepool	20	50		Total	6,345	6,770
	Middlesborough Council	125	180	Yorkshire and The Humber	Barnsley M.B.C	60	55
	Newcastle upon Tyne	445	595		Calderdale	140	125
	North Tyneside	110	140		City of Bradford	1,005	755
	Northumberland	65	75		City of York	95	145
	Redcar and Cleveland	35	40		Doncaster	150	165
	South Tyneside	70	50		East Riding of Yorkshire	85	125
	Stockton-on-Tees	75	135		Kingston-upon-Hull	160	300
	Sunderland	160	160		Kirklees	500	405
	Total	1,420	1,705		Leeds City	1,100	1,295
North West	Blackburn and Darwen	495	220		North East Lincolnshire	75	75
	Blackpool	65	120	North Lincolnshire	65	65	
	Bolton	360	215	North Yorkshire	180	170	
	Bury	125	140	Rotherham	180	140	
	Cheshire	270	335	Sheffield City	830	835	
	Cumbria	90	135	Wakefield	170	200	
	Halton	25	35	Total	4,790	4,850	
	Knowsley	40	65	East Midlands	Derby City	480	415
	Lancashire	730	685		Derbyshire	165	185
	Liverpool	545	700		Leicester City	1,585	1,580
	Manchester	1,670	2,200		Leicestershire	460	465
	Oldham	340	150		Lincolnshire	200	245
	Rochdale	220	190		Northamptonshire	875	920
	Salford	245	225		Nottingham City	530	735
	Sefton	75	70		Nottinghamshire County Council	330	365
	St Helens	40	70		Rutland County Council	10	15
	Stockport	260	275	Total	4,625	4,925	
Tameside	120	95					
Trafford	300	405					

Table 8 Persons attending a British citizenship ceremony by Region and Authority 2006 - 2007 (continued)

Region	Authority ⁽¹⁾	Ceremony Attended ⁽²⁾		Region	Authority ⁽¹⁾	Ceremony Attended ⁽²⁾	
		2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)			2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)
West Midlands	Birmingham	3,255	3,055	Greater London (cont)	Bromley	700	865
	Borough of Telford and Wrekin	105	105		Camden	1,725	1,890
	Coventry	920	1,000		Corporation of the City of London	90	90
	Dudley	245	340		Croydon	1,910	2,160
	Sandwell	845	610		Ealing	3,150	3,875
	Shropshire	75	140		Enfield	2,660	2,345
	Solihull MBC	145	175		Greenwich	1,400	1,560
	Staffordshire	265	310		Hackney	2,240	1,830
	Stoke-on-Trent	210	320		Hammersmith & Fulham	1,550	1,580
	Walsall	345	330		Haringey	2,425	2,240
	Warwickshire	365	365		Harrow	1,900	2,365
	Wolverhampton	780	545		Havering	355	450
	Worcestershire	230	300		Hillingdon	1,490	1,955
	Total	7,775	7,595		Hounslow	2,080	2,280
East of England	Bedfordshire	625	665	Islington	1,660	1,685	
	Cambridgeshire	730	840	Kensington and Chelsea	1,165	1,300	
	Essex	1,120	1,380	Kingston upon Thames	705	1,055	
	Herefordshire Council	40	50	Lambeth	2,285	2,245	
	Hertfordshire	1,790	2,035	Lewisham	1,685	2,140	
	Luton	695	740	Merton	1,535	1,775	
	Norfolk	425	600	Newham	3,085	3,075	
	Peterborough	380	480	Redbridge	1,800	1,915	
	Southend-on-Sea	165	260	Richmond upon Thames	730	810	
	Suffolk	385	560	Southwark	2,460	2,755	
	Thurrock	365	365	Tower Hamlets	1,890	1,370	
	Total	6,715	7,975	Waltham Forest	1,860	1,860	
	Greater London	Barking & Dagenham	1,410	1,615	Wandsworth	2,145	2,345
Barnet		2,375	2,830	Westminster	2,125	2,515	
Bexley		550	605	Total	56,995	61,690	
Borough of Sutton (London)		590	850	South East	Bracknell Forest	235	315
Brent		3,260	3,465		Brighton and Hove	450	605
			Buckinghamshire		735	760	

Table 8 Persons attending a British citizenship ceremony by Region and Authority 2006 - 2007 (continued)

Region	Authority ⁽¹⁾	Ceremony Attended ⁽²⁾		Region	Authority ⁽¹⁾	Number of persons	
		2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)			2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)
South East (cont)	East Sussex	430	505	Scotland	Aberdeen City	185	235
	Hampshire	980	1,350		Aberdeenshire	60	55
	Isle of Wight	35	60		Angus	15	20
	Kent	1,475	1,695		Argyll & Bute Council	20	25
	Medway	275	390		City of Edinburgh	460	635
	Milton Keynes	795	910		Clackmannanshire	10	20
	Oxfordshire	1,055	1,225		Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	5	5
	Portsmouth	260	400		Dumfries & Galloway	15	40
	Reading	620	670		Dundee City	75	90
	Slough	1,015	965		East Ayrshire	25	10
	Southampton	365	690		East Dunbartonshire	70	40
	Surrey	1,900	2,375		East Lothian	15	20
	West Berkshire District Council	165	195		East Renfrewshire	45	50
	West Sussex	755	950		Falkirk	25	40
	Windsor & Maidenhead	315	315		Fife	110	105
	Wokingham	280	265		Glasgow City	680	770
	Total	12,145	14,640		Highland	40	55
South West	Bath and North East Somerset	80	155	Inverclyde	15	20	
	Bournemouth	210	295	Midlothian	15	30	
	Bristol	695	970	Moray	20	20	
	Cornwall	120	140	North Ayrshire	25	20	
	Devon	205	220	North Lanarkshire	60	85	
	Dorset	105	160	Orkney Islands	5	†	
	Gloucestershire	325	420	Perth & Kinross	25	55	
	North Somerset	85	75	Renfrewshire	40	55	
	Plymouth	105	175	Scottish Borders	20	30	
	Poole	90	125	Shetland Islands	5	15	
	Somerset	120	200	South Ayrshire	25	25	
	South Gloucestershire	165	225	South Lanarkshire	70	105	
	Swindon	275	315	Stirling	25	30	
	Torbay	50	70	West Dunbartonshire	10	20	
	Wiltshire	180	320	West Lothian	60	85	
	Total	2,810	3,875	Total	2,280	2,810	

Table 8 Persons attending a British citizenship ceremony by Region and Authority 2006 - 2007 (continued)

Region	Authority ⁽¹⁾	Ceremony Attended ⁽²⁾		Region	Authority ⁽¹⁾	Number of persons		
		2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)			2006 ^(R)	2007 ^(P)	
Wales	Blaenau Gwent	5	15	Northern Ireland		225	545	
	Bridgend	50	100					
	Caerphilly	30	35		Channel Islands	Guernsey	30	25
	Cardiff	450	630			Jersey	70	45
	Carmarthenshire	70	115			Total	105	70
	Ceredigion	25	25					
	City & County of Swansea	130	170		Isle of Man		80	95
	Conwy	30	45					
	Denbighshire	35	70		Gibraltar		-	85
	Flintshire	35	30					
	Gwynedd	35	65		Total (United Kingdom)		107,565	119,490
	Isle of Anglesey	10	15					
	Merthyr Tydfil	15	25					
	Monmouthshire	20	25					
	Neath Port Talbot	30	45					
	Newport	110	150					
	Pembrokeshire	30	30					
	Powys	20	25					
	Rhondda-Cynon-Taff	30	90					
	Torfaen	15	20					
Vale of Glamorgan	45	75						
Wrexham	50	65						
Total		1,260	1,860					

(1) Includes both County and Local Authorities.

(2) Relates to adults only (See explanatory note 9).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Grants of British Citizenship

1. The British Nationality Act 1981 came into force on 1 January 1983. Certain entitlements to citizenship, which had existed before 1 January 1983, were extended for a transitional period which, in most cases, ended on 31 December 1987.

2. The nationality shown in the first column of Tables 3 and 4 is the, or in cases of dual nationality the main, birth nationality at the time of application.

3. The categories shown in Tables 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 after 1 January 1983 when one of his/her parents later becomes a British citizen or becomes settled in the United Kingdom.

s.1(4) - entitlement to registration of a person in the United Kingdom after 1 January 1983 who spent the first ten years of his/her life in the United Kingdom.

s.3(1) - discretionary registration of a minor as a British citizen.

s.3(2) - entitlement to registration of a minor less than one year old born outside the United Kingdom after 1 January 1983 (or outside the United Kingdom and the qualifying territories⁴ since 21 May 2002) to a parent who was a British citizen by descent.

s.3(5) - entitlement to registration of a minor born outside the United Kingdom after 1 January 1983 (or outside the United Kingdom and the qualifying territories⁴ after 21 May 2002) to a parent who was a British citizen by descent where the minor and parents are resident in the United Kingdom or a qualifying territory⁴.

s.4A - discretionary registration for adults and minors who are British overseas territories citizens by connection with a qualifying territory⁴.

s.4B - entitlement to registration for British overseas citizens, British subjects and British protected persons who have no other citizenship or nationality.

s.4C - entitlement to registration for certain people born after 7 February 1961 and before 1 January 1983 to mothers who were citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies at the time of their birth.

s.4(2) - entitlement to registration of a British overseas territories citizen, a British Overseas citizen, a British National (Overseas), a British subject or a British protected person resident in the United Kingdom.

⁴ References to "qualifying territory" are references to the British overseas territories except for the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia (in Cyprus).

s.4(5) - discretionary registration on the grounds of Crown service in a British overseas territory of a British overseas territories citizen, a British Overseas citizen, a British National (Overseas), a British subject or a British protected person.

s.5 - entitlement to registration of a British overseas territories citizen from Gibraltar.

s.6(1) - naturalisation of an adult by virtue of 5 years residence in the United Kingdom or UK Crown service.

s.6(2) - naturalisation of an adult who is married to⁵ British citizen by virtue of 3 years residence in the United Kingdom.

s.7 - transitional entitlements to registration of a Commonwealth citizen who was resident in the United Kingdom.

s.8(1) - transitional entitlement to registration of a woman still married since before 1983 to a man who became a British citizen on 1 January 1983.

s.8(2) and 8(3) - transitional discretionary registration of a woman married before 1983 to a man who either (a) became or would have become a British citizen but for his death (and they were no longer married) or renounced citizenship (and they were still married).

s.9 - transitional entitlement to registration of a minor less than one year old born abroad on or after 1 January 1983 who, if they had been born before 1 January 1983 and had been consularly registered, would have become a British citizen on 1 January 1983.

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 has previously renounced it.

s.13(3) - discretionary registration of a person who has previously renounced British citizenship.

Schedule 2 - entitlement to registration of a stateless person.

Schedule 8 - relates to applications made before the commencement of the 1981 Act and provides that: (a) applications will continue to be decided in accordance with the provisions of the previous nationality Acts and (b) applicants, if successful, acquire the citizenship they would have acquired on 1 January 1983 if the application had been decided before 1983.

⁵ Or civil partner under the terms of the Civil Partnership Act (effective from 5 December, 2005).

4. There are currently six forms of British nationality.

- **British citizens** are the majority. They have that citizenship usually through: birth, adoption, descent, registration, or naturalisation; and have the right of abode in the UK.
- **British overseas territories citizens (BOTCs)** – known as British Dependent Territories citizens before February 2002 - have that citizenship through a connection with a British overseas territory such as Gibraltar, St Helena etc. NB. Hong Kong BDTCs lost that citizenship automatically on 1 July 1997 but may still hold another form of British nationality (see below).
- **British Overseas citizens (BOCs)** are a smaller group connected with the former British colonies who, for the most part, did not acquire citizenship of the new country when it attained independence. Hong Kong BDTCs became BOCs on 1 July 1997 if they would otherwise have been stateless.
- **British Nationals (Overseas) (BN(O)s)** are a separate sub-group of former Hong Kong BDTCs. The vast majority of British Nationals (Overseas) are ethnically Chinese who became Chinese on 1 July 1997. Although their BDTC status was lost on that date they are, as BN(O)s, entitled to hold a British passport.
- **British subjects (BSs)** are a dwindling group of people who normally hold that status for either:
 - (a) By virtue of their birth in Eire before 1 January 1949.
 - (b) Because they were BSs before 1 January 1949 through a connection with a place which became a Commonwealth country on that date and, although they were potentially citizens of that country, did not acquire citizenship of that or any other country before 1 January 1983. Known as British subjects without citizenship before 1983, they would lose that status if they acquired another nationality.
- **British protected persons (BPPs)** are a small group of persons who hold that status through a connection (normally birth) with a place which was either a UK protectorate, protected state, mandated or trust territory. In most cases, BPP status was lost if the place was part of a country which attained independence or if they acquired another nationality.

5. **Grants:** A positive outcome of an application for British citizenship prior to attending a citizenship ceremony by applicants over 18 years of age. At the ceremony, the applicant takes the Oath or Affirmation of allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and the Pledge of loyalty to the United Kingdom. Children under 18 do not have to take the Oath/Affirmation or Pledge.

6. **Rejection:** In 2005 and 2006, new processes for rejecting applications, prior to any substantive consideration of the case, were introduced. These processes deal with situations where the applicant is found to be British already or whose application is not at the outset supported by the requisite evidence of entitlement to or qualification for British citizenship.

7. **Entitlement:** The applicant satisfied the conditions specified by the 1981 Act.

8. **Discretionary:** The success of the application depends, either in whole or in part, on the Secretary of State being satisfied on the basis of all the information at his disposal that it would be appropriate to grant it.

9. **Ceremony Attended:** A ceremony organised by County or Local Authorities for successful applicants over 18 years of age for British citizenship. At the ceremony the applicant takes the Oath or Affirmation of allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and the Pledge of loyalty to the United Kingdom. Since 1 January 2004 this has been the final stage in the process of attaining British citizenship.

10. The figure relating to grants of British citizenship to residents of Hong Kong in the UK for 2006 is drawn from a new source of more complete data. It is understood that figures for 2005 and earlier years significantly under count grants of this type. There is therefore a discontinuity in the series between 2005 and 2006.

British Citizenship take-up rates

11. The Research, Development and Statistics Directorate has, in the past, carried out annual analyses of the “take-up rate” of citizenship using information from the UK Labour Force Survey (LFS) in response to an initial interest from the Life in the UK Advisory Group, in the tendency of overseas nationals to apply for and obtain British citizenship when they are eligible to do so.

12. The LFS was used to produce estimates of the proportion of overseas-born persons living in the UK who, when questioned, said they were British citizens. This information, when compared with the total overseas-born population, gave an indication of the proportion of migrants to the UK who had taken up British citizenship. However, there were a number of well documented reasons why the LFS was deficient in estimating population sizes. For example the LFS:

- excludes those who have not been resident in the UK for 6 months;
- excludes students in halls who do not have a UK resident parent;
- excludes people in most other types of communal establishments;
- is grossed to population estimates that include only migrants staying for 12 months or more.

13. On further reflection it has been decided to remove the table from this years publication as the figures it contained were no longer felt to be reliable estimates.

General

14. Data have been rounded to the nearest 5, to protect statistical confidentiality and to indicate that data is not necessarily accurate to the nearest one. Percentages are generally given to the nearest percentage point.

15. Data in some of the tables in this bulletin may not sum to the totals shown because they have been rounded independently. The following symbols have been used in the tables:

* Not applicable

- Nil

† 2 or less

(P) Provisional figures

(R) Figures have been revised since the previous issue of this bulletin, for example to include late returns

16. 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 The Stationery Office. Statistics for 1984 and subsequent years were published in the relevant annual Statistical Bulletin.

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