



# Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 41

### PART 1

#### NATIONALITY

#### 1 Naturalisation: knowledge of language and society

- (1) The following shall be inserted after the word “and” after paragraph 1(1)(c) of Schedule 1 to the British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61) (requirements for naturalisation)

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“(ca) that he has sufficient knowledge about life in the United Kingdom; and”.

- (2) In paragraph 2(e) of that Schedule (waiver)—

- (a) for “the requirement specified in paragraph 1(1)(c)” there shall be substituted “ either or both of the requirements specified in paragraph 1(1)(c) and (ca) ”, and  
(b) for “expect him to fulfil it” there shall be substituted “ expect him to fulfil that requirement or those requirements ”.

- (3) The following shall be inserted after section 41(1)(b) of that Act (regulations)—

- “(ba) for determining whether a person has sufficient knowledge of a language for the purpose of an application for naturalisation;  
(bb) for determining whether a person has sufficient knowledge about life in the United Kingdom for the purpose of an application for naturalisation;”.

- (4) The following shall be inserted after section 41(1) of that Act—

“(1A) Regulations under subsection (1)(ba) or (bb) may, in particular—

- (a) make provision by reference to possession of a specified qualification;

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- (b) make provision by reference to possession of a qualification of a specified kind;
- (c) make provision by reference to attendance on a specified course;
- (d) make provision by reference to attendance on a course of a specified kind;
- (e) make provision by reference to a specified level of achievement;
- (f) enable a person designated by the Secretary of State to determine sufficiency of knowledge in specified circumstances;
- (g) enable the Secretary of State to accept a qualification of a specified kind as evidence of sufficient knowledge of a language.”

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 1 wholly in force at 1.11.2005; s. 1 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 162(2); s. 1(3)(4) in force at 6.7.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1707](#), [art. 2](#); s. 1(1)(2) in force at 1.11.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2782](#), [art. 3\(1\)](#) (subject to [art. 3\(2\)](#))

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### Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 18(1)(1A) substituted for s. 18(1) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 31\(2\)](#)
- s. 22A inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(7\)](#)
- s. 27(ba) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(10\)](#)
- s. 51(2)(d) and word inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 26\(6\)](#)
- s. 55(2)(aa) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 26\(7\)](#)
- s. 62(3A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 11\(8\)](#)
- s. 80A(5A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(8\)](#)
- s. 82A inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 23\(1\)](#)
- s. 94(6B) inserted by [2006 c. 13 s. 13](#)
- s. 106(2)(ua) inserted by [2007 c. 30 s. 19\(3\)](#)
- s. 107(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 36 Sch. 3 para. 5\(a\)](#)
- s. 126(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 12\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). [Reg. 12\(2\)\(3\)](#) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1309](#), regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(ga\)](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 2\(2\)](#) (This Act is amended by [S.I. 2020/1309](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(a\)](#))
- [Sch. 3 para. 1\(2A\)](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 2\(4\)](#) (This Act is amended by [S.I. 2020/1309](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(b\)](#))
- [Sch. 3 para. 1A](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 3](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 2\(1\)\(ca\)](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 2A](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 5](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 3A-3C](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 6](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 7B7C](#) and cross-headings inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 9](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 10A10B](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 10](#) (This Act is amended by [S.I. 2020/1309](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(c\)](#))
- [Sch. 3 para. 15\(aa\)](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 14\(2\)](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 15\(d\)-\(f\)](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 14\(4\)](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 7C\(1\)\(c\)](#) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 12\(5\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). [Reg. 12\(5\)\(a\)\(c\)\(d\)](#) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1309](#), regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- [Sch. 5 para. 3\(1\)](#) [Sch. 5 para. 3](#) renumbered as [Sch. 5 para. 3\(1\)](#) by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 407\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The "original amending provision" is already fully in force, see [Sch. 4 paras. 361, 407\(5\)](#))
- [Sch. 5 para. 3\(2\)-\(4\)](#) inserted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 407\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The "original amending provision" is already fully in force, see [Sch. 4 paras. 361, 407\(5\)](#))
- [Sch. 5 para. 3\(1\)](#) words inserted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 407\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The "original amending provision" is already fully in force, see [Sch. 4 paras. 361, 407\(5\)](#))