

These notes refer to the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c.13) which received Royal Assent on 30 March 2006

IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 58: Acquisition of British nationality, &c.

141. **Section 58** would require most applicants for British nationality *by registration* to satisfy the Secretary of State that they were “of good character” before nationality could be granted. At present such a requirement applies only to those seeking to acquire British nationality *by naturalisation*. Exceptions will continue to be made where the applicant has an entitlement to registration deriving from the 1961 UN Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness *or* is entitled to registration as a British citizen under section 4B of the British Nationality Act 1981 (certain British Overseas citizens, British subjects and British protected persons without other citizenship) *or* is aged below 10 on the date of the application.