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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 341**

**The Representation of the People  
(England and Wales) Regulations 2001**

**PART III**

**REGISTRATION**

*Information about electors*

**Evidence as to age and nationality**

**24.**—(1) Where a registration officer has doubts about a person's age or nationality, he may require that person to produce such evidence as is specified in paragraph (2) below for the purposes of registration.

(2) The evidence which the registration officer may require is as follows—

- (a) a birth certificate <sup>F1</sup>...;
- (b) a certificate of naturalisation;
- (c) where a person has made an overseas elector's declaration, further evidence of his status as a British citizen including a document showing that he has become a British citizen by virtue of registration;
- (d) in any other case—
  - (i) a document showing that he has become a Commonwealth citizen by virtue of registration; or
  - (ii) a statutory declaration that he is a qualifying Commonwealth citizen or citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a relevant citizen of the Union [<sup>F2</sup>or (for the purposes only of the registration of local government electors in Wales) a qualifying foreign citizen].

(3) If any fee is payable in connection with the making of a declaration for the purposes of this regulation, the registration officer shall pay that fee and it shall be treated as part of his registration expenses within the meaning of section 54(1) of the 1983 Act<sup>(1)</sup>.

(4) Any such declaration shall be made available for inspection at the registration officer's office until the determination of the application for registration and of any objections duly made to it.

[<sup>F3</sup>(4A) Paragraph (4) does not apply where the declarant has, or has applied for, an anonymous entry.]

(5) This regulation does not apply where an application for registration is made in pursuance of a service declaration.

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(1) Section 54 was amended by Schedule 4 to the 1985 Act.

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(6) In this regulation “qualifying Commonwealth citizen” has the same meaning as in section 4 of the 1983 Act(2).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 24(2)(a) omitted (10.6.2014) by virtue of [The Representation of the People \(England and Wales\) \(Description of Electoral Registers and Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/3198\)](#), regs. 1(5)(b), **8**
- F2** Words in [reg. 24](#) inserted (1.6.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), **ss. 16(2)**, 42(3)(a)
- F3** [Reg. 24\(4A\)](#) inserted (1.1.2007) by [The Representation of the People \(England and Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2910\)](#), regs. 1(1), **4**

#### Commencement Information

- I1** [Reg. 24](#) in force at 16.2.2001, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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(2) Section 4 was substituted by section 1(2) of the 2000 Act.

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