Commonwealth Countries

The following is a list of Commonwealth countries and British Dependent Territories:

Commonwealth countries:

Antigua and Barbuda  Namibia
Australia           Nauru
Bahamas            New Zealand
Bangladesh         Nigeria
 Barbados           Pakistan
Belize             Papua New Guinea
Botswana            Rwanda
Brunei Darussalam   St Kitts & Nevis
Cameroon           St Lucia
Canada             St Vincent & The Grenadines
Cyprus             Samoa
Dominica           Seychelles
Fiji               Sierra Leone
Gambia             Singapore
Ghana              Solomon Islands
Grenada            South Africa
Guyana             Sri Lanka
India              Swaziland
Jamaica            Tanzania
Kenya              Tonga
Kiribati           Trinidad and Tobago
Lesotho            Tuvalu
Malawi             Uganda
Malaysia           United Kingdom
Maldives           Vanuatu
Malta              Zambia
Mauritius          Zimbabwe
Mozambique

1 Citizens of Commonwealth countries that have been suspended from the Commonwealth retain their voting rights. Their voting rights would only be affected if their country was also deleted from the list of Commonwealth countries in the British Nationality Act 1981 through an Act of the UK Parliament.

British Overseas Territories:

Anguilla Montserrat
Bermuda Pitcairn Islands
British Antarctic Territory St Helena
British Indian Ocean Territory St Helena dependencies (Ascension & Tristan da Cunha)
British Virgin Islands
Cayman Islands
Falkland Islands South Georgia & The South Sandwich Islands
Gibraltar Turks and Caicos Islands
Hong Kong

Hong Kong ceased to be a British Dependent Territory in July 1997. The status of Hong Kong citizens who currently possess British citizenship (either through residence in or ancestral connection with the United Kingdom, or by registration or naturalisation) will be unaffected by the transfer of Hong Kong to Chinese administration. Hence any such citizens who become resident in the UK will be eligible for registration as electors in the normal way.

Hong Kong citizens who are currently British Dependent Territories citizens and ceased to be such citizens in July 1997 were entitled to register as British Nationals (Overseas) before that date and, thereafter to retain that nationality. Those who did not become British Nationals (Overseas) by that date and who would otherwise become stateless will, instead, become British Overseas citizens automatically.

British Nationals (Overseas), British Overseas citizens and British Dependent Territories citizens are all “Commonwealth citizens” within the meaning of the British Nationality Act 1981 and are entitled to register as electors, provided they fulfil the age and residence requirements for such registration.

Republic of Ireland

Citizens of the Republic of Ireland resident in the United Kingdom are entitled to vote in United Kingdom elections and, provided they are otherwise qualified, should be included in the electoral register.

Citizens of Member States of the European Union

These citizens will be registered as local government electors only. (See notes below for exceptions).

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2 Although also EU member states, citizens of Cyprus and Malta are eligible to be registered to vote in respect of all elections held in the UK.
3 Citizens of the UK and the Republic of Ireland are eligible to be registered to vote in respect of all elections held in the UK.