

**Acquisition of British nationality (declarations of)**

1. An alien woman whose husband was granted a United Kingdom or "imperial" certificate of naturalisation between 1 January 1934 and 31 December 1948 inclusive did not become a British subject automatically. However, she could acquire that status by making a declaration of acquisition of British nationality within either:
  - 12 months of the date on which her husband's certificate of naturalisation was granted; or
  - such longer period as the Home Secretary allowed
2. A woman who made such a declaration usually became a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies on 1 January 1949 under **s.12(5)** of the **BNA 1948**. On 1 January 1983, she would have become a BC, BDTC or BOC as appropriate.
3. Records of those who have made declarations of acquisition of British nationality are held in INPD(L).

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