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Policy Guidance

Isle of Man Windrush Scheme

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Policy

The Cabinet Office (Department) has adopted a similar position to the United Kingdom (UK) regarding Undocumented Commonwealth Citizens (the 'Windrush Generation') arriving prior to the UK's Immigration Act 1971 coming into force on 1 January 1973.

The policy provides consistency and clarity for any undocumented Commonwealth citizens enabling them to acquire the status they deserve quickly with proactive assistance and time spent in the UK will be recognised by the Isle of Man for the purposes of this policy. The policy provides a waiver of fees, so that applicants are permitted to apply for an immigration status or British Nationality free of charge.

Introduction

The Windrush Scheme has been introduced to enable persons who originally came to and settled in the UK or Isle of Man prior to 1 January 1973 from Commonwealth countries as part of the 'Windrush generation' and their children, to obtain evidence of their immigration or settled status, or apply for British citizenship free of charge.

These are people who are, or have in the past been, lawfully present in the UK, but because of the law applying at the time of their arrival, did not need a formal grant of leave and may not have, since then, obtained evidence of their status.

The Windrush Scheme also allows for certain persons who are nationals of countries other than the Commonwealth, settled in the UK prior to 31 December 1988 and who are not British citizens, but no longer hold documentary evidence of their lawful status, to make an application free of charge for a document that confirms it.

Contacts

If you have any questions about the guidance or you think that the guidance has factual errors then you can email: immigration@gov.im

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How to apply

If you wish to make an in-country application, please contact the Isle of Man Immigration Service directly either by emailing immigration@gov.im or by phoning 685203. Applicants who are currently overseas should apply to UKVI directly.

How applications will be considered

An application under the Windrush Scheme will be considered under existing law and policy, but if policy as set out in this document differs from existing policy this document will be applied.

Fees

All fees in regard to any application made under the Isle of Man's Windrush Scheme will be waived.

Time Spent in the UK

The Department has agreed that under the Windrush Scheme, any time spent by applicants living in the UK will be recognised as time that has been spent living in the Isle of Man. For example, an

applicant who has resided in the UK prior to 1988, but who subsequently moves to the Isle of Man in 2018 will be eligible to apply under the Isle of Man Windrush Scheme, as the time spent continuously residing in the UK prior to 1988, will be deemed as time that has been spent continuously residing in the Isle of Man.

Commonwealth citizens

For the Windrush Scheme, citizens of the Commonwealth countries mean citizens of the following:

Anguilla;	Guyana;	Saint Lucia;
Antigua and Barbuda;	Hong Kong;	Saint Vincent and the
Australia;	India;	Grenadines;
The Bahamas;	Jamaica;	Samoa;
Bangladesh;	Kenya;	Seychelles;
Barbados;	Kiribati;	Sierra Leone;
Belize;	Lesotho;	Singapore;
Bermuda;	Malawi;	Solomon Islands;
Botswana;	Malaysia;	South Georgia and the South
British Antarctic Territory;	Maldives;	Sandwich Islands;
British Indian Ocean Territory;	Malta;	South Africa;
Brunei;	Mauritius;	Sri Lanka;
Canada;	Montserrat;	Swaziland;
Cayman Islands;	Namibia;	Tanzania;
Cyprus, but excluding the	Nauru;	Tonga;
Sovereign Base Areas of	New Zealand;	Trinidad and Tobago;
Akrotiri and Dhekelia;	Nigeria;	Turks and Caicos Islands;
Dominica;	Pakistan;	Tuvalu;
Falkland Islands;	Papua New Guinea;	Uganda;
Fiji;	Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and	Vanuatu;
The Gambia;	Oeno Islands;	Virgin Islands;
Ghana;	Saint Christopher and Nevis;	Zambia; or
Gibraltar;	Saint Helena, Ascension and	Zimbabwe
Grenada;	Tristan da Cunha;	

Applications & Documents that will be issued

Windrush applicants on the Isle of Man may apply for the following documents in each circumstance.

- 1) A national of a Commonwealth country listed in the Windrush Scheme Policy, who settled in the Isle of Man before 1 January 1973 and have been continuously resident in the Isle of Man since their arrival may apply for:
 - A document confirming that they are already a British citizen,
 - British citizenship, or
 - A document confirming they have the right to live permanently in the Isle of Man (No Time Limit Stamp – NTL)

- 2) A national of a Commonwealth country listed in the Windrush Scheme Policy, who settled in the Isle of Man before 1 January 1973, but whose settlement status lapsed because they left the Isle of Man for more than 2 years, but who is now lawfully in the Isle of Man and has close and continuing ties with the Isle of Man may apply for:
 - Settlement (indefinite leave to remain)

- 3) A child of a national of a Commonwealth country listed in the Windrush Scheme Policy, who was settled in the Isle of Man before 1 January 1973, was born in the Isle of Man, or arrived in the Isle of Man before they were 18 years old and have been continuously resident in the Isle of Man since their arrival may apply for:
 - A document confirming that they are already a British citizen,
 - British citizenship, or
 - A document confirming they have the right to live permanently in the Isle of Man (No Time Limit Stamp – NTL)

- 4) A person of any nationality who arrived in the UK or Isle of Man before 31 December 1988 and who has lived continuously in the UK or Isle of Man since, may can apply for:
 - A document confirming they already have the right to live permanently in the Isle of Man

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