

CHAPTER 16A
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

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An Act to amend the Constitution of Barbados so as to enable membership of the Commonwealth to be more easily ascertained, and to provide for the continued operation of the law of Barbados in relation to certain Commonwealth countries. 1980—52.

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Citation

1. This Act may be cited as the *Commonwealth Countries Act*. Short title.

Provisions relating to membership of the Commonwealth

2. (1) A certificate signed by the Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs Membership of the Commonwealth.

(a) that on a date specified in the certificate, a specified country was or was not a Commonwealth country; or

(b) that a specified territory was or was not one for whose international relations a specified Commonwealth country was responsible,

is conclusive proof in proceedings before any court or any person acting judicially of the matters stated in the certificate.

(2) Where a certificate referred to in subsection (1) is not produced in proceedings before any court or any person acting judicially, the fact that a country is specified in the Schedule is conclusive proof in those proceedings that that country is a Commonwealth country, and the fact that a country is not so specified is conclusive proof that that country is not a Commonwealth country. Schedule.

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Alteration
of Schedule

3. (1) The Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs may by order amend the Schedule by adding the names of countries that have become Commonwealth countries or deleting the names of countries that have ceased to be Commonwealth countries.

(2) An order under subsection (1) comes into force or is deemed to have come into force on a date specified in the order whether that date is before, on or after the date of the making of the order.

Signature
of Minister
to be judicially
noticed.

4. The court or person acting judicially to which or to whom a certificate under paragraph (a) or (b) of section 2(1) is produced shall take judicial notice of the signature of the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the certificate.

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5. All existing law, whether a rule of law, a provision of an Act or of any other enactment, that applies in relation to a Commonwealth country shall on that Commonwealth country becoming a republic continue to have the same effect, until Parliament or the authority having power to alter that law otherwise provides, as if the Commonwealth country had not become a republic.

SCHEDULE*(Section 2(2))***COUNTRIES SPECIFIED AS COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES***(Subject to a certificate under Section 2(1))*

Australia	Nauru
The Bahamas	New Zealand
Bangladesh	Nigeria
Barbados	Papua New Guinea
Botswana	St. Lucia
Canada	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Cyprus	Seychelles
Dominica	Sierra Leone
Fiji	Singapore
The Gambia	Solomon Islands
Ghana	Sri Lanka
Grenada	Swaziland
Guyana	Tanzania
India	Tonga
Jamaica	Trinidad and Tobago
Kenya	Tuvalu
Kiribati	Uganda
Lesotho	United Kingdom
Malawi	Vanuatu
Malaysia	Western Samoa
Malta	Zambia
Mauritius	Zimbabwe