

NOTE: Members of the Commonwealth (or Commonwealth of Nations) include Britain and those independent countries formerly governed by Britain, which have chosen to become members. Dependent territories such as colonies, protectorates and trust territories, of Britain and other member countries, may be described as "within the Commonwealth" in that they are territories of member countries, but they are not "members of the Commonwealth", for only sovereign independent states are accepted as such. (Nauru, which became independent in January 1968, is associated with the Commonwealth as a special member.) The prefix "British" before "Commonwealth" and the term "Dominion" are no longer used.

<u>MEMBER COUNTRIES</u>	<u>DATE OF INDEPENDENCE</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS</u> (Monarchy or Republic)	<u>ACCREDITED CANADIAN POST</u> (H.C. - Office of the High Commissioner)
Britain (The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)		London	M	H.C. - London
Canada		Ottawa	M	H.C. - Canberra
Australia		Canberra	M	H.C. - Wellington
New Zealand		Wellington	M	H.C. - New Delhi
India	August 15, 1947	New Delhi	R	H.C. - Islamabad
Pakistan	August 15, 1947	Islamabad	R	H.C. - Colombo
Ceylon	February 4, 1948	Colombo	M	H.C. - Accra
Ghana	March 6, 1957	Accra	R	H.C. - Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia	August 31, 1957	Kuala Lumpur	R (M-elected)	H.C. - Lagos
Nigeria	October 1, 1960	Lagos	R	Emb. - Tel Aviv
Republic of Cyprus	August 16, 1960	Nicosia	R	H.C. - Lagos
Sierra Leone	April 27, 1961	Freetown	M	H.C. - Dar-es-Salaam
United Republic of Tanzania	December 9, 1961	Dar-es-Salaam	R	H.C. - Kingston
Jamaica	August 6, 1962	Kingston	M	H.C. - Port of Spain
Trinidad and Tobago	August 31, 1962	Port-of-Spain	M	H.C. - Nairobi
Uganda	October 9, 1962	Kampala	R	H.C. - Nairobi
Kenya	December 12, 1963	Nairobi	R	H.C. - Nairobi
Malawi	July 6, 1964	Zomba	R	Emb. - Rome
Malta	September 21, 1964	Valetta	M	H.C. - Dar-es-Salaam
Zambia	October 24, 1964	Lusaka	R	Emb. - Dakar
The Gambia	February 18, 1965	Bathurst	R	** H.C. - Kuala Lumpur
Singapore	August 9, 1965	Singapore	R	H.C. - Georgetown
Guyana	May 26, 1966	Georgetown	R	Emb. - Pretoria
Botswana	September 30, 1966	Gaborone	R	Emb. - Pretoria
Lesotho	October 4, 1966	Maseru	(M)	H.C. - Port-of-Spain
Barbados	November 30, 1966	Bridgetown	M	H.C. - Dar-es-Salaam
Mauritius	March 12, 1968	Port Louis	M	Emb. - Pretoria
Swaziland	September 6, 1968	Mbabane	(M)	H.C. - Wellington
Tonga	June 4, 1970	Nuku'Alofa	M	H.C. - Wellington
Western Samoa	August 28, 1970	Apia	M	H.C. - Wellington
Fiji	October 10, 1970	Suva	M	H.C. - Canberra

* The Commonwealth of Australia came into existence in 1901 and the Colony of New Zealand became the Dominion of New Zealand in 1907. The two countries and Canada achieved fully equal sovereign status with Britain under the Statute of Westminster in 1931.

** An Office of the Canadian High Commissioner to Singapore is maintained in Singapore, but the High Commissioner is resident in Kuala Lumpur.