

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION DEALING WITH NATIONALITY  
AND NATURALISATION IN THE UNION OF SOUTH  
AFRICA.

(1) Act No. 4 of 1910.

The Naturalization of Aliens Act, 1910 (Act No. 4 of 1910) requiring residence in the Union for a period of two years for naturalization was repealed by Act No. 18 of 1926 which, as a result, contains certain consequential adjustments.

(2) Act No. 18 of 1926.

The British Nationality in the Union and Naturalization and Status of Aliens Act, 1926, (Act No. 18 of 1926) was promulgated on 1st July, 1926, the Union of South Africa thereby falling in line with the other Dominions in adopting Part II of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, (4 and 5 Geo. 5 Ch.17) and 1918 (8 and 9 Geo. 5 Ch.38).

Aliens naturalized under this Act require what is called British nationality throughout the Empire, except in those Dominions which have not adopted Part II.

The most important qualification which renders an alien eligible for naturalization is the following:

He must have resided in the Union or some other part of the British Empire for not less than five years during the eight years immediately preceding the date of his application. This period of five years must include actual residence in the Union for one year