

NATIONALITY.

No. 9 of 1946.

An Act to provide for the Retention or Acquisition of British Nationality by Women married to Aliens.

[Assented to 18th April, 1946.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Nationality Act 1946*.

Short title
and citation.

(2.) The *Nationality Act 1920-1936**, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Nationality Act 1920-1946*.

2. This Act shall commence on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

Commencement.

3. After section eighteen A of the *Nationality Act 1920-1936* the following section is inserted:—

“18B.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, every woman who at the time of her marriage to an alien, whether before or after the commencement of this section, was resident in Australia and was a British subject shall, by force of this section, while in Australia or any Territory—

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(a) if the marriage was celebrated before the commencement of this section—be a British subject; or

(b) if the marriage is celebrated after the commencement of this section—continue to be a British subject,

unless she makes a declaration that she desires to retain or acquire the nationality of her husband.

“(2.) Nothing in this section shall operate to deprive any woman of British nationality retained by her by force of any other provision of this Act.”

* Act No. 48, 1920, as amended by No. 24, 1922; No. 10, 1925; No. 9, 1930; and No. 62, 1936.