

# PASSPORTS.

No. 85 of 1948.

## An Act to amend the *Passports Act* 1938.

[Assented to 21st December, 1948.]

**B**E 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 *Passports Act* 1948. Short title  
and citation.
- (2.) The *Passports Act* 1938\* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
- (3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Passports Act* 1938–1948.
2. This Act shall come into operation on the twenty-sixth day of Commencement, January, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.
3. Section five of the Principal Act is amended— Definitions.
  - (a) by inserting after the definition of “Australian passport” in sub-section (1.) the following definition:—

“‘Australian citizen’ means a person who is an Australian citizen within the meaning of the *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948;”;
  - (b) by omitting the definition of “British subject” in that sub-section and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

“‘British subject’ means a British subject as defined in the *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948 and includes a protected person as defined in that Act;”;
  - (c) by omitting from the definition of “officer” in that sub-section the words “the Interior” and inserting in their stead the word “Immigration”.

---

\* Act No. 15, 1938.

4. Section seven of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :—

Issue of  
passports.

“ 7.—(1.) Subject to the regulations, an officer authorized in that behalf by the Minister may issue Australian passports to Australian citizens and to British subjects who are not Australian citizens.

“ (2.) Australian passports shall be issued in the name of the Governor-General and shall be in such forms as are approved by the Minister.

“ (3.) An Australian passport in force under the *Passports Act* 1938 immediately prior to the commencement of this section shall, subject to this Act, continue in force as if issued under this Act.”.

---