NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP.

**No. 58 of 1950.**

An Act to amend the *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948.

[Assented to 14th December, 1950.]

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

**Short title and citation.**

**1.**—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1950.

(2.) The *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948–1950.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Definitions.**

**3.** Section five of the Principal Act is amended—

(*a*) by adding at the end of the definition of “naturalized person” in sub-section (1.) the words “, but does not include a woman who—

(*a*) was a British subject at birth; or

(*b*) at any time before the date of commencement of this Act married a British subject”; and

(*b*) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(4.) The provisions of this Act (other than the definition of ‘New Guinea’ in sub-section (1.) of this section, and sub-sections (1.) and (3.) of section twenty-five) shall be construed and applied as if the Island of Nauru were part of New Guinea.”.

**Declaration of intention to apply for naturalization.**

**4.** Section fourteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (3.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“(3.) The Minister may, if he considers that there are circumstances which justify his so doing, exempt a person from the requirements of sub-section (1.) of this section.”.

**Citizenship by naturalization**

**5.** Section fifteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (4.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“(4.) Notwithstanding anything contained in section fourteen of this Act or in sub-section (1.) of this section, the Minister may, upon application in the prescribed form, grant a certificate of naturalization as an Australian citizen to an alien woman who satisfies him—

(*a*) that she is the wife or widow of an Australian citizen; and

(*b*) that she has resided in Australia or New Guinea, or partly in Australia and partly in New Guinea, for a continuous period of not less than one year.”.

**Evidence in support of application for registration or naturalization.**

**6.** Section thirty-six of the Principal Act is amended—

(*a*) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “a certificate of registration or”: and

(*b*) by omitting from that sub-section the words “registration or”.