NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP.

**No. 70 of 1952.**

An Act to amend the *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948–1950.

[Assented to 1st November, 1952.]

[Date of commencement, 29th November, 1952.]

BE it enacted by the Queen’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* 1952.

(2.) The *Nationality and Citizenship Act* 1948–1950 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* 1948–1952.

**Citizenship by naturalization.**

**2.** Section fifteen of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after sub-section (2.) the following sub-section:—

“(2a.) A person who has served in the Defence Force of the Commonwealth or in the armed forces of a country other than a foreign country shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to have resided in Australia or in the other country, as the case requires, as follows:—

(*a*)if that person, having volunteered to serve beyond the limits of Australia and the Territories, has served in the Permanent Forces of the Commonwealth, each four weeks of his service, whether within or beyond those limits, shall be deemed to be eight weeks’ residence in Australia;

(*b*)if, during the period of eight years immediately preceding his application for naturalization, that person has voluntarily rendered continuous full-time service in the armed forces of a country other than a foreign country and was liable for service beyond the limits of that country, each four weeks of that service, whether within or beyond the limits of that country, shall be deemed to be eight weeks’ residence in that country; or

(*c*) if that person, having volunteered to serve beyond the limits of Australia and the Territories, has served in the Citizen Forces, each four weeks of the period from the date of his enlistment to the date of his application for naturalization or the date of the termination of his service, whichever is the earlier, shall be deemed to be five weeks’ residence in Australia.”.

**Effect of naturalization.**

**3.** Section sixteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (*a*)of sub-section (1.) the words “in the prescribed manner”.

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

**4.** Section thirty-six of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (1.), after the word “naturalization” (first occurring), the words “,being a person of full age,”.

**Certificate of registration or naturalization to be surrendered where order of deprivation made.**

**5.** Section forty-eight of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “,on or before the date upon which the order takes effect,” and inserting in their stead the words “,upon demand by the Minister.”.