



•Residence test in US, UK and AUS of between 2-5 years. **AUS – Present in AUS for at least 2 years at any time prior to date of application for cit by descent [16(2)(b)(i)]; UK – Parent in the UK for 3 year period prior to birth with no more than 270 days absence from the UK during this period [3(3)(c)]; US – if both parents citizens = at least one parent has had a residence in the US prior to the person’s birth. If one parent is a citizen and the other a national = citizen parent must have been physically present for 1 year in the US prior to the person’s birth. If one parent is a citizen and the other an alien = citizen parent must have been physically present prior to the person’s birth for a period or periods totalling not less than 5 years, at least two of which were after attaining the age of fourteen years [301(c),(d) and (g)].**

•Canada and UK: more flexible for first generation born abroad – automatic citizenship at birth.

•NZ and AUS: have first generation born abroad application/registration requirements, not automatic citizenship at birth.

•US: an exception among the 5 countries. Parent of child born abroad, regardless of the generation, must meet a connection test. Children born abroad to parents who are citizens by descent who do not meet the connection requirements are ineligible for citizenship unless sponsored.

•2<sup>nd</sup> generation born abroad: UK, US, AUS - children are eligible for citizenship if their parents have lived in the home country prior to the child’s birth for a certain length of time.