

ALIENS ACT, 1947

Approval to remain in the Commonwealth does not absolve you from the necessity to comply with the provisions of the Aliens Act 1947.

Should you change your permanent place of address you must within seven days of acquiring a new address complete a Form R.A.2 and produce it with your Certificate of Registration to the Commonwealth Migration Officer, if residing in a capital city, or to the nearest post office at which money order facilities are available, if residing outside a capital city area. The new address will then be endorsed in your Certificate of Registration. The same action must be taken if you are temporarily absent from your permanent address for a period exceeding thirty consecutive days.

Should you change your occupation or profession or the place of your employment, you must within seven days of such change complete a Form R.A.3 and produce it with your Certificate of Registration to the Commonwealth Migration Officer, if residing in a capital city, or to the nearest post office at which money order facilities are available, if residing outside a capital city area.

CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALISATION

As you will no doubt wish to become naturalised as an Australian Citizen and British subject, and so acquire the important privilege attaching to that status, your attention is invited to the following requirements to be met by applicants for naturalisation:—

- (a) **Residence**—A period of five years' residence in Australia is normally required; service during the war in units under British command may be accepted as part of the qualifying period of residence.
- (b) **Declaration of Intention**—Persons who will not be able to comply with requirement (a) until after 26th January, 1951, will not be able to apply for naturalisation at the end of their five years' residence unless at least two years beforehand they have made Declarations of Intention to apply for naturalisation; the Declaration may and should be made by such persons as soon as they have been in Australia for twelve months. If you have not already made a Declaration of Intention, you may secure the necessary forms from any office of the Commonwealth Department of Immigration.
- (c) **Other requirements are**—Good character, ability to speak and understand the English language, and knowledge of the responsibilities and privileges of Australian citizenship; these latter requirements do not have to be met when you lodge your Declaration of Intention, but only when you make your final application for naturalisation.