# Notes on the Foreign & Commonwealth Office list of approved British English Language names and descriptive terms for countries

## Overseas Territories

**Country:** refers to the common English name

**Official Name:** The official title

**Name for Citizen:** The name used for the inhabitant of the Overseas Territory. This is not regarded as the formal legal name but as an informal all-purpose and essentially non-legal way of referring to the inhabitants of the Overseas Territory concerned. In particular, it should be noted that no Overseas Territory has its own citizenship; nevertheless, those who are born or naturalised in an Overseas Territory, or who have some other relevant connection with it, will normally be British Overseas Territory Citizens under Part II of the British Nationality Act 1981. Under the British Overseas Territories Act 2002, those who held British Dependent Territories Citizenship were (other than those whose citizenship was derived solely from connection with the Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus) granted British Citizenship. The same Act also changed the name “British Dependent Territories” to “British Overseas Territories” and the name “British Dependent Territories Citizenship” to “British Overseas Territories Citizenship”.

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**Notes:** Additional notes and recommendations

## FCO Country Names

**Country:** The common English name of the country

**Official Name:** The official title used by the State itself (translated into English where appropriate)

**Name for citizen:** The name used for a citizen of the country. This is not necessarily the formal legal name, but is rather an informal all-purpose and essentially non-legal way of referring to the inhabitants of the country concerned. The name is not designed to denote ethnicity

**Adjectival Name:** The adjectival form

**Notes:** Additional notes and recommendations

## Other Geographical Locations

**Geographical Location:** The common English name

**Official Name:** The official title used by the geographic location itself (translated into English where appropriate)

**Name for citizen:** The name used for a citizen of the geographic location. This is not necessarily the formal legal name, but is rather an informal all-purpose and essentially non-legal way of referring to the inhabitants of the country concerned. The name is not designed to denote ethnicity

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