Transitional Arrangements

Chinese Citizens — Permanent residents of HK immediately before 1 July 1997 — Remain as Chinese citizens — **ROA in the HKSAR**

Non-Chinese Citizens — Permanent residents of HK before 1 July 1997:
- Settled in HK immediately before 1 July 1997
- After ceasing to be settled in HK immediately before 1 July 1997, return to settle in HK within the period of 18 months commencing on 1 July 1997
- After ceasing to be settled in HK immediately before 1 July 1997, return to settle in HK after the period of 18 months commencing on 1 July 1997 but have been absent from HK for a continuous period of less than 36 months

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