



## Guernsey Connections Policy

### Introduction

The Population Management Law establishes criteria through which individuals can gain Permanent Residence. The criteria relating to gaining Permanent Residence is based on period(s) of residence and/or ancestral connections to the Island. Permanent residents have an enduring right to be a Local Market householder, if over 16 years of age, and to undertake employment in Guernsey.

This policy explains the situation for individuals who have long-standing connections to Guernsey but whose particular circumstances fall outside of the provisions of the Law. It enables such individuals to reside in Guernsey under a Discretionary Residence Permit until such time as they would fulfil the criteria to be a Permanent Resident. It means that individuals in such circumstances do not find themselves disadvantaged and have a clear ability to live and reside in Guernsey.

Policies are not set out in the Population Management Law. A person can usually expect that a policy will be applied to them if their situation exactly fits the description in the policy – but the Administrator can always choose not to apply a policy. If this happens, the Administrator will explain why the policy hasn't been applied. It is best for a person to make an application for a Permit under this policy and not to rely on the fact that their situation seems to fit the policy.

### Guernsey connections

A person looking to reside in Guernsey under this policy must either:-

- have a parent, a grandparent and a great grandparent within the same line who were born in Guernsey at a time when their respective parents were ordinarily resident in Guernsey. There is no requirement for the person looking to apply under this criteria to have been born in Guernsey; or
- have been born in Guernsey and have a parent and a grandparent within the same line who were born in Guernsey at a time when their respective parents were ordinarily resident in Guernsey.

Upon satisfying the Administrator that they fulfil either set of criteria, such a person can generally expect that a Permit will be granted to enable them to be a Local Market householder until such time as they will become a Permanent Resident. They will be able to accommodate their immediate family.

(Reference GC-1, GC-2)

## **Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed in March 2021. The policy should not be relied upon as an indication of the likely outcome of Permit applications made after the review date. If the policy changes as a result of the review, the change will not be retrospective. The Administrator reserves the right to review this policy before the published review date if there is good reason to do so.