

Succession to the Crown Act

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Section I

Preliminary

0. Citation, long title and commencement

- (1) This Act can be cited as the *Succession to the Crown Act 2019*, and this is an Act to stipulate the order of precedence of the succession to the Rabian Crown, and for connected purposes.
- (2) Date of commencement of this Act shall be 1st of May, 2019.
- (3) The Royal Household Agency is hereby appointed as the governmental organisation responsible for the implementation of this Act.

Section II

Succession and Accession to the Crown

1. Ancestry

- (1) The Crown of the Realm shall be inherited by the descendants of King Chungsian and Queen Chi Zhao-di.

2. Accession to the Crown

- (1) Upon the decease, or the abdication of the Sovereign, the Heir shall immediately accede to the Crown.

3. Succession of issue

- (1) On the death of a Sovereign the Crown shall pass to his son or daughter as the elder child taking precedence over the younger child.
- (2) When one of the Sovereign's children has died, the issue of the deceased shall take his place in accordance with the lineal descent and the rules laid down in *Clause 2.1*.

4. Succession of a sibling

- (1) On the death of a Sovereign who leaves no issue entitled to succeed to the Crown, the Crown shall pass to his brother or sister, with precedence for the elder. Where the Sovereign has one or more brothers, or one or more sisters, or where any of his brothers or sisters have died, the rules of *Article 2* shall apply correspondingly.

5. Succession of a collateral descendant

- (1) Where there is no person entitled to succeed to the Crown under the rules of *Articles 2 and 3*, the Crown shall pass to the then nearest collateral line of the descendants of King Chungsian and Queen Chi Zhao-di, in accordance with the lineal descent, and with precedence correspondingly, for the elder over the younger as laid down in *Articles 2 and 3*.

6. Legitimacy of issue and marriage

- (1) Only children born of lawful marriage shall have the right of succession.
- (2) The Sovereign shall not marry except with the consent of the Parliament.
- (3) Should a person entitled to succeed to the Crown marry without the consent of the Sovereign, given in the Privy Council, such person shall forfeit his right of succession to the Crown for himself and the children born of the marriage, and for their issue.

7. Abdication

- (1) The provisions of *Articles 2 to 5* shall apply correspondingly in the case of a Sovereign's abdication.