

MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH, 1987

Country (Joined Commonwealth)

Antigua & Barbuda (1981)	
Australia (1931*)	
Bahamas (1973)	
Bangladesh (1972)	previously known as East Pakistan
Barbados (1966)	
Belize (1981)	known as British Honduras before June 1973
Botswana (1966)	previously known as Bechuanaland
Britain (1931*)	full name: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Brunei Darussalam (1984)	
Canada (1931*)	
Cyprus (1961)	
Dominica (1978)	
Fiji (1970)	
The Gambia (1965)	
Ghana (1957)	previously known as the Gold Coast
Grenada (1974)	
Guyana (1966)	previously known as British Guiana
India (1947)	
Jamaica (1962)	
Kenya (1963)	
Kiribati (1979)	previously known as the Gilbert Islands
Lesotho (1966)	previously known as Basutoland
Malawi (1964)	previously known as Nyasaland
Malaysia (1957)	between 1957 and 1963 known as Federation of Malaya
Maldives (1982)	
Malta (1964)	
Mauritius (1968)	
Nauru (1968)	special Member; does not attend Heads of Government Meetings
New Zealand (1931*)	
Nigeria (1960)	
Papua New Guinea (1975)	
St Christopher-Nevis (1983)	
St Lucia (1979)	
St Vincent & the Grenadines (1979)	
Seychelles (1976)	
Sierra Leone (1961)	
Singapore (1965)	
Solomon Islands (1978)	
Sri Lanka (1948)	known as Ceylon until 1972
Swaziland (1968)	
Tanzania (1961)	previously known as Tanganyika

**Date of the Statute of Westminster, for convenience regarded as the beginning of the Commonwealth*

Tonga (1970)
Trinidad & Tobago (1962)
Tuvalu (1978)

special member; does not attend Heads of Government meetings. Previously known as the Ellice Islands.

Uganda (1962)
Vanuatu (1980)
Western Samoa (1970)
Zambia (1964)
Zimbabwe (1980)

previously known as the New Hebrides
also known as Samoa
previously known as Northern Rhodesia
previously known as Southern Rhodesia and Rhodesia