

The Crown is the state in all its aspects within the jurisprudence of the Commonwealth realms. Legally ill-defined, the term has different meanings depending on context. It is used to designate the monarch in either a personal capacity, as Head of the Commonwealth, or as the king or queen of his or her realms. It can also refer to the rule of law; however, in common parlance 'The Crown' refers to the functions of government and the civil service.

The concept of the Crown developed first in England as a separation of the literal crown and property of the kingdom from the person and personal property of the monarch. It is not to be confused with any physical crown, such as those of the British regalia kept in the Tower of London.

The Commonwealth of Nations, normally known as the Commonwealth, is a unique political association of **53 member states**, nearly all of them former territories of the British Empire. The Commonwealth dates back to the first half of the 20th century with the decolonisation of the British Empire through increased self-governance of its territories. It was originally created as the British Commonwealth through the Balfour Declaration at the 1926 Imperial Conference. The current Commonwealth of Nations was formally constituted by the London Declaration in 1949, which modernised the community, and established the member states as "free and equal".

The human symbol of this free association is the Head of the Commonwealth, currently Queen Elizabeth II. **The Queen is the head of state of 16 member states**, known as the Commonwealth realms, while 32 other members are republics and five others have different monarchs.

The Crown of Commonwealth realms and dominions

Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, Realm of New Zealand (Cook Islands; New Zealand; Niue), Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, United Kingdom.

The Commonwealth of Nations

<i>Africa</i>	<i>Asia</i>	<i>Caribbean and Americas</i>	<i>Europe</i>	<i>Pacific</i>
<i>Botswana Cameroon Gambia, The Ghana Kenya Kingdom of eSwatini Lesotho Malawi Mauritius Mozambique Namibia Nigeria Rwanda Seychelles Sierra Leone South Africa Uganda United Republic of Tanzania Zambia</i>	<i>Bangladesh Brunei Darussalam India Malaysia Pakistan Singapore Sri Lanka</i>	<i>Antigua and Barbuda Bahamas, The Barbados Belize Canada Dominica Grenada Guyana Jamaica Saint Lucia St Kitts and Nevis St Vincent and The Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago</i>	<i>Cyprus Malta United Kingdom</i>	<i>Australia Fiji Kiribati Nauru New Zealand Papua New Guinea Samoa Solomon Islands Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu</i>

