

POLITICAL STATUSES OF PACIFIC ISLANDS

METROPOLITAN OR
COLONIAL POWERS (7)

INDEPENDENT STATES (9)

SELF-GOVERNING IN
FREE ASSOCIATION (5)

DEPENDENCIES OR PARTS
OF METROPOLITAN
POWERS (11)

PACIFIC COMMUNITY (SPC)			
COMMONWEALTH CONNECTIONS			
Australia	*Nauru (1968) *Papua New Guinea (1975)		
New Zealand	*Sāmoa (1962)	Cook Is. (1965) Niue (1974)	Tokelau
**United Kingdom	*Fiji (1970) *Tonga (1970) *Tuvalu (1978) *Solomon Is. (1978) *Kiribati (1979) *Vanuatu		Pitcairn
France	*Vanuatu (1980) ¹		French Polynesia New Caledonia Wallis & Futuna
United States		*†Marshall Is. (1986) *†Federated States of Micronesia (1986) *†Palau (1994)	American Sāmoa Guam †Commonwealth of the No. Mariana Is. (1986)
United States			Hawai'i
Chile			Rapa Nui (Easter Is.)
Indonesia			***Papua

¹ Vanuatu appears twice for commonwealth connections. In the colonial era, it was jointly administered by the United Kingdom and France.

* Members of the United Nations (twelve in number)

** United Kingdom withdrew from the Pacific Community in 2004

*** Formerly Irian Jaya

† Formerly part of the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (four in number)

Years in parentheses indicate dates that independence, free association, or commonwealth was achieved.

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