**Transitional Arrangements**

**Chinese Citizens**
- Permanent residents of HK immediately before 1 July 1997
- Remain as Chinese citizens

**Non-Chinese Citizens**
- Permanent residents of HK before 1 July 1997
- Settled in HK immediately before 1 July 1997
  - After ceasing to be settled in HK immediately before 1 July 1997, return to settle in HK within the period of 18 months commencing on 1 July 1997
  - After ceasing to be settled in HK immediately before 1 July 1997, return to settle in HK after the period of 18 months commencing on 1 July 1997 but have been absent from HK for a continuous period of less than 36 months

**ROA in the HKSAR**