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World Countries as Independent States

What is a country as an independent state in **the theory and in **practice**?**

Currently, there are two controversial theories of statehood. The constitutive theory says that only if a self-proclaimed entity is recognized by other sovereign states, it is a country. The declarative theory claims that no one nation needs the official recognition. In the current political reality, there are many exclusions from both theories.

In practice, any independent state must have:

- an own territory with clearly defined borders;
- a permanent population;
- a government and other legal authorities;
- sovereignty (the ability to be independent of others and to have absolute control over its own territory, govern, and protect it from external forces, execute laws and collect taxes);
- the ability to maintain external relations (in practice, the official diplomatic relations can be established only if your statehood is recognized by partner states).

What is absolutely needed for each country?

There are some essential things needed for each independent state, which help to differ from others: the national flag, anthem, coat of arms, capital city, the passport of a citizen, official language (or languages), the official currency, ISO country code, international calling code, country domain. These attributes define the individuality of the nation, make it recognizable worldwide and are widely used in real life.

Logo



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Geography-Dictionaries

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Free

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English

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Brief History

This site was established in 2008. The privacy policy of this site is effective and was last updated as of August 15, 2015.

Scope and Coverage This site includes short description of continents (area, no of countries, percentage of population etc.), flags and capital of different countries, world's largest countries, world's smallest countries, most populous countries, world's richest countries, and most traded currencies, currencies of different countries, world's top universities, free online courses, time zones of different countries, calling codes, country domains, best travel places are listed here.

Kind of Information Entries on continents show small description of area, number of countries, percentage of population etc. Under "World Capitals" option, countries' capitals are listed under continents. Under "World Flags" option, countries' flags are listed. "Time Zone" option presents alphabetical list of countries and territories with their standard time zones and DST (Daylight Saving Time) with starting and ending DST period. List of all country calling codes, international and national dialing prefixes are mentioned at "Calling Code" option. "Country domain" includes list of top level domain i.e. .us, .uk, .in etc. List of the best places for travel in 2016 according to Countries-ofthe-World.com are mentioned under "Best Travel Places". Every option started with small description i.e. how to call internationally that is described at the starting of "Calling Codes" option.

Special Features

- ❖ Before going to content, this site gives idea about countries i.e. "What is a country as independent state in the theory and practice?" "What is absolutely needed for each country?"

Arrangement Pattern Under each continent, entries are arranged alphabetically by first letter.

Remarks This site important geographical tool lists map of countries under different continents, flags, best place to visit throughout the world, currency, calling code, capital cities of different countries. The information is well arranged and easy to retrieve.

Comparable Tools

- Flags of all Countries (<http://flagpedia.net/>)
- Flags of the World (<http://www.crwflags.com/fotw/flags/>)

- World Flag Database (<http://www.flags.net/>)
- 3dflagsplus (<http://www.3dflagsplus.com/>)
- WebFlags (<http://www.webflags.com/>)

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