

## Theories of Recognition

Following two theories are popular theories of recognition: -

Sl. No.	Theories of Recognition	Meaning / remarks	Jurists who support the theory
1.	Constitutive Theory	New entity has to be recognized by other States so as to become an international person.	Hegal, Anzilloti
2.	Declaratory Theory	Recognition is merely a formal acknowledgement through which established facts are accepted.	Hall Wagner, Brierly, Fisher

Oppenheim is of the view that "recognition is declaratory of an existing fact but constitutive in its nature at least so far as it concerns relations with the recognizing States".

Whereas Kelson has given a Modified Constitutive theory by emphasizing on Natural Statehood and Juridical Statehood.

### Conclusion

Since World War II, State Recognition has become increasingly important as it affects more States and more legal relationships than ever before. More than 120 new States have emerged with the end of decolonization. In Indian context a new State of Bangladesh emerged from erstwhile East Pakistan and India was the first country to recognize it as a State. In truth, one cannot provide a definitive procedure / answer to the question of State Recognition.

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