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Federal statehood always attracted the attention of many countries. By studying the process of federalization, which took place at different times in different states, we can determine its general and specific features, as well as give a classification of its variants. The author identifies the following bases for such classification: direction of federalization process; the will, which initiated the process; the historical conditioning to create a federation; primary or secondary of federalization and statehood; the presence or absence of political autonomic areas on territory; the bases of determining of territory boundaries of the emerging federation subjects. Definition of types and methods of federalization as applied to a particular federation leads to an understanding of its nature, of general and particular characteristics, allows to determine how realistic or, conversely, fictitious federal relations, predict their development and to continue seeking of effective solutions to the problems of federalism.

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