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# **General grounds for refusal**

## **Section 4 of 5: considering leave to remain**

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### Considering leave to remain: mandatory and discretionary refusals

<p><a href="#">Leave to remain: mandatory refusals</a></p> <p><a href="#">Leave to remain: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A) – deception</a></p> <p><a href="#">Leave to remain: Discretionary refusals</a></p>	<p>This section contains guidance for caseworkers on what you must consider when you refuse an applicant on general grounds.</p> <p>It explains each part of paragraph 322 and identifies which are mandatory refusals and which are discretionary.</p> <p>This guidance is based on the Immigration Rules. See related link to the rules.</p> <p><b>Mandatory or discretionary</b></p> <p>The Immigration Rules have two types of refusal on general grounds and it will depend on the reasons you are using to refuse as to how you consider the application. If it is a mandatory ground for refusal you must refuse the application, if it is a discretionary ground for refusal then you can consider whether the circumstances allow you to use your discretion.</p> <p>Paragraph 322 of the rules sets out these general grounds for refusal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mandatory refusals are in paragraphs 322(1) – 322(1C).</li><li>• Discretionary refusals are in paragraphs 322(2) to 322(12).</li></ul> <p><b>Considering leave to remain for all categories of applications made to remain in the UK</b></p> <p>You must consider if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• there are any general grounds for refusal, and</li><li>• you can refuse the application under the category the person applied for.</li></ul> <p><b>What you need to check for</b></p> <p>You must check for evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• adverse behaviour (using deception including false representation, fraud, forgery, non-</li></ul>	<p>Links to staff intranet removed</p>
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disclosure of material facts or failure to cooperate)

- non conducive, adverse character, conduct or associations, (criminal history, deportation order, travel ban, exclusion, non-conducive to public good, a threat to national security)
- adverse immigration history (breaching conditions, using deception in an application).

For further guidance, see links on left.

For more information on the specific grounds above, see related links:

- Grounds for refusal, and
- Checks.

#### **Where to check for the evidence**

There are various checks you can make for evidence of the above.

You must always check:

- information on the application form
- internal Home Office systems (for example CID, CRS and warehouse)
- Home Office security checks
- other security checks.

Other information may help you consider an application. You should also complete, if appropriate:

- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) checks
- HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) checks.

You must carefully consider your statutory duty to children, under section 55 of the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009, before you apply the instructions in this guidance either to children or people with children.

For more information on section 55 see related link: Safeguard and promote child welfare.

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	<p>If you only refuse on general grounds and an appeal is allowed, you cannot then re-consider them for the specific category and leave to remain will have to be given.</p> <p>You must consider if there are any human rights grounds such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the right to family life under article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), or</li><li>• any exceptional, compelling circumstances which would justify you granting the application.</li></ul>	
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### Leave to remain: mandatory refusals

[Leave to remain: mandatory refusals](#)

[Leave to remain: paragraphs 322\(1A\), 322\(2\) and 322\(2A\) – deception](#)

[Leave to remain: Discretionary refusals](#)

This section lists the mandatory general grounds for refusal of leave to remain under paragraph 322 of the Immigration Rules. It also sets out when you must refer an application before you make your decision.

Refusal paragraph	When you must refuse leave	Refer before you refuse?
322(1)	The applicant is seeking leave to enter or remain for a purpose not covered by the rules.	No
322(1A)	The applicant has made false representations or submitted false documents in their current application or in order to obtain documents from the Secretary of State or a third party required in support of the application.	Yes, refer to senior case worker. You must also check the harm matrix before consideration. See related links for further guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case ownership processes and instructions, and</li> <li>• The harm matrix</li> </ul>
322 (1B)	The applicant is, at the time of application, subject to a deportation order.	
322 (1C)	The applicant is seeking indefinite leave to remain and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they have been convicted of an offence for which they have been sentenced to imprisonment for at least four years</li> <li>• they have been convicted of an offence for which they have been sentenced to imprisonment for at least 12 months but less than four years, unless a period of 15</li> </ul>	

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		<p>years has passed since the end of the sentence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• they have been convicted of an offence for which they have been sentenced to imprisonment for less than 12 months, unless a period of seven years has passed since the end of the sentence, or</li><li>• they have, within the 24 months preceding the date of the application, been convicted of or admitted an offence for which they have received a non-custodial sentence or other out of court disposal that is recorded on their criminal record.</li></ul>		
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### Permission for a purpose not covered by the rules: leave to remain

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### Leave to remain: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A): deception

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- should refuse their application under paragraph 322(2A), when deception was used in a current or previous application to get a document from the Secretary of State that shows the applicant has a right to reside in the UK.

You should refuse leave to remain for these reasons, where there is satisfactory evidence to show that the applicant or their appointed representative has deliberately provided representations or documents which they know to be false. You should also refuse leave to remain if a previous use of deception was unsuccessful. The Immigration Rules treat the successful and unsuccessful use of deception equally.

Before you refuse leave to remain under paragraph 322(1A), 322(2) or 322(2A), you must first refer your decision to your senior caseworker.

**Standard of evidence**

To refuse under paragraph 322(1A), 322(2) or 322(2A), you must have positive evidence to prove that the applicant has lied or submitted a false document. The burden of proof is to a 'higher standard of probabilities', which means it must be more likely than not that the applicant has made false representations or given forged documents to get leave.

It is not appropriate to refuse a current application under paragraph 322(1A) simply because you are not satisfied that the applicant is telling the truth.

To refuse under paragraph 322(2), you must show that:

- the applicant deceived the entry clearance officer, Home Office officer or caseworker when they made a previous application, and that
- the deception was used to get, or attempt to get, leave to enter or remain.

To refuse under paragraph 322(2A), you must show:

- the applicant deceived the entry clearance officer, Home Office officer or caseworker when they made a previous application, and
- that deception was used to get, or an attempt to get, a document from the Secretary of State to show the applicant has a right to reside in the UK.

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	<p>Applications for a right to reside are made under Immigration (European Economic Area) (EEA) regulations 2006 by EEA nationals or by their family members.</p> <p>It is not enough to show that an applicant's circumstances or intentions are different now to how they were before. You will have to show that a person's circumstances or intentions have always been as they are now and deception was used in order to hide those circumstances.</p> <p>For more information on rights of residence, see related link: <a href="#">EEA, Swiss nationals, EC association agreements</a>.</p>	
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### False representations: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A)

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previous application, you should refuse the application under paragraph 322(2).

You must refuse an application under paragraph 322(2A) when a representation is confirmed as false and was submitted in connection with a current or previous application to get a document from the Secretary of State to show the applicant has a right to reside in the UK.

When you refuse under either 322(1A), 322(2) or 322(2A), your evidence must clearly show that the applicant's representations conflict with other evidence such as representations made in previous applications. You must not refuse an application just because you suspect that false representations have been made or because of minor errors in the application. For example, you should not refuse the application when an applicant has given an incorrect address or mis-spelt a name on their application form.

Where an applicant states on their application form that they do not have any criminal convictions but Home Office checks confirm they do, you must refuse the application. This is because they have deliberately made false representations so that they can obtain leave. The application form specifically asks the applicant to confirm any criminal convictions and provides details of how to check this where they are unsure. For example:

- The applicant answers 'no' to the criminal conviction question on their application form.
- Caseworking checks confirm that they have been convicted of a criminal offence.
- The application must be refused, as there is enough reason to believe that they have answered falsely as the result of a deliberate choice rather than innocently.

Refusals on this basis must make specific reference to the fact that they answered 'no' to the question on criminal convictions and this was confirmed by them signing the application form. In the refusal letter you must add:

'that you were aware that it is an offence under the Immigration Act 1971, as amended by the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002, to make, to a person acting in execution of any of these acts, a statement or representation which you know to be false or do not believe to be true, or to obtain leave to remain in the United Kingdom by means which include deception'.

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### False documents: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A)

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**Standard of proof**

To confirm that a document is false you must get independent evidence. Ideally, you should ask the authority which issued the document or information to confirm in writing that it is not genuine. When this is not possible, you should consider whether you can refuse the application for substantive reasons.

You are free to point out any inconsistencies in a document which lead you to think that it cannot be trusted. For example:

- An applicant has provided bank statements which contain spelling errors with their current application for leave. Also, the transactions listed on the statement do not add up to the balance.
- Because confidentiality issues stop the bank confirming whether the document is genuine, you cannot refuse the application under 322(1A).
- Instead, you should point out each error on the statement and refuse the application on maintenance grounds. This is because the applicant has not proven they can meet the maintenance requirement.

For more information on refusing leave to remain and refusal wording, see related links:

- Refusing leave to remain
- Refusal wording.

For information on appeal rights see related link: Appeals policy.

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### Material facts not disclosed: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A)

<p><a href="#">Leave to remain: mandatory refusals</a></p> <p><a href="#">Leave to remain: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A) – deception</a></p> <p><a href="#">Leave to remain: Discretionary refusals</a></p>	<p>This page explains what to consider when an applicant has failed to disclose material facts.</p> <p>This relates to general grounds for refusal under paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A) of the rules.</p> <p>When an applicant has not disclosed material facts which relate to a current application, you must refuse their application under paragraph 322(1A).</p> <p>When a material fact was not disclosed in a previous application, you must refuse the application under paragraph 322(2).</p> <p>You must refuse the application under paragraph 322(2A) when the applicant has not disclosed a material fact in a current or previous application to get a document from the Secretary of State to show the applicant has a right to reside in the UK.</p> <p>A material fact is one which is relevant to your decision to grant leave to remain. You must not refuse an application when the information the applicant has withheld is not relevant to your decision or when failure to reveal information is an innocent mistake. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An applicant has applied for indefinite leave to remain as a spouse.</li><li>• Your casework checks show that the applicant receives Child Benefit but they have not declared this on their application form.</li><li>• The applicant is claiming Child Benefit legally under an exception to their conditions of leave which state 'no recourse to public funds'.</li><li>• You cannot refuse the applicant under paragraph 322(1A) because, if they had disclosed the information, it would be inappropriate to refuse their application.</li></ul> <p>If the applicant in the above example had been claiming Child Benefit illegally and had failed to disclose it, you could refuse their application under paragraph 322(1A) because the undisclosed information would be relevant to your decision.</p>	<p><b>In this section</b></p> <p><a href="#">False representations: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A)</a></p> <p><a href="#">False documents: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Recording grounds for refusal on CID: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Subject to a deportation order: paragraph 322(1B)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Indefinite leave to remain criminal convictions paragraph 322(1C)</a></p> <p>Links to staff intranet removed</p>
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### Recording grounds for refusal on CID: paragraphs 322(1A), 322(2) and 322(2A)

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### Subject to a deportation order: paragraph 322(1B)

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### Indefinite leave to remain criminal convictions: paragraph 322(1C)

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### Leave to remain: discretionary refusals

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<a href="#">interview</a>  <a href="#">Child under 18, no written parent or guardian consent</a>  <a href="#">Failure to pay NHS charges: application for leave</a>	322(4)	The applicant has not maintained and accommodated themselves, and any dependents, without need to use public funds.	No
	322(5)	<p>It is undesirable to let an applicant stay because of their character, behaviour or associations (including convictions which do not fall within paragraph 322(1C)), or because they are a threat to national security.</p> <p style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">Restricted – do not disclose – start of section</p> <p style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">The information in this page has been removed as it is restricted for Home Office staff only.</p> <p style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;">Restricted – do not disclose – end of section</p>	Yes
	322(5A)	<p>It is undesirable to permit the person concerned to enter or remain in the UK because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in the view of the Secretary of State, their offending has caused serious harm, or</li> <li>• in the view of the Secretary of State, they are a persistent offender who shows a particular disregard for the law.</li> </ul>	Yes
	322(6)	The applicant's sponsor fails to give an undertaking in writing to be responsible for maintaining and accommodating the applicant or fails to honour an undertaking once given.	No
	322(7)	The applicant fails to honour any declaration or undertaking given orally or in writing in relation to their intended purpose or duration and/or purpose of their stay.	No
	322(8)	The applicant will not be allowed to return to	No

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		another country if allowed to stay in the UK.		
	322(9)	The applicant does not give information on request within a reasonable time.	No	
	322(10)	The applicant has been asked to come to an interview by the Home Office but has failed to attend.	No	
	322(11)	An applicant under the age of 18 seeks leave to remain in the UK without the permission of their parent(s) or legal guardian.	No	
	322(12)	The applicant has an outstanding charge of £1,000 or more to the National Health Service (NHS) in accordance with the relevant NHS regulations on charges to overseas visitors.	No (unless the debt is attached to a child under the age of 18).	

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When it is undesirable to give an applicant leave to remain in the UK because of their character or conduct or associations, you must consider whether you need to refer the case or refuse it under paragraph 322(5).

Before you refuse leave to remain under paragraph 322(5), you must first refer your decision to your senior caseworker.

You must:

- give specific reasons to refuse under this paragraph
- not include vague generalisations about a person's character, conduct or associations
- only refer to the specific reason you are refusing the application
- not refer to a threat to national security in your refusal notice.

When a case falls into one of the above categories, you must consider it in line with the guidance in this section, regardless of whether the application is valid or not. However, when you consider such a case, you must only take into account information which is new and was not known to the Home Office at the time of any previous decision. You must not take action on information which was known to the Home Office at the time of the previous decision, unless advised to by a senior caseworker.

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### Criminality: leave to remain

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- Automatic deportation
- 1908 Drug Offences.

For EEA nationals, you must also refer to CC when the applicant has served or is serving a custodial sentence of:

- 24 months or more
- 12 months or more for offences falling within the following categories:
  - drug offences
  - sex offences
  - violent offences.

You must refer to Annex B of the CC European Economic Area (EEA) instructions for the full list of offences which meet these criteria, see related link: EEA cases.

There may be other exceptional circumstances when deportation is considered conducive to the public good - see below.

Before referring a case to CC you must make sure that the convictions which are the basis of the referral are not spent.

Convictions when there has been a court recommendation for deportation become spent in the same way as other cases. Spent convictions cannot normally be taken into account when assessing whether a person falls within the criteria for deportation. Therefore you should not refer these cases to CC unless they have additional convictions that meet the criteria above, or are an exceptional case.

#### **Exceptional cases**

Only in very exceptional circumstances can spent convictions be taken into account:

- When a deportation order has been issued and the person has gone to ground – until after the relevant convictions are spent - the deportation order will still remain in force.

**Criminal behaviour below the CC threshold**

When an applicant has been convicted of a criminal offence which does not meet the CC threshold, you may still refuse leave to remain under paragraph 322(5). For example, the applicant has committed an offence which by its nature or circumstances, suggests that it is not conducive to the public good to let the applicant remain in the UK. Such offences may include (but are not limited to):

- offences which involve violence
- sexual offences
- offences against children
- serious drug offences.

When you have such an application, you must refer the case to a senior caseworker. The senior caseworker will then decide whether the case is to be refused under paragraph 322(5). Each case must be considered on its own merits. However, you should take the following into account for all cases:

- type of offence
- length of sentence
- the judge’s sentencing remarks
- immigration history
- any pattern of re-offending.

If you refuse an application on these grounds, you must get the certificate of conviction from the sentencing crown court. You must also get the judge’s sentencing remarks from the appropriate court reporting company.

In your refusal notice you must refer to the fact that the applicant has been convicted of a specific offence and it is because of this conviction that you are refusing the application.

For more information on types of convictions or offences, see related link: [Sentence based thresholds](#).

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### War crimes

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This page explains what to do when your checks show that an applicant applying for leave to remain has been involved in war crimes or crimes against humanity.

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When you have read the guidance, if appropriate, you should refuse the application under paragraph 322(5).

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### Offending which caused serious harm: paragraph 322(5A) (a)

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### Persistent offenders: paragraph 322 (5A) (b)

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### No written sponsor undertaking

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### Declaration or undertaking not honoured

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### No ability to return

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### Failure to give information within a reasonable time

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### Failure to attend for interview

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### Child under 18, no written parent or guardian consent

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### Failure to pay NHS charges: application for leave

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This page tells you what to do when an applicant applying for leave has outstanding National Health Service (NHS) charges of £1,000 or more.

You must check if an applicant has failed to pay an outstanding charge or charges with a total of at least £1,000, to one or more relevant NHS bodies.

The check must be carried out if the applicant is applying for:

- further leave, or
- indefinite leave.

These charges are in line with the relevant NHS charges to overseas visitors and relate to general grounds for refusal under paragraph 322(12) of the rules.

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If the check confirms the applicant has an outstanding NHS charge or charges of £1,000 or over you should refuse the applicant on this basis, subject to the consideration of exceptions.

If the check does not confirm the application has outstanding NHS charge or charges, you must not refuse the applicant on this basis, even if they have received NHS treatment. This is because it is for the NHS body providing the treatment to determine whether the individual is required to pay for the treatment or whether they are a debtor. Details of the exemptions which exist in respect of payments for NHS treatment can be found on Department of Health

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website (see related link).

**Where the NHS charge relates to a linked applicant**

If you refuse the applicant on this basis, but they have dependants over the age of 18 linked to the application, they must also be refused. They must be refused on the basis that the main applicant's application is being refused.

However, where the outstanding charge or charges is related to a dependant and not the main applicant, it will not affect the main applicant's application. You must only refuse the dependant on this basis.

Where the treatment relates to a minor, which is anyone under the age of 18, their parent(s) or guardian(s) are liable for any NHS costs. These cases will also be identified by the NHS. If the checks show the outstanding charge or charges are attached to a minor, the application must be referred to a higher executive officer (HEO) before a decision is taken. The HEO must consider any article 8 implications. In these cases, you must contact the relevant NHS body to make sure the charge has been correctly made against the minor and not the parent(s) or guardian(s).

For more information on Article 8, see related link.

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**Exceptional circumstances**

Where an applicant has an outstanding charge or charges for NHS treatment, full consideration must be given to the application. You must consider whether to refuse on this basis or whether a discretionary consideration is appropriate. See related link: Leave outside the rules.

Where article 3 grounds are raised (including implicitly) these must be referred to the relevant team. See related link: Article 3.

**Documenting the refusal**

If you refuse an application on this basis, you will need to contact the relevant NHS body or their appointed agent to obtain written confirmation of the outstanding charge. You can accept the confirmation by letter or fax. The confirmation must include the following information:

- patient's full name
- date of birth
- nationality
- address
- outstanding charge
- location of treatment
- dates of treatment
- details of any attempts to obtain payment in respect of the treatment.

The confirmation must be included in the appeal bundle.

You must not proceed with the refusal if the relevant NHS body informs you the applicant no longer is a debtor.

**Making sure latest information is used**

You must make sure the written evidence was submitted no more than two days before the date of decision, before refusing further or indefinite leave to remain under paragraph 322(12). If the written evidence was submitted more than two days before the date of decision, a further check with the NHS body must be carried out to make sure the amount has not been repaid in the interim.

For more information on refusing leave to remain and refusal wording, see related links:

- Refusing leave to remain
- Refusal wording.

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