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### Types of Home Office travel document (HOTD)

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### Convention travel document

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This page explains what a convention travel document (CTD) is and who can apply for one.

CTDs can be issued to people recognised in the UK as refugees under the terms of the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees.

CTDs are normally valid:

- in line with the holder's leave to enter or remain in the UK, or
- for a maximum of 10 years for those with indefinite leave to enter or remain.

They usually allow travel to any country, except the holder's country of origin and/or the country from which they sought asylum. The travel restrictions for CTDs mean they are a closed Home Office travel document (HOTD).

CTDs have a dark blue cover.

#### **Mandatory cases**

A mandatory case is one that results in the issue of a HOTD.

An application from:

- a person recognised as a refugee, or
- a person who entered the UK on a family reunion entry clearance to join a recognised refugee sponsor

falls into this category, and they are entitled to a CTD. The travel documents section (TDS) can only refuse an otherwise valid application in this category on the grounds of national security, or for compelling public order reasons.

A CTD can be withdrawn before it expires if appropriate, particularly if the holder no longer has valid permission to remain in the UK. The issue of a CTD does not prevent other action

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being taken, including the removal of refugee status, or permission to remain in the UK.

**Dependants of refugees**

If a dependant enters the UK with entry clearance endorsed 'family reunion', TDS must check the status of the sponsor. If the sponsor is a recognised refugee and had that status at the time of the entry clearance application, and the dependant was part of the pre-flight family unit, a CTD can be issued to the dependant. The dependant must make their own application for a CTD.

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### Stateless person's document

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### Certificate of travel

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### One-way document (IS137)

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### Application process for a Home Office travel document

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### How to apply for a Home Office travel document

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### Waiting times for a Home Office travel document

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### How to apply for a child's Home Office travel document

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### Applications from particular groups

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### Chinese and Hong Kong Chinese nationals

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### The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

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### The Gateway protection programme

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### Withdrawing an application for a Home Office travel document

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### Home Office travel document fees and refund policy

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	<p>If enclosing applications for more than one person in the same envelope, all fees must be included.</p> <p><b>Refund policy</b> The usual policy is that refunds are not given if an application is refused, rejected or withdrawn.</p>	<p><a href="#">Home Office travel document</a></p> <p><b>External links</b></p> <p><a href="#">Cost of applying</a></p>
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### How Home Office travel document applications are handled

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### Processing and considering Home Office travel document applications

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### Rejecting Home Office travel document applications

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### Refusing Home Office travel document applications

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### Successful Home Office travel document applications and issuing documents

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### How to change or replace a Home Office travel document

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### Lost or stolen Home Office travel documents

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### Expired or full Home Office travel documents

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## Home Office travel documents

### Change of personal details

<p><a href="#">About this guidance</a> <a href="#">Types of Home Office travel document (HOTD)</a> <a href="#">Application process for a Home Office travel document</a> <a href="#">Impounding and withdrawing a Home Office travel document</a></p>	<p>This page explains the travel documents section's (TDS) policy for changes to names and dates of birth and how to record personal details changes in Home Office travel documents (HOTDs).</p> <p>It is Home Office policy not to change personal details from those the person originally provided on entry to the UK. TDS will issue HOTDs showing the same name and date of birth shown in the applicant's passport or document of entry, or those given when the applicant first came to the UK.</p> <p>If the applicant gives different details on their HOTD application form, TDS caseworkers must investigate the discrepancy and check if the Home Office has any record of the different personal details. More complex cases must be considered by a senior caseworker.</p> <p>The following may apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If a person does not want to include all their names, with the exception of their family name, you can exclude them. For example, if the applicant has three names but only wants to include two of them on the HOTD.</li><li>• An applicant cannot add new names, or change names, without a change of name deed poll, statutory declaration or original acceptable birth certificate. The applicant must provide original documents. TDS will not accept copies of documents. For example, if there is only evidence of two names, but the applicant wishes to include three names on the HOTD, they must provide documentary evidence.</li><li>• When there is a discrepancy in the date of birth given by the applicant in their HOTD application, TDS caseworkers may only accept an original acceptable birth certificate, national passport or national identity card as evidence.</li><li>• If another part of the Home Office has issued status documentation without sight of an acceptable birth certificate or other identity documentation, TDS will usually accept the details on the status papers.</li></ul> <p><b>Recording changes in HOTDs</b></p>	<p><b>In this section</b></p> <p><a href="#">How to change or replace a Home Office travel document</a></p> <p><a href="#">Lost or stolen Home Office travel documents</a></p> <p><a href="#">Expired or full Home Office travel documents</a></p> <p><b>Related links</b></p> <p><a href="#">Information for applicants</a></p> <p><a href="#">Home Office travel document fees and refund policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">How Home Office travel document applications are handled</a></p>
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When there is a change of name or a discrepancy in a date of birth, TDS can include an endorsement in the HOTD.

Below are some examples of these endorsements and when they are used.

**Name change due to marriage**

If the applicant submits the marriage certificate, a TDS caseworker will add the married name on the bio data page of the HOTD.

If the applicant does not submit their marriage certificate, a TDS caseworker will enter the maiden name on the bio data page and an endorsement can be added to reflect the married name.

**Name change by deed poll, statutory declaration or adoption**

If the applicant provides the original change of name deed poll, statutory declaration or adoption certificate, a TDS caseworker will add the new name on the bio data page of the HOTD. The old name will be shown in an endorsement, 'Formerly known as [insert name], deed poll dated [insert date] seen.'

**No evidence of a change of name**

If the applicant provides no acceptable documentary evidence of a change of name, a TDS caseworker will use the name previously accepted for the bio data page of the HOTD. TDS will then add the endorsement: 'Holder states correct name should be [insert name] but can provide no acceptable documentary evidence to support this.'

**Date of birth discrepancy**

If the applicant asks for a change to their date of birth which does not match the one on their passport, the document of entry or asylum questionnaire, they must provide one of the following as evidence:

- an original acceptable birth certificate
- a national passport, this may be different to the passport used to enter the UK
- a national identity card.

	<p>A statutory declaration or deed poll cannot be used as evidence of a date of birth.</p> <p>If the applicant does not provide acceptable evidence, a TDS caseworker will include the endorsement: 'Holder states correct date of birth is [insert date of birth] but can provide no acceptable documentary evidence to support this.'</p>	
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### Impounding and withdrawing a Home Office travel document

<p>About this guidance Types of Home Office travel document (HOTD) Application process for a Home Office travel document Impounding and withdrawing a Home Office travel document</p>	<p>This page explains the circumstances when Home Office travel documents (HOTDs) can be impounded or withdrawn.</p> <p>HOTDs must be impounded or withdrawn from circulation by Border Force officers (BFO) or caseworkers in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is evidence the holder has travelled to a country for which the HOTD is not valid. In these cases, caseworkers or BFOs must give or send the holder an appropriate letter explaining their HOTD is being impounded. Caseworkers or BFOs must forward the impounded HOTD to the travel documents section (TDS) with any evidence the holder has travelled to their country of origin or any other country the document is closed to. For TDS address, see related link.</li><li>• There is evidence the holder of a certificate of travel (COT) or stateless person's document (SPD) also holds a passport or travel document issued by their own or any other national authorities.</li><li>• The holder of a convention travel document (CTD) is holding a passport at the same time. They are allowed to retain either the CTD or the passport. In these cases, caseworkers or BFOs must give or send the holder an appropriate letter explaining that their HOTD is being impounded. Caseworkers or BFOs must forward the impounded HOTD to TDS with any evidence that the holder has travelled to their country of origin or any other country the document is closed to.</li><li>• The BFO or caseworkers believe the holder is not the person who was issued the HOTD, they must send the impounded HOTD to TDS with images of the impostor and a copy of any BFO's report.</li><li>• The holder is no longer entitled to hold that document. In these cases, caseworkers or BFOs must forward the impounded HOTD to TDS with a copy of any BFO's report.</li></ul> <p>If the HOTD has been tampered with it must be sent to the national document forgery unit (NDFU). A report detailing the nature of the forgery must be sent to TDS. For TDS address, see related link.</p>	<p><b>Related links</b></p> <p><a href="#">Convention travel document</a></p> <p><a href="#">Stateless person's document</a></p> <p><a href="#">Certificate of travel</a></p> <p>Links to staff intranet removed</p>
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**Returning and exchanging HOTDs and national passports**

An applicant can decide at any time they would prefer to hold their own national passport rather than their HOTD. The individual must send the HOTD to TDS before their passport can be returned.

The policy on dealing with such requests varies, depending on the document held and the status of the person.

**Convention travel documents (CTD)**

A person accepted as a refugee under the terms of the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees places that status at risk if they travel on their own national passport. TDS caseworkers must tell the individual about the potential risk before returning their passport and ask the individual to sign a declaration to show they understand this risk and are willing to give up their refugee status. This is letter ICD.0310. Once the individual has signed and returned the declaration, the CTD is copied to file and destroyed, and the passport returned to the holder by recorded delivery post.

**Certificates of travel (COT) or certificates of identity (CID)**

There are no restrictions for returning passports to holders of a CID or COT and the process is a simple exchange of documents. A TDS caseworker must copy the CID or COT to file before destroying it, and return the passport to the holder by recorded delivery post.

**Holders of HOTDs who have become British citizens**

When a person becomes a British citizen they no longer qualify for an HOTD. TDS must destroy the HOTD and, on request, must return any national passport previously kept by TDS to the holder by recorded delivery post.

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### Contact

<p>About this guidance Types of Home Office travel document (HOTD) Application process for a Home Office travel document Impounding and withdrawing a Home Office travel document</p>	<p>This page explains who to contact for more help with a specific case regarding Home Office travel documents.</p> <p>If you have read the relevant Immigration Rules and this guidance and still need more help with this category, you must first ask your senior caseworker or line manager.</p> <p>If the question cannot be answered at that level, you may email travel documents section (TDS) senior caseworkers for guidance on the policy, see related link.</p> <p>Changes to this guidance can only be made by the modernised guidance team (MGT). If you think the policy content needs amending you must contact TDS senior caseworkers, who will ask the MGT to update the guidance, if appropriate.</p> <p>The MGT will accept direct feedback on broken links, missing information or the format, style and navigability of this guidance. You can send these using the link: Email: Modernised guidance team.</p>	<p><b>Related links</b></p> <p><a href="#">Information owner</a></p> <p><a href="#">Changes to this guidance</a></p> <p>Links to staff intranet removed</p>
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