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Who is required to register

Under part 10 paragraphs 325 and 326 of the Immigration Rules, the requirement to register with the police should normally be imposed on a person:

- aged 16 or over who is:
 - a national or citizen of a country or territory listed in appendix 2 to the rules see related link: Immigration Rules Appendix 2
 - o a stateless person
 - o a person holding a non-national travel document
 - o given limited leave to enter the UK for longer than 6 months
 - given limited leave to remain allowing them to remain in the UK for longer than 6 months from the date of their arrival in the UK

For more information on Appendix 2, see external link.

There are certain exceptions to the above. For more see link to Exemption from registration.

The requirement to register can be imposed by:

- an entry clearance officer (ECO)
- a Home Office officer
- a Border Force officer
- a caseworker on behalf of the Secretary of State

The applicant must report to the police within 7 days of either:

- obtaining leave (in the UK)
- arriving in the country if the requirement is in the entry clearance vignette, or if it has

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For information on where a person must register with the police, see related link: Where to register with the police.

Once registered, the police will give the applicant a police registration certificate (PRC) which shows they have complied with the requirement to register.

The applicant must inform the police of any changes to the information they have provided whilst they are still in the UK and subject to the requirement to register with the police.

See related links for guidance on:

- exemption from registration
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- dual nationals and other travel documents

Imposing the requirement in other cases

If you believe it is necessary you can impose a condition to register with the police, to make sure the person complies with the terms of their leave to enter. The person must be a foreign national aged 16 years or over (paragraph 326(3) of the rules).

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The following are exempt from the requirement to register:

- those granted indefinite leave to enter or remain
- spouses, civil partners, unmarried partners, and same-sex partners of people settled here who are granted leave to enter or remain in the UK on that basis
- a recognized refugee
- family members of European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss nationals
- seasonal agricultural workers
- Tier 5 (Temporary workers) sponsored as an overseas government employee, or private servant in a diplomatic household
- Tier 2 (Ministers of religion)
- those exercising access rights to a child resident in the UK
- parents of a child at school in the UK granted leave to enter or remain on that basis
- dependants of a person who is not required to register (except dependants of off-shore workers)
- members of non-NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) forces admitted for courses at British military establishments or with private companies (Course F) - for more information see related link: Armed forces: exempt from immigration control
- · community service volunteers
- civilian components of NATO forces
- non-visa nationals who are employees of contractors to United States of America (USA) armed forces in the UK
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This section tells you how to impose the requirement to register with the police.

It covers:

- Entry Clearance officers and Border Force officers (before entry and on entry to the UK)
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This page tells you how to impose the requirement to register with the police when issuing entry clearance or granting entry to the UK.

Entry clearance officers

If a person needs to register with the police, you must make sure the entry clearance vignette states registration is necessary.

You must choose the correct option for category D visas (long term) on Proviso to impose the police registration requirement. The endorsement must read – 'Police registration within 7 days of arrival'.

Border Force officers

If you impose the requirement to register at a port of entry, you must:

- show the requirement on the vignette or endorse it clearly in the passport
- note the requirement on the landing card
- · record the person's address on the landing card

If a person presents an incorrect vignette or the requirement to register has not been endorsed in the passport, it is still possible for you to impose the condition to register.

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People not previously required to register

If a grant of leave to remain means a person needs to register with the police, you must make sure they are notified of the requirement when writing to notify them of the outcome of their application.

For information on who needs to register with the police, see link on left.

CID actions

You must:

- note on CID that police registration code 1 applies by selecting the appropriate police code in the case maintenance screen
- select the correct police registration paragraph option from the application approval or grant of leave notification letter on CID

For information on where a person must register with the police, see the related link: Where to register with the police.

People already required to register

If a person who already needs to register with the police applies for further leave, they must produce a police registration certificate (PRC) to show they have registered.

If they still need to register, they must notify the police of the extension of leave.

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note on CID that PRC code 2 applies	
 select police code 2 on the case maintenance screen 	
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In the London Metropolitan Police District, police registration takes place at the:

Overseas Visitors Records Office (OVRO) 323 Borough High Street London SE1 1JL

Telephone: 020 7230 1208

For all other locations the person registers at the nearest police registration office. They can obtain the location from their local police station.

Once registered, the police will give the applicant a police registration certificate (PRC) which shows they have complied with the requirement to register.

When the applicant registers with the police they must pay a fee and provide the following information and documents:

- name and gender
- a current photograph (or photographs)
- · date of birth and country of birth
- marital status
- nationality
- address in UK
- last place of residence outside the UK
- date, place and mode of arrival in the UK
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Failure to register within the time specified, without reasonable excuse, is an offence under section 26(1) (f) of the Immigration Act 1971. For more information on the act, see related link.

You must inform the police as soon as you find out an applicant who needs to register either:

- fails to register with the police
- is known to have moved from or into their area
- · has had changes in the conditions attached to their leave
- becomes exempt from the requirement

You must clearly and correctly record on CID and landing cards:

- addresses
- if there is a need to register

If an applicant has failed to register, you must not decide the case. You must:

- return the passport and other relevant documentation
- inform them that before you can consider their application they must:
 - o register with the police
 - o produce a police registration certificate (PRC), demonstrating they have registered
- instruct them to re-submit their passport, the PRC and any other relevant documents as required once they have registered

You must make the covering letter to the individual detailed enough for it to be used as evidence to the police that an application is with the Home Office pending registration and endorsement of the PRC.

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Once an applicant has complied with the requirement to register you can process the application as normal.

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If the applicant still fails to register, you must consider refusing future applications under paragraph 322(3) of the Immigration Rules (see related link).



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This page tells you what to do when a person becomes exempt from the requirement to register with the police.

A person can become exempt from the need to register by:

- being granted leave in a category which is exempt from the requirement to register
- obtaining a nationality that is not specified in Appendix 2 of the Immigration Rules, see related link

As the requirement was correctly imposed at the time, you must not delete the requirement from the passport. Any fee paid on registration is not refundable.

You must:

- endorse the registration certificate as 'exempt from registration' and return it to the applicant
- select the relevant option in the grant notification letter to advise the person that they are no longer required to register with the police
- select the appropriate police code 5 in the case maintenance screen

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If an applicant claims they have been required to register with the police in error, you must first find out whether the requirement was imposed before entry, on entry or after entry. When you have found out when this requirement was imposed you must:

- send before entry cases to the referred casework unit
- send on entry cases to Border Force operational advice and support (BF OAS)

The following in-country applicants must apply for an administrative review if they believe that the police registration condition has been wrongly applied to their grant of leave to remain.

- Tier 4 main applicants or their dependants whose applications were made on or after 20 October 2014
- Tiers 1, 2 or 5 main applicants or their dependants whose applications were made on or after 2 March 2015
- In-country applicants where the decision was made on their application on or after 6 April 2015, subject to certain exceptions – see related link: Administrative Review for details

Any in-country cases not meeting the administrative review criteria should be returned to the case working unit that imposed the police registration requirement for action.

You must always:

- establish the applicant's category, nationality and conditions set at the time the requirement was imposed
- for on-entry cases, and unless you are forwarding the case to BF OAS, you must obtain the visa application form (VAF) or landing card

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You must be satisfied the requirement to register with the police was imposed in error at the time it was imposed. For example the following would not have had the original requirement imposed in error:

- an applicant who becomes exempt later by obtaining a different category of leave
- by obtaining dual nationality

Removing the requirement - person has not yet registered

If the applicant has not yet registered, you must:

- delete the registration endorsement in the person's passport
- return the passport to them, enclosing ICD.1100 to explain the endorsement was imposed in error
- amend CID, if appropriate to make sure the police are notified of the error

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If the applicant has registered, you must:

- obtain the police registration certificate and endorse the back page with 'exempt from registration'
- return the certificate and passport to the person, with an ICD.1100 to explain the original endorsement was imposed in error
- write to the Overseas Visitor Records Office (OVRO), if the person lives in the London Metropolitan Police District; or the Chief Constable of the relevant police force if they live outside of Greater London, to explain the requirement was imposed in error and request they consider refunding the fee
- · amend CID to reflect the correct status

You must consider the requirement to have been imposed in error if a dual national had another nationality not listed in Appendix 2 when they were admitted to the UK. For more information on which nationalities need to register with the police, see the related link: Immigration Rules Appendix 2.

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registration	If a person has been refused leave to enter the UK, or has been arrested as an immigration offender, keep the impounded certificate until they have been removed from the UK. Once	
Required to register in	they have been removed, send it to the general registry, together with a Border Force or	
error	Home Office officer's report.	
<u>Transfer of police</u>	General registry will arrange to forward the police registration certificate to the appropriate	
registration requirement	police force. The police will keep the certificate for 2 years, then dispose of it.	
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If an applicant does not provide their PRC with their application, you must request it before you can process the application. This also makes sure the applicant has reported their original extension of stay to the police as required.

If an applicant fails to provide their PRC within a reasonable time, refer the case to a senior caseworker or line manager to consider curtailing leave under paragraph 323(i) and 322(3) of the Immigration Rules. This is because the applicant has failed to provide sufficient evidence of complying with the conditions attached to their stay.

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There is no provision in law to refuse to transfer conditions only because the applicant has not submitted their PRC.

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If the applicant provides the PRC, but it does not have their current period of leave endorsed in it, return the PRC with a letter to tell the applicant the Home Office will not consider their application until they have registered as required.

If the applicant returns the PRC without the proper endorsement, or does not return it within a reasonable time, refer the case to your senior caseworker or line manager for consideration of curtailing leave under paragraph 323(i) and 322(3) of the Immigration Rules. This is because the applicant has failed to provide sufficient evidence of complying with the conditions attached to their stay.

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This page tells you how to complete CID when transferring the requirement to register with the police where the requirement to register continues.

When you transfer conditions for an applicant who needs to register with the police enter code '2, P.R. to be continued', in the police code field of the case details screen.

When you create the ICD.3255 transfer of conditions letter, select the relevant police registration paragraph from the 2 options:

- for those living in the London Metropolitan Police District
- for those living outside the London Metropolitan Police District

You must tell the applicant they must report to the police to register the change in passport details and transfer of conditions to a biometric residence permit.

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This page explains who to contact for more help with a specific case in the police registration category.

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.

If the question cannot be answered at that level, you may email:

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Border Force officers can email the BF OAS enquiries inbox, see related link.

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