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This guidance tells caseworkers how to decide an application made by a Croatian for a blue registration certificate confirming the holder as a person exempt from worker authorisation.

It covers exemptions on the following bases:

- the applicant:
  - has dual British or European Economic Area (EEA) citizenship
  - has leave in the UK with an unrestricted right to work
  - has a permanent right of residence
  - has completed 12 months legal employment
  - is highly skilled, or
  - is part of a diplomatic mission
- the sponsor:
  - has leave to work in the UK
  - is part of a diplomatic household
  - is British or settled, or
  - is an EEA national (other than Croatian).

For information on how to deal with applications from Croatians who claim exemption from worker authorisation because they are family members of other Croatians, see related link: Croatian casework: family members.

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### Blue registration certificate

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All applicants must be Croatian nationals and eligible under one of the following criteria. Exemption on the basis the applicant:

- has dual British or European Economic Area (EEA) citizenship
- has leave in the UK with an unrestricted right to work
- has a permanent right of residence
- has completed 12 months legal employment
- is highly skilled
- is part of a diplomatic mission.

You should be able to determine the basis of the applicant's exemption from the information on the application. For further information on how to assess whether the applicant is exempt from worker authorisation see links on left.

#### **On receipt of the application**

You must:

- record the application on GCID, and
- check that the applicant has supplied evidence to prove:
  - they are a Croatian national
  - they qualify for a blue registration certificate, and
  - their relationship with any family members included on the application.

For guidance, see related link: Record and check application.

#### **Family members**

Which family members can qualify will depend on which category their sponsor gains exemption for work authorisation. See links on left for guidance on which Croatian family members can gain a blue registration certificate where their sponsor is:

- a person with leave that allows them to work in the UK
- part of a diplomatic household
- British or settled
- an EEA national (other than a Croatian).

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	<p>For guidance on which Croatian family members can gain a blue registration certificate where their sponsor is Croatian, see related link: Croatian casework: family members:</p> <p>For guidance on which non-EEA national family members can gain an accession residence card or residence card where their sponsor is Croatian, see related link: Croatian casework: family members.</p> <p><b>Granting and refusing</b> For guidance on granting or refusing the application, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant application</li><li>• Refuse application.</li></ul>	
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<p><a href="#">that the sponsor is British or settled</a> <a href="#">Exemption on the basis sponsor is an EEA national (other than Croatian)</a></p>	<p>the Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006.</p> <p>For EEA member states, see related link: Countries in the EU and EEA.</p> <p><b>Duration of exemption</b> The applicant is exempt as long as they continue to hold dual citizenship with another EEA state. If the applicant works without interruption for 12 months while exempt on the basis of dual nationality, they will still remain exempt from worker authorisation on the basis of that legal and continuous employment.</p> <p><b>Granting and refusing</b> For guidance on granting or refusing the application, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant application</li><li>• Refuse application.</li></ul>	
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### Exemption on the basis of leave in the UK with an unrestricted right to work

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<p><a href="#">that the sponsor is British or settled</a> <a href="#">Exemption on the basis sponsor is an EEA national (other than Croatian)</a></p>	<p>If the leave has a restriction (or prohibits employment) then it does not count under this exemption. Leave that restricts or prohibits a person's right to work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• code 2 leave (work permit holders, students)</li><li>• code 3 or 5N leave (visitors – no right to work), and</li><li>• code 4 leave (au pairs, domestic workers).</li></ul> <p><b>Tier 1 leave</b> Where leave under Tier 1 states the holder cannot work as a trainee doctor or dentist, or as a professional sportsperson, this does not count as an employment restriction for the purposes of the Croatian regulations.</p> <p>If an applicant had such leave on 30 June 2013, and the only restriction on their employment was work as a trainee doctor or dentist, or as a professional sportsperson, then they will be exempt from worker authorisation and can apply for a blue registration certificate.</p> <p><b>Expired leave</b> The applicant must actually have the relevant leave on 30 June 2013, or be given such leave after that date, to be able to rely on this exemption.</p> <p>If the relevant leave expired before 1 July 2013, the applicant does not qualify under this exemption.</p> <p><b>Evidence</b> Applicants must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Their most recent UK endorsement in their original:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ passport</li><li>○ travel document</li><li>○ immigration status document, or</li><li>○ biometric residence permit.</li></ul></li><li>• Exceptionally, if the applicant was granted the relevant leave by letter only, they must provide the original Home Office letter. If in doubt, you must check with your line manager.</li></ul>	
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**Endorsements showing settlement**

If an applicant is granted indefinite leave to enter or remain, they must be able to prove this by:

- an indefinite leave to enter (ILE) endorsement
- an indefinite leave to remain (ILR) endorsement
- a no time limit (NTL) endorsement, or
- a returning resident (settlement) visa.

**Relevant checks**

You must check the relevant endorsement:

- to make sure there is no restriction on the person's right to work in the UK
- against GCID or CRS records.

If you have any concerns regarding the evidence submitted, you must discuss them with your senior caseworker before making a decision.

**Granting and refusing**

For guidance on granting or refusing the application, see related links:

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- evidence they are a Croatian national
- evidence they have a permanent right of residence, for example, evidence they have lived in the UK as:
  - a qualified person for five years
  - the family member of a qualified person for five years, or
  - a retired or incapacitated worker or self-employed person
- a document certifying permanent residence or a permanent residence card if they have one.

You must verify the evidence against their GCID records, where applicable, and satisfy yourself that the person has not lost their permanent right of residence.

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<p><a href="#">that the sponsor is British or settled</a> <a href="#">Exemption on the basis sponsor is an EEA national (other than Croatian)</a></p>	<p>exercising Treaty rights for a continuous period of five years, you will need to see documents confirming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the sponsor is an EEA national</li><li>• the sponsor has been exercising Treaty rights for a continuous period of five years in the UK</li><li>• the Croatian has lived in line with the EEA regulations throughout the five year qualifying period. This will often mean they were the family member of the EEA national sponsor throughout, family member in this context means:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the spouse</li><li>○ civil partner</li><li>○ child under 21, or</li><li>○ direct dependent descendent in the ascending line (parents or grandparents).</li></ul></li></ul> <p>For further information on assessing whether someone has acquired permanent residence see the link: 06 Permanent residence.</p> <p><b>Checking that permanent residence has not been lost</b> Under the EEA Regulations it is possible for someone to lose their permanent residence. You must not accept permanent residence documents as definitive proof the applicant still has a permanent right of residence. Individuals can lose this status if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• spend a continuous period of more than two years outside the UK, or</li><li>• are removed, or are liable for removal, on the grounds of public policy or security.</li></ul> <p>You must check they do not meet any of the two criteria above since the date they acquired permanent residence. If they have lost their right to permanent residence, they will not be exempt on that basis. Unless there is other evidence with the application to show they qualify for a blue registration certificate under a different category, the application must be refused.</p> <p>For further guidance on permanent right of residence, see related link: 06 Permanent residence.</p>	
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## Croatian Casework: Blue Registration Certificate

### Exemption on the basis of 12 months legal employment

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- their accession worker authorisation document, passport endorsements, or other evidence they were legally working, and
- electronic databases such as CID or Globe, and
- request a letter from the employer confirming employment details.

For guidance on what qualifies as uninterrupted and legal work, see related link: Definition of legal work.

For examples of legal working without interruption, see related link: Examples of legal and illegal employment.

For guidance on how you consider an application from a Croatian national who claims they were legally working while studying at a college which closed down, see related link: Student legally working while at college that has closed down.

#### **Unauthorised work**

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If, as a result of unauthorised employment, the applicant has not legally worked for an uninterrupted period of 12 months, you must refuse the application.

#### **Granting and refusing**

For guidance on granting or refusing the application, see related links:

- Grant application
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### Definition of legal work

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(European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 or 2000. For example, as the family member of a qualified EEA national.

'Leave which allows a person to work' includes (but is not restricted to):

- Leave as a work permit holder, which restricts a person's employment to a particular employer and type of employment.
- Leave which restricts a person's employment to a particular category of employment, such as an au pair, a domestic worker in a private household, or a private servant in a diplomatic household. Or
- Leave as a student, which allows the person to work for 20 hours a week during term time and full-time during non-term time, or while undertaking an approved work placement or internship.

**Croatians working after 30 June 2013**

A Croatian will be working legally in the UK after 30 June 2013 if:

- They fall into one of the exempt categories of The Accession (Croatian Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013 and don't need work authorisation. Or
- They hold a valid purple registration certificate and are working in accordance with its conditions.

**Worker authorisation documents**

The following table lists the different types of worker authorisation documents and the circumstances when they remain valid.

Type of document	Validity
Purple registration certificate	For as long as the person is working in line with the conditions laid out in the document
A passport or travel document endorsed before 1 July 2013 with leave to enter or remain which restricted the person's employment to a particular employer or type of employment (such as a work permit holder, au pair or domestic worker).	Until the leave expires, provided the person is working within the conditions of that leave.

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### Examples of legal and illegal employment

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<p><a href="#">that the sponsor is British or settled</a> <a href="#">Exemption on the basis sponsor is an EEA national (other than Croatian)</a></p>	<p>intervening period.</p> <p>The applicant is exempt from worker authorisation.</p> <p><b>Example four- legal work while exempt</b></p> <p>The applicant was exempt from worker authorisation as the family member of a European Economic Area (EEA) national exercising a Treaty right. While the applicant's sponsor is exercising a Treaty right, the applicant takes advantage of their right to work. After working on this basis for an uninterrupted period of 12 months with no gaps of more than 30 days in the intervening period, the applicant is exempt from worker authorisation.</p> <p><b>Example of illegal employment</b></p> <p>An applicant was issued with a purple registration certificate. They worked in accordance with the conditions of that document for six months. They then left that job and worked for another employer for a further six months. They did not obtain a new purple registration certificate for this employment.</p> <p>You must check whether the applicant was exempt during the second six months (for example, if they were married to or an unmarried partner of a British citizen or the family member of a Croatian national who was no longer subject to work authorisation). If they were not exempt during this period, they would not qualify for a blue registration certificate on the basis of their employment because they would not have legally worked for 12 months.</p>	
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### Students legally working while at a college that has closed down

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This page tells you how to consider an application from a Croatian national who claims they were legally working while studying at a college that has closed down.

Students can legally work while enrolled on a course of study at an approved institution for the principal purpose of study, provided they hold a yellow registration certificate confirming they are exercising a Treaty right as a student. For guidance, see related link: Students.

Colleges and educational establishments sometimes close down or set up in a new name. When a student claims to have studied there it can be difficult to verify if this was true and if they completed their course.

When a student claims to have studied at a college that has closed down you need to consider the following factors:

- Is there evidence that the applicant was enrolled at the college?
- Was the college an approved educational institution when it was open? For guidance, see related link: Approved institution checks.
- Is there evidence that the applicant was not a student during the period the educational establishment was open? For example, do you have evidence that the applicant was working full-time on days when they should have been at college?
- Were there significant breaks during the period of study, for example, to return home?
- If someone claims to have been a student after their original college has closed down, did they enrol in another establishment within 30 days and can they provide evidence of this?

If the applicant was not a student at the college while it was open then any claimed periods of employment during that time cannot count towards the 12 months lawful employment. This means they will not qualify for a blue registration certificate as an exempt person.

If there is evidence that the applicant studied for a short period at the college while it was open, but did not re-enrol in another college within 30 days of the college closing down, then

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### Family members

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This page tells you how to consider applications from family members claiming in their own right.

When dealing with a Croatian family member who has worked for 12 months and is claiming exemption from work authorisation in their own right you need to be satisfied the applicant:

- has worked legally for a continuous period of 12 months
- is related as claimed to the sponsor
- has been able to work lawfully because their sponsor's status gave them an exemption from work authorisation throughout the entire period of their work.

For guidance on evidence concerning employment see link on left: Exemption on the basis of 12 months legal employment.

Croatian family members can be exempt from work authorisation because of the status of their sponsor. If during the period of exemption the relevant family member works lawfully for a continuous period of 12 months without interruption, they will become exempt from worker authorisation in their own right.

The table below summarises which family members are free to work based on their sponsor's status.

Status of the sponsor	Croatian family members of the sponsor who are exempt	Documentation
Sponsor is exempt from worker authorisation because they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are an EEA national (other than</li> </ul>	Spouse or civil partner.  Direct descendant of the Croatian worker, their spouse or civil partner who is:	Blue registration certificate

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	<p>Sponsor is exempt from worker authorisation because they have leave to enter or remain that allows them to work in the UK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spouse.</li> <li>Civil Partner.</li> <li>Unmarried or same sex partner.</li> <li>Child under 18.</li> </ul>		Blue registration certificate	
	<p>Sponsor is exempt from worker authorisation because they are British or settled in the UK.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spouse.</li> <li>Civil partner.</li> <li>Unmarried or same sex partner.</li> </ul>		Blue registration certificate	
	<p>Sponsor is exempt from worker authorisation because they are part of a diplomatic mission in the UK.</p>	<p>Spouse or civil partner.</p> <p>Unmarried or same sex partners (if relationship recognised by the sending state).</p> <p>Direct descendant of the Croatian worker, their spouse or civil partner who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>under 21, or</li> </ul>		Blue registration certificate	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dependent on the Croatian worker, their spouse or civil partner.</li> </ul>		
	<p>Croatian sponsor is not exempt from worker authorisation but is exercising a Treaty right as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>self-employed person or</li> <li>self-sufficient person.</li> </ul>	<p>Spouse or civil partner.</p> <p>Direct descendant of the Croatian worker, their spouse or civil partner who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>under 21, or</li> <li>dependent on the Croatian worker, their spouse or civil partner.</li> </ul>	Blue registration certificate	
	<p>Croatian sponsor is not exempt from worker authorisation but is exercising a Treaty right as a student.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spouse or civil partner.</li> <li>Dependent child.</li> </ul>	Blue registration certificate	
	<p>Croatian sponsor is subject to worker authorisation, and an authorised worker (that is, working in accordance with a purple registration certificate).</p>	<p>Spouse or civil partner.</p> <p>Unmarried or same sex partners.</p> <p>Direct descendant of the Croatian worker, their spouse or civil partner who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>under 21, or</li> <li>dependent on the Croatian worker, their spouse or civil partner.</li> </ul>	Blue registration certificate	

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	<p>To make sure the family member remained exempt throughout the period of their employment you will need to check that the sponsor continued to meet the relevant criteria. See links on left.</p> <p>For guidance on family members exempt from work authorisation because of the status of their Croatian sponsor or evidencing the relationship see related link: Croatian casework: family members.</p>	
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### Exemption on the basis of being a highly skilled person

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<p><a href="#">that the sponsor is British or settled Exemption on the basis sponsor is an EEA national (other than Croatian)</a></p>	<p>If the applicant cannot provide their original certificate (for example, if they have only just finished their course), or if the certificate does not state the date of award, the applicant must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An original letter from the awarding institution confirming the qualification and the date the applicant was informed they had successfully completed the course. The letter must be on headed paper, have the official stamp of the institution and can be addressed to the applicant or to the Home Office. Or</li><li>• The applicant's original official results transcript. If this does not contain the name of the qualification, the date of completion, or the letterhead and official stamp of the institution, then the applicant must provide a supporting letter from the awarding institution as described above.</li></ul> <p><b>Family members</b> If a Croatian is issued a blue registration certificate as a highly skilled person, they will be exempt from worker authorisation and their Croatian family members will also be entitled to a blue registration certificate. For further information see related link: Croatian Casework: family members, particularly the section Croatian family members: Sponsor is a Croatian worker not subject to worker authorisation.</p> <p><b>Granting and Refusing</b> For guidance on granting or refusing the application, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant application</li><li>• Refuse application.</li></ul>	
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<p><a href="#">that the sponsor is British or settled</a> <a href="#">Exemption on the basis sponsor is an EEA national (other than Croatian)</a></p>	<p>They must meet all the mandatory criteria relating to 'Exceptional talent (world leader) or all the Exceptional promise (potential world leader)' criteria.</p> <p>Each DCB has its own particular type of evidence that they require with the Tier 1 application. For more information, see related links.</p> <p>The Home Office will contact the relevant DCB who will assess the applicant's qualifications and experience against their particular criteria.</p> <p>If the applicant is successful in getting an endorsement, the DCB will inform the Home Office and this is recorded on the applicant's GCID record.</p> <p>You must check GCID to see if an applicant has obtained an endorsement.</p> <p>If an application for an endorsement is successful the Croatian will be contacted by the Home Office and sent a copy of the endorsement. You must note the endorsement is only valid for three months from the date of issue.</p> <p>Once the Croatian national has obtained the endorsement they will need to submit it with a CR 2 application.</p>	
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## Croatian casework: blue registration certificate

### Evidence of qualification at a relevant institution

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## Croatian Casework: Blue Registration Certificate

### Exemption on the basis of being part of membership of a diplomatic mission

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<p><a href="#">that the sponsor is British or settled</a> <a href="#">Exemption on the basis sponsor is an EEA national (other than Croatian)</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any person who belongs to the family and forms part of the household of the member of a mission.</li><li>• Any person entitled to such immunity from jurisdiction given to a diplomatic agent. This may include senior officials of international organisations to whom the UK is obliged to grant such agreements with other member states.</li></ul> <p>A private servant employed directly by a member of a mission does not qualify for exemption under this category. They may qualify for a purple registration certificate as a private servant in a diplomatic household, for guidance see related link: Tier 5 (Temporary worker) - international agreement.</p> <p><b>Evidence</b> Applicants must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a letter of accreditation from the mission for each person included in the application</li><li>• a copy of the Foreign &amp; Commonwealth Office (FCO) identity card for each person included, and</li><li>• evidence of relationships of household members such as marriage and birth certificates if the relationship is not specified on the FCO identity card.</li></ul> <p>If the person cannot provide the above documents but claims to be exempt from immigration control, your line manager will ask for advice from the work operational policy team. See related link: Email: Work operational policy team.</p> <p><b>Applications from a member of a diplomatic mission</b> A member of a diplomatic mission is only exempt while they remain a member of a diplomatic mission. You must give any application for a blue registration certificate to your line manager to forward to a senior caseworker.</p> <p>For guidance on family members of a member of a diplomatic mission, see related link: Family members.</p> <p><b>Officials exempt under section 8(3) of the Immigration Act 1971</b> Section 8(3) of the 1971 act exempts from control anyone with the same immunity from</p>	
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jurisdiction as a diplomatic agent under the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964 (that is, full diplomatic immunity).

This includes senior officials of international organisations to whom the UK is obliged to grant diplomatic immunity by agreements with other member states. Croatian nationals with full diplomatic immunity are exempt from worker authorisation.

The families of these officials are not fully exempt from control, except where the agreement relating to the organisation states that family members have the same immunity as the official.

**Officials exempt under section 8(2) of the Immigration Act 1971**

Employees and representatives of overseas governments and international organisations who do not have full diplomatic immunity are usually exempt from immigration control under section 8(2) of the 1971 act. Such people are exempt from worker authorisation under regulation 2(10) of the Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Work Authorisation) Regulations 2013.

If you are unsure whether the applicant is exempt under section 8(2) or section 8(3) of the 1971 act, speak to your line manager, who will seek advice from the work operational policy team if necessary.

For further information on people who are exempt from immigration control, see related link: IDI - Persons exempt from control.

**Applications from employees and representatives of overseas governments, the United Nations and other international organisations**

Certain employees of overseas governments, the United Nations, and other international organisations to which the UK belongs are either totally or partly exempt from immigration control under section 8 of the Immigration Act 1971. The extent of the exemption and the range of employees covered depends on the terms of the agreement reached with each organisation.

They may qualify for a purple registration certificate, for guidance see related link: Tier 5 (Temporary worker) - international agreement.

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	<p><b>Locally engaged staff</b> The exemption does not apply to members of a mission who were recruited from within the UK (locally engaged staff), unless they are of diplomatic rank.</p> <p><b>Granting and refusing</b> For guidance on granting or refusing the application, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant application</li><li>• Refuse application.</li></ul>	
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## Croatian casework: blue registration certificate

### Exemption on the basis the sponsor has leave to work in the UK

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- 2(General) or Tier 5(Temporary worker)
  - leave under the highly skilled migrant programme (HSMP), or
  - leave under the pre-Tier 4 postgraduate doctors and dentists scheme.

If the leave prohibits employment then it does not count under this exemption. Leave that restricts a person’s right to work includes:

- code 3 or 5N leave (visitors – no right to work).

**Eligibility**

The table below is a summary of which Croatian nationals can qualify for exemption from worker authorisation on the basis that their sponsoring family member has valid leave allowing them to work in the UK.

Status of the sponsor	Croatian direct or extended family members of the sponsor who are exempt
Sponsor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is any nationality, and</li> <li>• has leave to enter or remain in the UK which allows that person to work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spouse</li> <li>• civil partner</li> <li>• children under the age of 18</li> <li>• unmarried or same sex partner</li> </ul>

**Granting and refusing**

For guidance on granting or refusing the application, see related links:

- Grant application
- Refuse application.

For evidence of family relationship see related link.

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### Exemption on the basis the sponsor has leave to work in the UK: evidence and conditions

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<p><a href="#">that the sponsor is British or settled</a> <a href="#">Exemption on the basis sponsor is an EEA national (other than Croatian)</a></p>	<p>You must carefully check the sponsor's BRP, entry clearance or UK residence permit does not prohibit them from working. You must also check the sponsor's status against electronic databases, such as GCID and CRS records.</p>	
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### Exemption on the basis that the sponsor is part of a diplomatic household

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<p><a href="#">that the sponsor is British or settled</a> <a href="#">Exemption on the basis sponsor is an EEA national (other than Croatian)</a></p>	<p>under section 8(3) of the Immigration Act 1971 (member of a diplomatic mission or otherwise entitled to diplomatic immunity).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dependent children under 18</li><li>• dependent children over 18 who are still in full-time education</li><li>• dependent relatives who formed part of the household abroad (such as elderly widowed parent)</li><li>• other close relatives who have no one else to look after them (such as young orphaned siblings)</li><li>• unmarried partners (common law or same sex relationships) where the relationship is recognised as durable by the sending state and the parties intend to live together for the duration of the posting.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Granting and refusing</b> For guidance on granting or refusing the application, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant application</li><li>• Refuse application.</li></ul> <p>For evidence of family relationship see related link.</p>			

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### Exemption on the basis that the sponsor is part of a diplomatic household: evidence and conditions

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This section explains how to decide an application for a blue registration certificate made by a Croatian family member whose sponsor is British or has settlement in the UK.

This applies to a Croatian national applying for a blue registration certificate that will give them unrestricted access to the UK labour market. The relevant regulation covering this category is regulation 2(9) of the Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013.

#### Requirements

The requirements in this category are that the applicant is:

- a Croatian
- related as claimed to the sponsor
- in a durable relationship with the sponsor.

And the sponsor:

- is British, or
- has been granted settlement in the UK.

#### Eligibility

The table below is a summary of how Croatian nationals can qualify for exemption from worker authorisation on the basis of their sponsoring family member is British or has settlement in the UK.

Status of the sponsor	Croatian direct or extended family members of the sponsor who are exempt
Sponsor is:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spouse</li> </ul>

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### Exemption on the basis that the sponsor is British or settled: evidence and conditions

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must provide:

- their spouse or partner's original UK passport describing that person as a British citizen, or
- their spouse or partner's certificate of naturalisation as a British citizen (this must be checked against CID or Home Office files if possible).

If their spouse or partner is a British citizen without a passport or certificate of naturalisation they must provide:

- Their spouse or partner's full UK birth certificate (with both parents' names). And
- At least one other formal document as evidence of living in the UK for the last three years. This could include:
  - notice of income tax coding
  - driving licence
  - building society passbook or bank statements, or
  - National Insurance or National Health Service registration issued by the Department for Work and Pensions or a local health authority.

If you cannot decide if the person is a British citizen from the supplied documents, you must discuss with your senior caseworker or line manager.

#### **Evidence of settled status in the UK**

'Settled' means the person is ordinarily resident in the UK and is not restricted under the UK's immigration laws on how long they may remain here. This includes where the sponsor has:

- indefinite leave to enter (ILE)
- indefinite leave to remain (ILR)
- a permanent right of residence under the EEA Regulations, or
- is a Commonwealth citizen with the right of abode in the UK.

It does not include time when a person is exempt from immigration control, for example, as a member of a diplomatic mission.

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Applicants married to, or in a civil, unmarried or same sex partnership with, a person settled in the UK must provide evidence of their spouse or partner's settled status. This could be:

- original passport, travel document or immigration status document endorsed with ILE or ILR
- a passport or travel document containing a no time limit (NTL) endorsement
- a passport or travel document containing a returning resident visa
- a biometric residence permit (BRP) confirming the person has ILR or NTL
- the original Home Office letter, if the person was granted ILE or ILR by letter only
- a Commonwealth passport or travel document endorsed with a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode, or
- evidence the person has acquired a permanent right of residence under the EEA regulations, for example:
  - a permanent residence card issued to a non-EEA national, or
  - evidence they resided in the UK for a continuous period of five years in line with the EEA Regulations (for example, as the family member of an EEA national).

You must check this against electronic databases, such as CID, where possible.

You must be aware that settled status can be lost in certain circumstances. For example, indefinite leave lapses when the person has spent a continuous period of more than two years outside the UK.

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