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Date of the change	Details of the change
16 October 2014	Change request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destruction of fingerprint records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Paragraph removed
29 October 2013	Six month review by the modernised guidance team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor housekeeping changes.
26 April 2013	Six month review by the modernised guidance team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor housekeeping changes.
For previous changes to this guidance you will find all earlier versions in the archive. See related link: Fingerprinting FNOs - archive .	

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Information on fingerprinting and powers

<p>Information on fingerprinting and powers Procedure for CC case owners to follow Destruction of fingerprint records</p>	<p>This page gives background information on fingerprinting and the powers used to carry it out when this is required.</p> <p>Criminal casework staff must familiarise themselves with chapter 24 of the enforcement instructions and guidance on fingerprinting, see related link: 24 Fingerprinting. Taking fingerprints. Powers.</p> <p>Section 141 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, which came into force on 11 December 2000, gives power to take fingerprints in immigration cases from the following people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any person who fails to produce a valid passport with photograph or some other document, satisfactorily establishing their identity and nationality and citizenship, when required to do so by a Border Force officer, on their arrival in the UK.• Any person who has been refused leave to enter the UK but granted temporary admission under paragraph 21 of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971, if a Border Force officer reasonably suspects they might break any condition imposed on them relating to residence as to reporting to the police or a Border Force officer.• Any person in respect of whom a relevant immigration decision has been made. Information on what constitutes a 'relevant immigration decision' can be found in section 82(2) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 and chapter 24 of the enforcement instructions and guidance (see related link: 24 Fingerprinting. Taking fingerprints. Powers).• An individual who has been arrested under paragraph 17 of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971. To access the act, see related links.• An individual who has made a claim for asylum.• An individual who is the dependant of someone who falls into one of the above categories. <p>The Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 enhanced existing fingerprint provisions</p>	<p>Related links Links to staff intranet removed</p> <p>External links Immigration Act 1971 Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006</p>
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	under paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 to the 1971 Immigration and Nationality Act. See related links for both of these acts.	
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Procedure for CC case owners to follow

<p>Information on fingerprinting and powers Procedure for CC case owners to follow Destruction of fingerprint records</p>	<p>This page tells you the procedure criminal casework (CC) case owners must follow when requesting fingerprints to be taken by either CC prison operations and removals team (CC PORT) or an immigration compliance and engagement (ICE) team.</p> <p>In cases where a deportation order (DO) or removal directions (RDs) have been served, case owners must make sure that fingerprints have been taken. If not, CC case owners must request CC PORT staff or the local ICE team (formerly known as a local immigration team (LIT)) take the fingerprints of the foreign national offender (FNO) in question.</p> <p>Also, if the fingerprints are more than five years old, the CC case owner must request the FNO be re-fingerprinted. All requests must be made on the ETD interview request form, ICD.4266 (which can be found on document generator on CID), using the comments box and sent to the CCT referrals inbox using related links.</p>	<p>Related links Links to staff intranet removed</p> <p>External links Immigration Act 1971 Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 High value data sharing protocol - Five Country Conference</p>
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Destruction of fingerprint records

<p>Information on fingerprinting and powers Procedure for CC case owners to follow Destruction of fingerprint records</p>	<p>This page tells you about the destruction of fingerprint records for foreign national offenders (FNOs).</p> <p>Section 143 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (as amended) requires that, if they have not already been destroyed, fingerprints must be destroyed before the end of 10 years, beginning with the day on which they were taken. To access the act, see related links.</p> <p>All fingerprints taken are stored on the IABS system.</p> <p>Fingerprint records on the Immigration Asylum Biometric System (IABS) system All fingerprints stored on the IABS system will be automatically deleted from the IABS system. Physical fingerprints will be securely destroyed after the 10 year period. For more information on IABS, see related links.</p>	<p>Related links Links to staff intranet removed</p> <p>External links Immigration Act 1971 Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006</p>
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<p>Information on fingerprinting and powers Procedure for CC case owners to follow Destruction of fingerprint records</p>	<p>This page explains who to contact for more help with a specific case on fingerprinting foreign national offenders (FNOs).</p> <p>If you have read this guidance and still need more help with this category, you must first ask your senior caseworker or line manager.</p> <p>If they cannot answer your question, they or you may email the criminal casework operational process and policy team (CCOPPT), see related link, for guidance on the policy.</p> <p>Changes to this guidance can only be made by the guidance rules and forms team (GRaFT). If you think the policy content needs amending you must contact CCOPPT, who will ask the GRaFT to update the guidance, if appropriate.</p> <p>The GRaFT 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: guidance rules and forms team.</p>	<p>Related links Changes to this guidance</p> <p>Information owner</p> <p>Links to staff intranet removed</p> <p>External links Immigration Act 1971 Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006</p>
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