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About this guidance

<p>About this guidance</p> <p>Legal barriers</p> <p>Granting leave to remain</p> <p>Action post-deportation or removal</p>	<p>This guidance tells you about the various legal barriers which may arise during the pursuit of deportation in foreign national offender (FNO) family cases, and the ways in which immigration enforcement (IE) may seek to conclude such cases.</p> <p>Types of case conclusion in the criminal casework directorate include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deportation of the FNO and all family members.• Deportation of the FNO without family members, or with only some.• Deportation of the FNO and family not pursued, but referred to a local immigration team for possible alternative removal action.• Deportation of the FNO and family not pursued, removal not pursued, so leave to remain granted. <p>Changes to this guidance – This page tells you what has changed since the previous version of this guidance.</p> <p>Contacts – This page tells you who to contact for more help if your senior caseworker or line manager can't answer your question.</p> <p>Information owners – This page tells you about this version of the guidance and who owns it.</p> <p>Safeguard and promote child welfare – This page explains your duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and tells you where to find out more information.</p>	<p>In this section</p> <p>Changes to this guidance</p> <p>Contact</p> <p>Information owner</p> <p>Related links</p> <p>Safeguard and promote child welfare</p>
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Legal barriers

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Contact orders

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Court orders and Article 8

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Granting leave to remain

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Action post-deportation or removal

<p>About this guidance</p> <p>Legal barriers</p> <p>Granting leave to remain</p> <p>Action post-deportation or removal</p>	<p>This page tells you the action you must take following the successful deportation or removal of a foreign national offender (FNO) and any family members from the UK.</p> <p>It also explains where to find more information about this.</p> <p>When criminal casework has successfully deported a FNO, and any members of their family (who were removed with assistance by an immigration compliance and engagement (ICE) team, formerly known as local immigration team), you must make sure certain actions are completed with regard to closing the criminal casework case and maintaining accurate and complete agency records.</p> <p>For full details on these actions and how to complete a FNO case post-deportation, see related link: Post removal action.</p>	<p>Related links</p> <p>See also</p> <p>Post removal action</p>
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