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1. A Channel Island National Insurance Number (NINo) is formatted exactly the same as a United Kingdom (UK) NINo however, a Jersey NINo has the pre-fix JY and a Guernsey NINo has the pre-fix GY.
2. A NINo that has a JY or GY prefix it is not valid for use in the UK unless it was first used in the UK pre 6 April 1975. **Note:** These applicants would have been born prior to 1960. Check eNIRS to establish when the record was created.
3. Up until 6 April 1975, applicants entering the UK from Guernsey and Jersey were able to use their Channel Island NINo to create a maintained NIRS (now NPS) account. Only these GY and JY numbers are valid and will be accepted by HMRC.

Unless the above circumstances apply, applicants from the Channel Islands require a new UK NINo and therefore, any applications received should be processed as normal.