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Condition	Considerations	Examples
Close match on names	The following define a range of 'close name match' guidelines (note: do not combine elements of aliases when considering matches).	
	1. A difference between the name on an application and a name on police records which could be a simple spelling mistake (i.e. the pronunciation could be identical, similar or a typing error may have occurred during entry on police systems).	Paul Lucas and Paul Lukas John Osbourne and John Osbourn John Lucas and Jon Lukas Roger Nowell and Roger Knowell
	2. The surname on the application is a close or exact match to the surname on the local information.	John Paul Lucas and Jon Lukas Ken Wright and Kenneth Fred Write John Gary Lucas and John Fred Lucas
	3. At least one of the forenames on the application (there may only be one) is a close or exact match to one of the forenames.	Ian Atkinson and Ian Paul Atkinson Peter John Stewart and Peter Stewart
	4. The name is Non-Anglicised and the forenames and surnames could have been interchanged.	Mohamed Ali and Ali Mohamed István Fityó and Fityó István
	5. In some cultures, forenames and surnames may be adopted or discarded over time. Therefore, Non- Anglicised names, where some of the name elements are the same, can be considered a close match.	Mohammed Abdul Ali and Mohammed Abdul Abdul Saraj Ali and Abdul Saraj Mohammed Ali and Mohammed Ali Saraj
	6. The name is Anglicised and the forenames and surnames could have been interchanged.	Scott Ryan and Ryan Scott Paul James and James Paul Winston Granville and Granville Wintson

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	7. If you have reason to believe that the information may relate to the Applicant and / or Third Party, even though the names do not meet the close matching guidelines, it should be treated as if it is a close match and processed using the relevant Method Product until you reach an outcome of 'Further Consideration' or 'Not Relevant'.	
	Where the above scenario applies, and it has been categorised as 'Further Consideration' a brief note explaining why you recorded it as a close match should be included in the 'Notes' section on the AT2 in line with the corresponding 'Hit Reference'.	
Close DOB	1. Within the DOB guidelines a close match is defined where any two out of the three date components are exactly the same.	12/01/54 and 17/01/54 12/01/54 and 12/11/54
	OR	
	2. The day and month components may be reversed.	12/01/54 and 01/12/54
	OR	
	3. If you have reason to believe that the information may relate to the Applicant and / or Third Party, even though the DOB does not meet the close matching guidelines, it should be treated as if it is a close match and processed using the relevant Method Product until you reach an outcome of 'Further Consideration' or 'Not Relevant'.	
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Close Place Of Birth (POB)	 Within the Place Of Birth guidelines a close match is defined as one which is spelled in such a way that it could be construed to be the same (i.e. the pronunciation could be identical or similar). OR 	Bredbury and Breadbury Leicester and Lester
	 The POB on the application and that on the local information are in the same city or in different towns located close together. OR 	Bootle and Liverpool East End and London Rochdale and Manchester Birmingham and West Bromwich Leicester and Leicestershire
	3. If you have reason to believe that the information may be the Applicant and / or Third Party, even though the POB does not meet the close matching guidelines, it should always be treated as if it is a close match and processed using the relevant Method Product until you reach an outcome of 'Further Consideration' or 'Not Relevant'. Where the above scenario applies, and it has been categorised as 'Further Consideration' a brief note explaining why you recorded it as if it were a close match should be included in the Notes section on the AT2 in line with the Hit Reference.	