

From: European Operational Policy Team

Subject: Caseworking guidance covering applications for family member residence stamps from family members of Croatian nationals

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Purpose of notice

1. This instruction supersedes notice 04/2013 and informs caseworkers processing European applications from Croatian nationals, how to deal with applications for family member residence stamps .

Background

2. Croatian nationals who need permission to work in the UK and who obtain such authorisation are considered 'authorised workers' under the Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013 ("the Regulations"). Non-EEA national family members of authorised workers may apply for a family member residence stamp ("FMRS") which confirms their right of residence and allows them to live and work in the UK.
3. <REDACTED – section 42(1)>.
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5. For applicants, processing these cases will mean they will no longer be left in immigration 'limbo' and can have their applications dealt with. For operational teams it means that these applications can now be cleared.

Dealing with FMRS applications

6. Caseworkers should deal with Croatian FMRS applications in line with the caseworking guidance outlined in chapter 5 of the Croatian caseworking instructions. The Croatian guidance can be accessed on Horizon via the link below:

<Link to staff intranet removed. See link below for equivalent public guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eea-swiss-nationals-and-ec-association-agreements-modernised-guidance#accession-state-countries>

Duration of notice

7. A further notice and, if appropriate, guidance will be issued in due course once this issue has been resolved. Until then, this notice will remain in force.

Enquiries

8. Any policy enquiries on this Notice should be addressed to <REDACTED – section 40(2)> or to the European Operational Policy inbox
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