

**From:** European Operational Policy Team

**Subject:** Family Member Residence Stamp applications from third country national family members of Croatians

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**Purpose of notice**

1. To provide guidance to European caseworkers on what to do when they receive an application for a Family Member Residence Stamp (FMRS) from the non-EEA national family member of a Croatian working in accordance with the worker authorisation requirements.

**The FMRS**

2. Where a Croatian needs permission to work in the UK and is working in line with a worker authorisation document (also known as a purple registration certificate) their family member can obtain a document confirming their right to live and work in the UK. As the Croatian sponsor is subject to worker authorisation, they are not regarded as a 'qualified person' and their family members are not entitled to a residence card. Instead the appropriate document is the FMRS. Third country national family members normally apply for the FMRS using the CR5 application form.

**Action to take if a Croatian FMRS application is received**

3. <REDACTED – section 35(1)(a)>
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**Impact on other FMRS applications**

5. This notice only applies to FMRS applications from third country national family members of Croatians. FMRS applications made by non-EEA family members of Bulgarians or Romanians are not affected and should continue to be processed in the normal way.

**Duration of notice**

6. 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**

7. Any policy enquiries on this Notice should be addressed to <REDACTED – section 40(2)> or to the European Operational Policy inbox [EuropeanOperational@ukba.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:EuropeanOperational@ukba.gsi.gov.uk).

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