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# **Police registration**

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#### When to impose the requirement to register

The requirement to register with the police is imposed on an applicant who is a:

- national or citizen of a country or territory listed in Appendix 2 to the rules
- stateless person, or
- person holding a non-national travel document.

And who is given limited leave to:

- enter the UK for longer than six months
- remain allowing them to remain in the UK for longer than six months, starting from the date of their arrival.

For more information on Appendix 2, see related link.

There are certain exceptions to the above. For more information on the rules and exemptions from registration, see link on left: Who needs to register with the police.

## The requirement to register can be imposed by:

- an entry clearance officer (ECO)
- a Home Office officer
- a Border Force officer, or
- a caseworker on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The applicant must report to the police within seven days of:

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- obtaining the leave (in the UK)
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- receiving their biometric residence permits.

For information on where a person must register with the police, see related link: Entry clearance officers and Border Force officers (before entry and on entry to the UK).

Once registered, the police will give the applicant a police registration certificate (PRC) which shows they have complied with the requirement to register.

The applicant must inform the police of any changes to the information they have provided whilst they are still in the UK and subject to the requirement to register with the police.

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#### **Applicants**

Under part 10 paragraphs 325 and 326 of the Immigration Rules, you impose the need to register with the police on a person who is:

- Being given limited leave to enter the UK for longer than six months. Or
- Being given limited leave to remain allowing them to remain in the UK for longer than six months from the date of their arrival in the UK:
  - This applies in all cases regardless of whether the condition was imposed when they arrived.
- Aged 16 or over, and is:
  - a national or citizen of a country or territory listed in Appendix 2 to the rules, for more information, see related link: Immigration Rules Appendix 2
  - o a stateless person, or
  - o a person holding a non-national travel document.

See related links for guidance on:

- exemption from registration
- dependants
- dual nationals and other travel documents.

## Imposing the requirement in other cases

If you believe it is necessary you can impose a condition to register with the police, to make sure the person complies with the terms of their leave to enter. The person must be a foreign national aged 16 years or over (paragraph 326(3) of the rules).

You can only impose the condition on:

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This page tells you about exemptions from the requirement to register with the police.

The following are exempt from the requirement to register:

- Those granted indefinite leave to enter or remain.
- Spouses, civil partners, unmarried partners, and same-sex partners of people settled here who are granted leave to enter or remain in the UK on that basis.
- A recognized refugee.
- Family members of European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss nationals.
- · Seasonal agricultural workers.
- Tier 5 temporary workers sponsored as an overseas government employee, or private servant in a diplomatic household.
- Tier 2 ministers of religion.
- Those exercising access rights to a child resident in the UK.
- Parents of a child at school in the UK granted leave to enter or remain on that basis.
- Dependants of a person who is not required to register (except dependants of off-shore workers).
- Members of non-NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) forces admitted for courses at British military establishments or with private companies (Course F). For more information see related link: Armed forces: exempt from immigration control.
- Community Service Volunteers.
- Civilian components of NATO forces.
- Non-visa nationals who are employees of contractors to United States of America (USA) armed forces in the UK.
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This page tells you when to impose the requirement to register with the police on dependants.

Dependants aged 16 or over need to register with the police if they:

- are a dependant of someone who needs to register, and
- meet the criteria of those who need to registration, for more information, see link on left: Who needs to register with the police.

Dependants of those exempt from registration do not need to register. The exception to this is dependants of off-shore workers who do need to register.

For more information on those exempt from registration, see related link: Exemption from registration.

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### **Dual nationals and other travel documents**

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<u>Transfer of police</u> <u>registration requirement</u> <u>to a new passport</u> This page tells you when to impose the condition to register with the police on dual nationals, and people holding Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus travel documents and passports issued by Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong or Macao.

#### **Dual nationals**

A person with dual nationality only needs to register with the police if both nationalities they hold are listed in Appendix 2 of the Immigration Rules.

If one of their nationalities is not in Appendix 2 they do not need to register.

For the list in Appendix 2, see related link.

### Travel documents issued by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Turkish nationals who hold travel documents issued by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus need to register with the police.

Citizens of the Republic of Cyprus who hold these documents do not need to register with the police.

## Passports issued by Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong or Macao

A person who holds a passport issued by the Special Administrative Region of either Hong Kong or Macao is classed as a Chinese national and needs to register.

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This section explains how to impose the requirement to register with the police.

#### It covers:

- Entry clearance officers and Border Force officers (before entry and on entry to the UK)
- Caseworkers (after entry to the UK)
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# Entry clearance officers and Border Force officers (before entry and on entry to the UK)

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#### **Entry clearance officers**

If a person needs to register with the police, you must make sure the entry clearance vignette states registration is necessary.

You must choose the correct option for category D visas (long term) on Proviso to impose the police registration requirement. The endorsement must read – 'Police registration within 7 days of arrival'.

#### **Border Force officers**

If you impose the requirement to register at a port of entry, you must:

- show the requirement on the vignette or endorse it clearly in the passport
- note the requirement on the landing card, and
- record the person's address on the landing card.

If a person presents an incorrect vignette or the requirement to register has not been endorsed in the passport, it is still possible for you to impose the condition to register.

### Police registration

In London, police registration takes place at the:

Overseas Visitors Records Office (OVRO) Brandon House 180 Borough High Street London SE1 1LH

Telephone: 020 7230 1208

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Elsewhere the person registers at the nearest police registration office. They can obtain the location from their local police station.

Once registered, the police will give the applicant a police registration certificate (PRC) which shows they have complied with the requirement to register.

### The information and documents the applicant must provide to the police

They must pay a fee and provide the following:

- name and gender
- a current photograph
- · date of birth and country of birth
- marital status
- nationality
- address in UK
- last place of residence outside the UK
- date, place and mode of arrival in the UK
- passport details
- details of employment and/or place of study
- duration of leave and any conditions, including details of their biometric residence permit.

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#### People not previously required to register

If a grant of leave to remain means a person needs to register with the police, you must use the correct vignette, which includes the requirement to register.

For information on who needs to register with the police, see link on left.

#### **CID** actions

You must:

- Note on CID that police registration code 1 applies by selecting the appropriate police code in the case maintenance screen.
- Issue an ICD.0005 from CID to tell the person they need to register with the police. Select option:
  - six for those who need to register at the Overseas Visitors Records Office (OVRO), or
  - seven in all other cases.

For information on where a person must register with the police, see the related link: Entry clearance officers and Border Force officers (before entry and on entry to the UK).

#### People already required to register

If a person who already needs to register with the police applies for further leave, they must produce a police registration certificate (PRC) to show they have registered.

If they still need to register, you must endorse the requirement on the new vignette and stamp the police registration certificate with the PRC stamp two.

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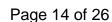
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You must:

- Note on CID that PRC code 2 applies.
- Select the correct police code on the case maintenance screen
- Issue an ICD.0005, to tell the person they need to inform the police of an extension of stay. Select option:
  - o eight if they need to tell OVRO they have an extension of stay, or
  - o nine in all other cases.



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Failure to register within the time specified, without reasonable excuse, is an offence under section 26(1) (f) of the Immigration Act 1971. For more information on the act, see related link.

You must inform the police as soon as you find out an applicant who needs to register:

- · fails to register with the police
- is known to have moved from or into their area
- has had changes in the conditions attached to their leave, or
- becomes exempt from the requirement.

You must clearly and correctly record on CID and landing cards:

- addresses, and
- any need to register.

If an applicant has failed to register, you must not decide the case. You must:

- Return the passport and/or other relevant documentation.
- Inform them that before you can consider their application they must:
  - o register with the police, and
  - o produce a police registration certificate (PRC), demonstrating they have registered.
- Instruct them to re-submit their passport, the PRC and any other relevant documents as required once they have registered.

You must make the covering letter to the individual detailed enough for it to be used as evidence to the police that an application is with the Home Office pending registration and endorsement of the PRC.

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Once an applicant has complied with the requirement to register you can process the application as normal.

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If the applicant still fails to register, you must consider refusing future applications under paragraph 322(3) of the Immigration Rules (see related link).

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A person can become exempt from the need to register by:

- being granted leave in a category which is exempt from the requirement to register, or
- obtaining a nationality that is not specified in Appendix 2 of the Immigration Rules, see related link.

As the requirement was correctly imposed at the time, you must not delete the requirement from the passport. Any fee paid on registration is not refundable.

#### You must:

- Endorse the registration certificate as 'exempt from registration' and return it to the applicant.
- Issue letter ICD.0005 to tell the person they are no longer required to notify the police of an extension of stay, include the paragraph in option 11.
- Notify the police of the change in status, by making a note on CID that police registration certificate (PRC) code three applies and then select the appropriate police code in the case maintenance screen.

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This page tells you what to do if an applicant claims they have been required to register with the police in error.

If an applicant claims they have been required to register with the police in error, you must first find out whether the requirement was imposed before entry, on entry or after entry. You must:

- Send before entry cases to the referred casework unit.
- Send on entry cases to Border Force operational advice and support (BF OAS).
- Return after entry cases to the case working unit which imposed the requirement for action.

You must always:

- Establish the applicant's category, nationality and conditions set at the time the requirement was imposed.
- For on-entry cases, and unless you are forwarding the case to BF OAS, you must obtain the visa application form (VAF) or landing card.

You must be satisfied the requirement to register with the police was imposed in error at the time it was imposed. For example the following would not have had the original requirement imposed in error:

- an applicant who becomes exempt later by obtaining a different category of leave, or
- · by obtaining dual nationality.

Removing the requirement - person has not yet registered

If the applicant has not yet registered, you must:

delete the registration endorsement in the person's passport

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- return the passport to them, enclosing ICD.1100 to explain the endorsement was imposed in error, and
- amend CID, if appropriate to make sure the police are notified of the error.

### Removing the requirement - person has registered

If the applicant has registered, you must:

- obtain the police registration certificate and endorse the back page with 'exempt from registration'
- return the certificate and passport to the person, with an ICD.1100 to explain the original endorsement was imposed in error
- write to the Overseas Visitor Records Office (OVRO), if the person lives in London, or the Chief Constable of the relevant police force if they live outside of London, to explain the requirement was imposed in error and request they consider refunding the fee, and
- amend CID to reflect the correct status.

You must consider the requirement to have been imposed in error if a dual national had another nationality not listed in Appendix 2 when they were admitted to the UK. For more information on which nationalities need to register with the police, see the related link: Immigration Rules Appendix 2.

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Imposing police registration	If a person has been refused leave to enter the UK, or has been arrested as an immigration offender, keep the impounded certificate until they have been removed from the UK. Once	
Required to register in error	they have been removed, send it to the general registry, together with a Border Force or Home Office officer's report.	
Transfer of police registration requirement to a new passport	General registry will arrange to forward the police registration certificate to the appropriate police force. The police will keep the certificate for two years, then dispose of it.	
	For more information on the general registry, see the related link.	
	Contact general registry using related link: Email: General registry inbox.	

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<u>Transfer of police</u> <u>registration requirement</u> <u>to a new passport</u> This page tells you how to transfer the police registration requirement to a new passport if they do not provide the police registration certificate (PRC).

If an applicant does not provide their PRC with their application, you must request it before you can process the application. This also makes sure the applicant has reported their original extension of stay to the police as required.

If an applicant fails to provide their PRC within a reasonable time, refer the case to a senior caseworker or line manager to consider curtalling leave under paragraph 323(i) and 322(3) of the Immigration Rules. This is because the applicant has failed to provide sufficient evidence of complying with the conditions attached to their stay.

#### See related links:

- Immigration Rules: Paragraphs 320-324
- · General grounds for refusal.

There is no provision in law to refuse to transfer conditions only because the applicant has not submitted their PRC.

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<u>Transfer of police</u> <u>registration requirement</u> <u>to a new passport</u> This page tells you about transferring the police registration requirement to a new passport if they have provided the police registration certificate (PRC) but it has not been endorsed.

If the applicant provides the PRC, but it does not have their current period of leave endorsed in it, return the PRC with a letter to tell the applicant the Home Office will not consider their application until they have registered as required.

If the applicant returns the PRC without the proper endorsement, or does not return it within a reasonable time, refer the case to your senior caseworker or line manager for consideration of curtailing leave under paragraph 323(i) and 322(3) of the Immigration Rules. This is because the applicant has failed to provide sufficient evidence of complying with the conditions attached to their stay.

See related links:

- Immigration Rules: Paragraphs 320-324
- General grounds for refusal.

If the applicant has registered as required, the application may continue.

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When you transfer conditions for an applicant who needs to register with the police enter code '2, P.R. to be continued', in the police code field of the case details screen.

When you create the ICD.3255 transfer of conditions letter, select the relevant police registration paragraph from the two options:

- option two for those living in London:
  - o you must also issue them with the ICD.0968 overseas visitor records office map, or
- option three for those living outside London.

You must tell the applicant they must report to the police to register the change in passport details and transfer of conditions to the new passport.

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This page explains who to contact for more help with a specific case in the police registration category.

If you have read the relevant Immigration Rules and this guidance and still need more help with this category, you must first ask your senior caseworker or line manager.

If the question cannot be answered at that level, you may email:

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Border Force officers can email the BF OAS enquiries inbox, see related link.

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