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Certificates of good conduct in the UK

To whom it may concern,

The UK police do not issue 'certificates of good conduct, or similar certificates covering the absence or otherwise, of a criminal record, however, foreign ministries and embassies will generally accept a Police Certificate or a basic disclosure as a suitable equivalent.

A Police Certificate will show all convictions, warnings, reprimands and cautions recorded on UK Police Systems. Police Certificates are obtained via ACRO Criminal Records Office (ACRO).

An individual can also apply for a basic disclosure which provides information on unspent convictions. These checks can be made via Disclosure Scotland in England, Scotland and Wales, or Access NI in Northern Ireland.

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