

# Fact Sheet

Registering with the Police



## How do know if I have to register with the police?

It may be that on arrival in the UK, your or a family member's passport is stamped with an instruction to register with the police. That person **must** then register with the police and will have only seven days in which to do so. Failure to register is an offence, and the police have the right to prosecute. Spouses and children over 16 of those required to register must also register with the police.

## How likely is it that I will need to register with the police?

If you come from one of the following countries it is likely that you and your family will need to register with the police.

AFGHANISTAN	IRAN	PERU
ALGERIA	IRAQ	QATAR
ARGENTINA	ISRAEL	RUSSIA
ARMENIA	JORDAN	SAUDI ARABIA
AZERBAIJAN	KAZAKHSTAN	SUDAN
BAHRAIN	KUWAIT	SYRIA
BELARUS	KYRGYZSTAN	TAJIKSTAN
BOLIVA	LEBANON	TUNISIA
BRAZIL	LYBIA	TURKEY
CHINA	MOLDOVA	TURKMENISTAN
COLOMBIA	MOROCCO	U A E
CUBA	NORTH KOREA	UKRAINE
EGYPT	OMAN	UZBEKISTAN
GEORGIA	PALESTINE	YEMEN

## What is the procedure for registering with the police?

Whoever is registering must take the following documents with them when they register:

- Passport / travel document
- 2 passport sized photographs
- Proof of address (a letter from your employer should suffice)
- A registration fee of £34, which must be paid in either British Sterling or by cheque, credit, debit or electron card.
- Work permit (if applicable)
- Any Home Office letters (if applicable)
- Acceptance letter from place of study (if applicable)

If you are living in London please visit the following address to register with the police:

Overseas Visitors Records Office  
Ground Floor  
Brandon House  
180 Borough High Street  
London SE1 1LH

The offices are open between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday, not including bank or public holidays. The information telephone number is +44 (0)20 7230 1208 and the nearest tube station is Borough (on the Northern line). Please be sure to arrive early as the queues can be long.

If you are living outside of London please call your local police headquarters and make an appointment to register. Your home search agent will be able to provide you with the relevant contact information.

Once you have registered with the police you will be issued with a Police Registration Certificate which must be kept safe. If this is lost or stolen, you will need to obtain a new certificate from the police, for which you must pay another £34.

### **What if my circumstances change?**

Should any of the information stipulated on the Police Registration Certificate change during your stay in the UK, (such as a change of address, marital status, a new passport or job), you will need to visit your local police station and inform them.

### **Do I need to register with the police more than just once?**

You will only need to register with the police again if:

- You don't have enough space on the Police Registration Certificate for further changes
- You return to the UK after an absence of 12 months or longer.
- You are asked by immigration to do so.