

Police Registration Scheme

The Government has decided to abolish the Police Registration Scheme. The scheme, which requires some migrants to register with the police, is suspended with immediate effect.

We are abolishing the requirement to register with the police as the police registration scheme in its current form is outdated and no longer provides any public protection benefit to either the Home Office or the police. The data a migrant provides to the police on registration is already captured by the Home Office at the visa application stage, and is available to the police on request via Immigration Enforcement, so there is no need for it to be provided twice.

Changes to the wider immigration system since the scheme was introduced now mean that more people are screened before travel to the UK so those of concern can be identified earlier in their interaction with the Home Office.

Migrants who have been issued with a visa with the requirement to register on it do not need to go to a police station to register.

If a migrant has previously registered with the police, they do not need to do anything.

We would be grateful for your help in raising awareness of the suspension of the scheme by utilising your communication channels to ensure your stakeholders, members and clients are aware.

Further information about the changes will be available on GOV.uk in due course.

If you have any questions about these changes, please e-mail CriminalityPolicyGuidanceQueries@homeoffice.gov.uk.