



Criminal Record Certificate

From April 2017, the Government plans to extend the requirement to provide a criminal record certificate to Tier 2 visa applicants coming to work in education, health and social care sectors and to their adult dependants.

The extension of this requirement will strengthen safeguards against those with a criminal history seeking to come to the UK.

Tier 2 visa applicants who are coming to work in an occupation defined by the relevant Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code, and their adult dependants, will need to provide a criminal record certificate from any country they have lived for 12 months or more in the past 10 years. The list of relevant SOC codes is attached.

It is the sponsor's responsibility to inform their prospective employee of the new requirement. Failure to do so may result in refusal of the visa.

We recognise the need to give those affected sufficient time to obtain a criminal record certificate which is why the new requirement will not be implemented before April 2017. It will therefore not affect those required to apply for a visa before then.

To ensure those applying for a visa from April 2017 are made aware of the new requirement, we advise sponsors to inform prospective employees assigned a certificate of sponsorship from January 2017.

The Home Office will contact you to confirm the precise timing of this new requirement. **Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Codes**

From April 2017, Tier 2 visa applicants who are coming to work in one of the following occupations will be required to provide a criminal record certificate:

- 1181 - Health services and public health managers and directors
- 1184 - Social services managers and directors
- 2211 - Medical practitioners
- 2212 - Psychologists
- 2213 - Pharmacists
- 2214 - Ophthalmic opticians
- 2215 - Dental practitioners
- 2217 - Medical radiographers
- 2218 - Podiatrists
- 2219 - Health professionals not elsewhere classified.
- 2221 - Physiotherapists
- 2222 - Occupational therapists
- 2223 - Speech and language therapists
- 2229 - Therapy professionals not elsewhere classified
- 2231 - Nurses
- 2232 - Midwives
- 2312 - Further education teaching professionals
- 2314 - Secondary education teaching professionals
- 2315 - Primary and nursery education teaching professionals
- 2316 - Special needs education teaching professionals
- 2317 - Senior professionals of educational establishments
- 2318 - Education advisers and school inspectors
- 2319 - Teaching and other educational professionals not elsewhere classified
- 2442 - Social workers
- 2443 - Probation officers
- 2449 - Welfare professionals not elsewhere classified

Further guidance about the requirement can be found on www.GOV.UK

If you have any questions about this change please email Migrant Criminality Policy Team