

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE TEAM

REGISTRATION WITH THE POLICE

Nationals of certain countries (listed below) coming to the UK for 6 months or more as a student are required to register with the police. This also applies to dependants of students who are aged 16 years or over.

If the visa for the **full period** of your studies is a vignette (sticker) in your passport, you are required to book a registration appointment within 7 days of your arrival.

If your visa is contained in a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) that you have to collect from a local Post Office then you should **first** collect your BRP and then book a registration appointment within 7 days of doing this.

The requirement to register should be noted on either your visa vignette or letter from UK Visas. Please note that your visa or letter will say that you should register within 7 days of arrival, however, you are simply required to ensure you book an appointment within 7 days of arrival. You should not attend an appointment if you have COVID-19 symptoms or if you are self-isolating – the Home Office have confirmed this is a reasonable excuse for failing to register within 7 days.

A Police Registration Certificate is valid until the expiry date of your visa ('Leave to enter/remain') and should be renewed every time an extension of stay (visa extension) is granted.

You must also inform the police within **7 days** if you **change address** or if any of the information recorded on the certificate (**immigration conditions, passport details, name, marital status, occupation, college or university**) changes. There is no charge for these changes.

COUNTRIES REQUIRED TO REGISTER

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, **Bahrain**, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, **China**, Colombia, Cuba, **Egypt**, **Georgia**, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, **Kazakhstan**, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, **Lebanon**, Libya, **Moldova**, Morocco, **North Korea**, **Oman**, **Palestine**, Peru, **Qatar**, **Russia**, **Saudi Arabia**, Sudan, Syria, **Tajikistan**, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, **United Arab Emirates**, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, **Yemen**. Holders of passports issued by the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macao also need to register.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

You will need the following documents to register with the police:

- £34 registration fee – **cash only. Please make sure you have the exact amount in cash.**
- Passport
- Biometric Residence Permit
- 1 x recent passport-sized photograph
- Certificate of Acceptance or student ID card from the University
- Proof of Aberdeen address (for example, accommodation contract, tenancy agreement or invoice/bill with your address on)

Students (and their dependants) should register **in person** at the North East Division of Police Scotland in Kittybrewster, Aberdeen. You **must** make an **appointment** to register. All appointments should be made by e-mail. If you have any other questions, you should e-mail the Nationality Department at: SCDovroaberdien@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Police Registration is a condition of your visa so you **must** attend your appointment.