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Criminal Records Certificates

TIER 1 (INVESTOR) AND TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR) – OVERSEAS CRIMINAL RECORD CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT

In April 2015, we introduced a new rule to require applicants to provide an overseas criminal record certificate from any country they have lived in continuously for 12 months or more over the past 10 years. This change is an important step in preventing foreign criminals from coming to the UK

This requirement will be introduced in phases, and will start with Tier 1 (Investor and Entrepreneur) applicants, and their adult dependants. The requirement does not currently apply to extensions or in-country switching applications.

In order to manage the roll-out of this requirement, we are starting with Tier 1 (Investor) and Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) applicants and their adult dependants before applying more widely. By starting with a small category of applicants, we will be able to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the policy.

This requirement will apply to all applications submitted on or after 1st September 2015.

Updated policy guidance on [Tier 1 \(Investor\)](#) and [Tier 1 \(Entrepreneur\)](#)

will be published on Monday 20 July to provide further information, and to allow applicants sufficient time to gather the necessary documentation. The statement of changes, which provides more detail on this policy on p10 and p39, can be found on [Gov.UK](#)

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