



Overseas Criminal Records Checks – Tier 2 Visa’s and Dependents

New rules came into force on 6 April 2017 for all overseas education and healthcare sector recruits in the table of Occupation Classification Codes below.

When applying for a Tier 2 Visa on or after 6 April 2017, applicants will need to provide an overseas criminal record certificate from each country where they have resided continuously or cumulatively for 12 months or more in the 10 years immediately before the application. This change does not affect those who submit their application on or before 5 April 2017, but it will affect adult dependents.

SOC Code	Role
1181	Health services and public health managers and directors
1184	Social services managers and directors
2217	Medical radiographers
2218	Podiatrists
2219	Health professionals not elsewhere classified
2221	Physiotherapists
2222	Occupational therapists
2211	Medical practitioners
2212	Psychologists
2213	Pharmacists
2214	Ophthalmic opticians
2215	Dental practitioners
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

What happens if an applicant can't produce the certificate?

If an applicant can't produce an overseas criminal record certificate covering the required 10-year period, a letter should be submitted with the visa application explaining why this is the case and what has been done to seek to obtain the certificate. It will then be at UKVI's discretion whether the visa will be granted or refused.