



# Immigration Rules

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## Immigration Rules part 7: other categories

Other Categories (paragraphs A246 to 276BVI).

### Requirements for leave to enter the United Kingdom as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom

A246. Paragraphs 246 to 248F apply only to a person who has made an application before 9 July 2012 for leave to enter or remain or indefinite leave to remain as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the UK, or who before 9 July 2012 has been granted leave to enter or remain as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the UK.

AB246. Where an application for leave to enter or remain is made on or after 9 July 2012 as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the UK Appendix FM will apply.

246. The requirements to be met by a person seeking leave to enter the United Kingdom to exercise access rights to a child resident in the United Kingdom are that:

- (i) the applicant is the parent of a child who is resident in the United Kingdom; and
- (ii) the parent or carer with whom the child permanently resides is resident in the United Kingdom; and
- (iii) the applicant produces evidence that he has access rights to the child in the form of:
  - (a) a Residence Order or a Contact Order granted by a Court in the United Kingdom; or
  - (b) a certificate issued by a district judge confirming the applicant's intention to maintain contact with the child; and
- (iv) the applicant intends to take an active role in the child's upbringing; and
- (v) the child is under the age of 18; and
- (vi) there will be adequate accommodation for the applicant and any dependants without recourse to public funds in accommodation which the applicant owns or occupies exclusively; and
- (vii) the applicant will be able to maintain himself and any dependants adequately without recourse to public funds; and
- (viii) the applicant holds a valid United Kingdom entry clearance for entry in this capacity.



**Leave to enter the United Kingdom as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom**

247. Leave to enter as a person exercising access rights to a child resident in the United Kingdom may be granted for 12 months in the first instance, provided that on arrival a valid passport or other identity document is produced to the Immigration Officer and the applicant has entry clearance for entry in this capacity.

## Refusal of leave to enter the United Kingdom as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom

248. Leave to enter as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom is to be refused if on arrival, a valid passport or other identity document is not produced to the Immigration Officer and the applicant does not have entry clearance for entry in this capacity.

## Requirements for leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom

248A. The requirements to be met by a person seeking leave to remain in the United Kingdom to exercise access rights to a child resident in the United Kingdom are that:

- (i) the applicant is the parent of a child who is resident in the United Kingdom; and
- (ii) the parent or carer with whom the child permanently resides is resident in the United Kingdom; and
- (iii) the applicant produces evidence that he has access rights to the child in the form of:
  - (a) a Residence Order or a Contact Order granted by a Court in the United Kingdom; or
  - (b) a certificate issued by a district judge confirming the applicant's intention to maintain contact with the child; or
  - (c) a statement from the child's other parent (or, if contact is supervised, from the supervisor) that the applicant is maintaining contact with the child; and
- (iv) the applicant takes and intends to continue to take an active role in the child's upbringing; and
- (v) the child visits or stays with the applicant on a frequent and regular basis and the applicant intends this to continue; and



- (vi) the child is under the age of 18; and
- (vii) the applicant has limited leave to remain in the United Kingdom as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried partner or same-sex partner of a person present and settled in the United Kingdom who is the other parent of the child; and
- (viii) the applicant has not remained in breach of the immigration laws; and
- (ix) there will be adequate accommodation for the applicant and any dependants without recourse to public funds in accommodation which the applicant owns or occupies exclusively; and
- (x) the applicant will be able to maintain himself and any dependants adequately without recourse to public funds.



### **Leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom**

248B. Leave to remain as a person exercising access rights to a child resident in the United Kingdom may be granted for 12 months in the first instance, provided the Secretary of State is satisfied that each of the requirements of paragraph 248A is met.

### **Refusal of leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom**

248C. Leave to remain as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom is to be refused if the Secretary of State is not satisfied that each of the requirements of paragraph 248A is met.

### **Indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom**

248D. The requirements for indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom are that:

- (i) the applicant was admitted to the United Kingdom or granted leave to remain in the United Kingdom for a period of 12 months as a person exercising rights of access to a child and has completed a period of 12 months as a person exercising rights of access to a child; and
- (ii) the applicant takes and intends to continue to take an active role in the child's upbringing; and
- (iii) the child visits or stays with the applicant on a frequent and regular basis and the applicant intends this to continue; and
- (iv) there will be adequate accommodation for the applicant and any dependants without recourse to public funds in accommodation which the applicant owns or occupies exclusively; and
- (v) the applicant will be able to maintain himself and any dependants adequately without recourse to public funds; and
- (vi) the child is under 18 years of age; and
- (vii) the applicant must have demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the English language and sufficient knowledge about life in the United Kingdom, in accordance with Appendix KoLL; and
- (viii) the applicant does not fall for refusal under the general grounds for refusal.



### **Indefinite leave to remain as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom**

248E. Indefinite leave to remain as a person exercising rights of access to a child may be granted provided the Secretary of State is satisfied that each of the requirements of paragraph 248D is met.

## **Refusal of indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a person exercising rights of access to a child resident in the United Kingdom**

248F. Indefinite leave to remain as a person exercising rights of access to a child is to be refused if the Secretary of State is not satisfied that each of the requirements of paragraph 248D is met.

### **Holders of special vouchers**

#### **Requirements for indefinite leave to enter as the holder of a special voucher**

249. DELETED

Indefinite leave to enter as the holder of a special voucher

250. DELETED

Refusal of indefinite leave to enter as the holder of a special voucher

251. DELETED

Requirements for indefinite leave to enter as the spouse or child of a special voucher holder

252. DELETED

Indefinite leave to enter as the spouse or child of a special voucher holder

253. DELETED

Refusal of indefinite leave to enter as the spouse or child of a special voucher holder

254. DELETED

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## **EEA Nationals and their families**

### **Settlement**

255. DELETED. But this is subject to the transitional provision in paragraph 5 continues to apply for the purpose of determining an application made before 30 April 2006 for an endorsement under paragraph 255.

255A. DELETED. But this is subject to the transitional provision in paragraph 5 continues to apply for the purpose of determining an application made before 30 April 2006 for an endorsement under paragraph 255.

255B. DELETED. But this is subject to the transitional provision in paragraph 5 continues to apply for the purpose of determining an application made before 30 April 2006 for an endorsement under paragraph 255.

256. DELETED

257. DELETED

257A. DELETED. But this is subject to the transitional provision in paragraph 8 continues to apply for the purpose of determining an application made before 30 April 2006 for an endorsement under paragraph 257A.

257B. DELETED. But this is subject to the transitional provision in paragraph 8 continues to apply for the purpose of determining an application made before 30 April 2006 for an endorsement under paragraph 257B.

257C. DELETED.

257D. DELETED.

257E. DELETED.

## The EEA family permit

258. DELETED

### Requirements for the issue of an EEA family permit

259. DELETED

### **Issue of an EEA family permit**

260. DELETED

### **Refusal of an application for an EEA family permit**

261. DELETED

### **Registration with the police for family members of EEA nationals**

262. DELETED

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## **Retired persons of independent means**

### **Requirements for leave to enter the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

263. DELETED

### **Leave to enter as a retired person of independent means**

264. DELETED

### **Refusal of leave to enter as a retired person of independent means**

265. DELETED

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### **Requirements for an extension of stay as a retired person of independent means**

266. DELETED



## **Extension of stay as a retired person of independent means**

266A. DELETED

266C. DELETED

266D. DELETED

266E. DELETED

267. DELETED

## **Refusal of extension of stay as a retired person of independent means**



268. DELETED

## **Indefinite leave to remain for a retired person of independent means**

269. DELETED

## **Refusal of indefinite leave to remain for a retired person of independent means**

270. DELETED

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## **Partners of persons with limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as retired persons of independent means**

**Requirements for leave to enter or remain as the partners of a person with limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

271. DELETED

## **Leave to enter as the partner of a person with limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

**272. DELETED**

**Refusal of leave to enter as the partner of a person with limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

**273. DELETED**

**Requirements for extension of stay as the partner of a person who has or has had leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

**273A. DELETED**

**Extension of stay as the partner of a person who has or has had leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

**273B. DELETED**

**Refusal of extension of stay as the partner of a person who has or has had leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

**273C. DELETED**

**Requirements for indefinite leave to remain for the partner of a person who has or has had leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

**273D. DELETED**

**Indefinite leave to remain as the partner of a person who has or has had leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

**273E. DELETED**

**Refusal of indefinite leave to remain as the partner of a person who has or has had leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

273F. DELETED

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**Children of persons with limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as retired persons of independent means**

**Requirements for leave to enter or remain as the child of a person with limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

274. DELETED

**Leave to enter or remain as the child of a person with limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

275. DELETED

275A. DELETED

**Refusal of leave to enter or remain as the child of a person with limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a retired person of independent means**

276. DELETED

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**Long residence**

**Long residence in the United Kingdom**

276A. DELETED

276A0. DELETED

276A00. DELETED



276A01 (1). DELETED

(2). DELETED

276A02. DELETED

276A03. DELETED

276A04. DELETED

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## **Requirements for an extension of stay on the ground of long residence in the United Kingdom**

276A1.DELETED



### **Extension of stay on the ground of long residence in the United Kingdom**

276A2. DELETED

### **Conditions to be attached to extension of stay on the ground of long residence in the United Kingdom**

276A3. DELETED

### **Refusal of extension of stay on the ground of long residence in the United Kingdom**

276A4. DELETED

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## **Requirements for indefinite leave to remain on the ground of long residence in the United Kingdom**

276B. DELETED

### **Indefinite leave to remain on the ground of long residence in the United Kingdom**

276C. DELETED

## Refusal of indefinite leave to remain on the ground of long residence in the United Kingdom

276D. DELETED

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### Private life

276ADE (1). DELETED

276ADE(2). DELETED

276BE(1). DELETED

276BE(2). DELETED

276BE(3). DELETED

276CE. DELETED

276DE. DELETED

276DF. DELETED

276DG. DELETED

276DH. DELETED

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### HM Forces

#### Transitional provisions and interaction between paragraphs 276E to 276AI of Part 7 and Appendix Armed Forces

276DI. DELETED

276DJ. DELETED

276DK. DELETED

276DL. DELETED

### Definition of Gurkha

276E. DELETED

### Leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army

## **Requirements for indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army**

276F. DELETED

### **Indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army**

276G. DELETED

### **Refusal of indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army**

276H. DELETED

### **Requirements for indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army**

276I. DELETED

### **Indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army**

276J. DELETED

### **Refusal of indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army**

276K. DELETED

### **Leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army**

276KA. DELETED

### **Leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a foreign or Commonwealth citizen discharged from HM Forces**

**Requirements for indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as a foreign or Commonwealth citizen discharged from HM Forces**

276L. DELETED

**Indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as a foreign or Commonwealth citizen discharged from HM Forces**

276M. DELETED

**Refusal of indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as a foreign or Commonwealth citizen discharged from HM Forces**

276N. DELETED

**Requirements for indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a foreign or Commonwealth citizen discharged from HM Forces**

276O. DELETED

**Indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a foreign or Commonwealth citizen discharged from HM Forces**

276P. DELETED

**Refusal of indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a foreign or Commonwealth citizen discharged from HM Forces**

276Q. DELETED

**Leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a foreign or Commonwealth citizen discharged from HM Forces**

276QA. DELETED



**Spouses, civil partners, unmarried or same-sex partners of persons settled or seeking settlement in the United Kingdom in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q (HM Forces rules) or of members of HM Forces who are exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and have at least 5 years' continuous service**

DELETED.



**Requirements for indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner of a person present and settled in the United Kingdom or being admitted on the same occasion for settlement under paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276R. DELETED

**Indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner of a person present and settled in the United Kingdom or being admitted on the same occasion for settlement in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276S. DELETED

**Refusal of indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner of a person present and**

**settled in the UK or being admitted on the same occasion for settlement in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276T. DELETED

**Requirement for indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner of a person present and settled in the United Kingdom under paragraphs 276E to 276Q or being granted settlement on the same occasion in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276U. DELETED

**Indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner of a person present and settled in the United Kingdom or being granted settlement on the same occasion in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276V. DELETED

**Refusal of indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner of a person present and settled in the United Kingdom or being granted settlement on the same occasion in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the**



**Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276W. DELETED

**Children of a parent, parents or a relative settled or seeking settlement in the United Kingdom under paragraphs 276E to 276Q (HM Forces rules) or of members of HM Forces who are exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and have at least 5 years' continuous service**

**Leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as the child of a parent, parents or a relative present and settled in the United Kingdom or being granted settlement on the same occasion in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

DELETED.

276X. DELETED

**Indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as the child of a parent, parents or a relative present and settled in the United Kingdom or being admitted for settlement on the same occasion in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276Y. DELETED

**Refusal of indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom as the child of a parent, parents or a relative present and settled in the United Kingdom or being admitted for settlement on**

**the same occasion in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276Z. DELETED

**Requirements for indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as the child of a parent, parents or a relative present and settled in the United Kingdom or being granted settlement on the same occasion in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276AA. DELETED

**Indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as the child of a parent, parents or a relative present and settled in the United Kingdom or being granted settlement on the same occasion in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276AB. DELETED

**Refusal of indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom as the child of a parent, parents or a relative present and settled in the United Kingdom or being granted settlement on the same occasion in accordance with paragraphs 276E to 276Q or of a member of HM Forces who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 and has at least 5 years' continuous service**

276AC. DELETED

## **Spouses, civil partners, unmarried or same-sex partners of armed forces members who are exempt from immigration control under section 8(4) of the Immigration Act 1971**

**Requirements for leave to enter or remain as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner of an armed forces member who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4) of the Immigration Act 1971**

276AD. DELETED



**Leave to enter or remain as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner of an armed forces member who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4) of the Immigration Act 1971**

276AE. DELETED

**Refusal of leave to enter or remain as the spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner of an armed forces member who is exempt from immigration control under section 8(4) of the Immigration Act 1971**

276AF. DELETED

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## **Children of armed forces members who are exempt from immigration control under section 8(4) of the Immigration Act 1971**

**Requirements for leave to enter or remain as the child of an armed forces member exempt from immigration control under section 8(4) of the Immigration Act 1971**

276AG. DELETED

## **Leave to enter or remain as the child of an armed forces member exempt from immigration control under section 8(4) of the Immigration Act 1971**

276AH. DELETED

## **Refusal of leave to enter or remain as the child of an armed forces member exempt from immigration control under section 8(4) of the Immigration Act 1971**

276AI. DELETED

## **Entry clearance to come to the United Kingdom as a relevant Afghan citizen**

276BA1. DELETED.

276BA2. DELETED.

276BB1. DELETED.

276BB2. DELETED.

276BB3. DELETED.

276BB4. DELETED.

276BB5. DELETED.

276BB6. DELETED.

276BC1. DELETED.

276BD1. DELETED.

276BE1. DELETED.

276BF1. DELETED.

276BG1. DELETED.

276BH1. DELETED

276BI1. DELETED.

276BJ1. DELETED.

276BJ2. DELETED.

276BK1. DELETED.

276BL1. DELETED.



276BM1. DELETED.

276BN1. DELETED.

276BO1. DELETED.

276BO2. DELETED.

276BP1. DELETED.

276BQ1. DELETED.

276BR1. DELETED.

276BS1. DELETED.

276BS3. DELETED.

276BS4. DELETED.

276BS5. DELETED.



## Parent of a Child Student

276BT1 DELETED

276BU1 DELETED

276BV1 DELETED



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