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Police Registration for International Students

There is a significant shortage of police registration appointments being offered by Greater Manchester Police International Visitors Registration Office (IVRO), due to the need to maintain social distancing during the current situation with Covid-19. This reduction in appointments follows a period of 4 months (March to June 2020) where existing appointments were cancelled. The result is that many students have been unable to secure an appointment to register with the Police or to report changes such as a new passport, visa extension, or new study information. Students who have obtained an appointment may find that their appointment date is not for several months.

We understand that this delay in completing a condition of your visa is worrying for students. Greater Manchester Police has advised that the delay in completing police registration will not affect your immigration status and no penalty will be given for missed or late registrations under these unprecedented circumstances.

If you are leaving and re-entering the UK over the winter break, you may wish to carry a copy of this letter in your hand luggage.

If you have completed your course and are leaving the UK, and have not managed to secure a police registration appointment before your departure, this letter can be submitted as evidence in a future visa application.

If you were unable to register with the Police while the service was suspended and you now need to extend your student permission before you can get an appointment to register, we recommend that you include a cover letter with your supporting documents to explain the reasons why you were unable to register and to confirm that you will register as soon as you are able once your student permission is granted.

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