



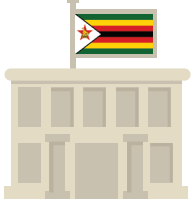
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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to Zimbabwe.

While every care is taken to ensure that the information is correct this does not constitute a guarantee that the organisations will provide the services listed.



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### Your Embassy in the UK

#### Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe House 429 Strand WC2R 0JR

**Tel:** 020 7836 7755 **Fax:** 020 7379 1167

**Email:** zimlondon@yahoo.co.uk or zimebassy@zimlondon.gov.zw

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### Travel documents

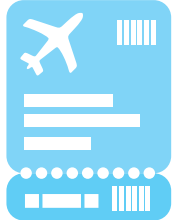


A valid Zimbabwean passport can be used to travel from the UK to Zimbabwe. If you do not have a passport an Emergency Travel Document (ETD) must be obtained. To obtain an ETD an applicant must attend an interview with officials from the Zimbabwean embassy. This can be arranged by the Home Office. Supporting evidence for the application can include:

- copies of passports
- driving licence
- birth certificate
- visa application details

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### Return



If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to Zimbabwe as soon as possible you can:

- Contact your caseworker at the Home Office to say that you are willing to return;
- Make every effort to find supporting documentation for issuing of travel documents;
- Make contact with the Zimbabwean Embassy to begin the process of obtaining a travel document.



You may find it useful to read the information below to begin preparing for your return.

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### Documentation in Zimbabwe



Zimbabweans over the age of 16 are required by law to carry evidence of identity with them whenever they are in a public place. This may be a national registration card, a driver's license or a passport.

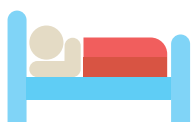
All Zimbabweans are required to apply for National Registration when they turn 16. They will then be provided with an identity card. If you have lost or damaged your national identity card or your details have changed (citizenship status or marital status for example) you can apply for a replacement. For this you will require A 'long' birth certificate and your father's identity card, or, if your father has died, his death certificate. During the application process the applicant's fingerprints will be taken and photographs be taken. It is a requirement for any women having their photo taken that they not have 'artificial' hairstyles, which is interpreted as meaning both hair extensions or braids.

All children need a birth certificate to access healthcare and education. Children must be registered with the district registrar within 42 days of birth. It can be difficult to obtain birth certificates for children as a great deal of documentation is required from both parents and a record of the birth from the maternity home where the child was born, which can be withheld if the mother has an outstanding debt for the cost of the birth.



The General Registrar's Office deals with applications for both birth certificates and identity cards. There is a registrar's office in each region. For further information on obtaining identity documents you should contact your regional office:

<b>Harare</b>	<b>Tel:</b> +263 4 702295
<b>Bulawayo</b>	<b>Tel:</b> +263 9 68491
<b>Gweru</b>	<b>Tel:</b> +263 54 223155
<b>Masvingo</b>	<b>Tel:</b> +263 39 263876/263705
<b>Mutare</b>	<b>Tel:</b> +263 20 60701/60276
<b>Bindura</b>	<b>Tel:</b> +263 71 6511/6119
<b>Chinhoyi</b>	<b>Tel:</b> +263 67 23013
<b>Gwanda</b>	<b>Tel:</b> +263 84 22587/22618



## Accommodation

While there is a national housing scheme for the poor in Zimbabwe, demand greatly outstrips supply and many applicants wait for years without being given any accommodation.

There is a small Housing Cooperative movement in Zimbabwe which seeks to provide low-income home seekers with affordable and adequate housing. For further information contact:

### **Zimbabwe National Association of Housing Cooperatives (ZINAHCO)**

21 Wembley Crescent, Eastlea, Harare, Zimbabwe

**Tel:** +263 4 778614 **Fax:** +263 4 778827

**Email:** admin@zinahco.co.zw

**www.zinahco.co.zw**

For most people returning to Zimbabwe, you will need either to have money in order to rent accommodation or rely on relatives or friends.



## Health

While the government national health service is the largest provider of medical services in Zimbabwe, access is subject to payment of a fee. Introduction of free healthcare for pregnant women, new mothers and children under the age of 5 has never been fully implemented and most services are still subject to fees.



## Emergency support

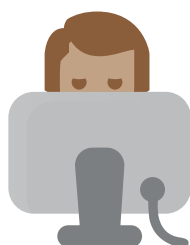
There is no system of welfare or emergency support in Zimbabwe. For emergency assistance and social support see the directory below.



## Employment, education and training

The Zimbabwean government funds 7 years of free primary education from age 6. Children wishing to attend secondary school must pay fees. Vocational and higher education are again dependant on the ability to pay.

For organisations providing vocational training, see the directory below.



## Directory

### **Bulawayo Shelter**

Station Road, Thorngrove, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Postal address: PO Box 2983, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

**Tel:** +263 9 79983

**www.bulawayoshelter.wix.com/bulawayo-shelter**

A Christian organisation providing shelter to destitute women, children and elderly people.



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### **Caritas Zimbabwe**

P.O. Box CY 738, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe

**Tel:** +263 4 70 53 68 / +263 4 73 1915

**Fax:** +263 4 70 53 68

**hamadziripi@zcbc.co.zw**

Among the agency's activities are water and sanitation projects that have increased access to clean water and hygiene practices to an average of 70 percent of the community; ensuring secure, safe and healthy living conditions for families.

Caritas Zimbabwe's agriculture and food security programmes improves families livelihoods and increases their incomes through initiatives such as setting up community gardens, supplying seeds and equipment, and improving adaptation techniques to increase food crop yields.

Caritas Zimbabwe emergency and humanitarian assistance provides lifesaving aid to the lives of those affected by natural disasters and who are suffering from poverty and hunger. During a severe drought in the early 1990s, the agency helped avert large-scale hunger through supplying food to those in most urgent need.

Caritas Zimbabwe's work focuses on HIV/AIDs prevention and awareness campaigns to address orphans and the two million people living with HIV and their families.

Caritas Zimbabwe implements their activities through the National Office in Harare and eight diocesan offices, namely the Archdioceses of Harare and Bulawayo, and the dioceses of Gweru, Masvingo, Gokwe, Chinhoyi, Mutare and Hwange.

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### **Legal Resources Foundation**

LRF National Office, 16 Oxford Road, Avondale, Harare, Zimbabwe

**Tel:** +263 43 33 707 or 33 47 32

**Fax:** +263 47 94 656

**Email:** lrfnd@lrf.co.zw

**www.lrf.co.zw**

Highfields Legal Advice Centre, High/Glen Resource Centre, Main Street, Highfield

LRF's direct services to the public target the rural and urban poor, disadvantaged women, scholars and the general public. Services to the legal system target law students, legal practitioners (particularly newly-qualified practitioners), the courts, law enforcement agencies and sections of the general public.

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### **Salvation Army Zimbabwe**

45 Josiah Chinamano Avenue, Harare, Zimbabwe

Postal address: PO Box 14, Harare, Zimbabwe

**Tel:** +263 4 736666/7/8 +286 4 250107/8 **Fax:** +263 4 726658

**Email:** ZIM\_Leadership@zim.salvationarmy.org

**www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/zimbabwe**

Christian organisation providing social support.

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### **Women& AIDS Support Network (WASN)**

13 Walter Hill Avenue, Eastlea, Harare, Zimbabwe

Postal address: PO Box 1554, Harare, Zimbabwe

**Tel:** +263 4 791401/4

**Email:** director@mweb.co.zw

**www.wasnzimbabwe.wordpress.com**

NGO assisting women affected by HIV/AIDS through training, information, advocacy and networking.

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### **Zimbabwe National Network for People Living with HIV/AIDS (ZNNP+)**

28 Divine Road, Milton Park, Harare

Postal address: PO Box 255, Belvedere, Harare

**Tel:** +263 4 741824 **Fax:** +263 4 741824

**Email:** info.znnp@gmail.com

**www.znnp.org.zw**

Network of groups providing support for people affected by HIV/AIDS.



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