



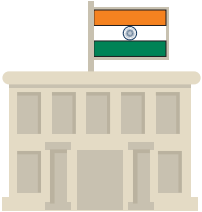
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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to India.

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.



Your Embassy in the UK

Office of the High Commissioner for India

India House, Aldwych, London WC2B 4NA

Tel: 020 7836 8484 **Fax:** 020 7836 4331

Email: administration@hcilondon.in

www.hcilondon.in

Travel documents

A valid Indian passport can be used to remove you from the UK to India. The Indian High Commission has contracted out its passport provision services in the UK to a private company, VFS Global. While generally a passport applicant would need to attend an interview in person, there is provision for a spouse or blood relative to make the application on a person's behalf if that is not possible. VFS Global has a number of offices across the UK. Further details of applications are available on its website, **www.in.vfsglobal.co.uk**

If a passport is not available an application can be submitted for an Emergency Travel Certificate. The application is complex requiring a completed pre-verification form, a passport application form, a verification of nationality form, six passport sized photographs, full birth certificates for any children born in the UK and completed online application forms for any children.

In addition, supporting evidence of nationality will be required such as any expired passports or copies of passports, national identity card, birth certificate or visa application details.

Return

If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to India 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 Indian High Commission 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:

Documentation in India

India has a number of different and overlapping documentation systems. Once applied for, the waiting time for receipt of any identification document can be much longer than the official stated waiting time, so it is important to apply as soon as possible:

Aadhaar

The Aadhaar or Unique Identification (UID) is a card with a 12 digit unique identification number and is now mandatory in a number of states and Union Territories. It is compulsory for accessing government services, opening a bank account or obtaining a driving license.



The scheme was introduced by the Indian Government and an Aadhaar remains valid for life. If you do not have an Aadhaar you can gain one for free from the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). However, a number of documents are required for issue of a number. Full details can be found on the UIDAI website.

For further information you can contact:

UIDAI Contact Centre

PO Box 1947, GPO Bangalore – 560001, India

Fax: (080)-2353 1947

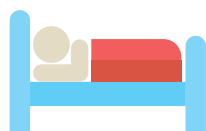
Email: help@uidai.gov.in

www.uidai.gov.in

PAN

PAN, or Permanent Account Number, is a unique ten digit identity number which is allotted to each tax payer by the government's income tax department. It is mandatory in India for anyone who earns a taxable income and all business holders. PAN may also be required when purchasing or selling property over a certain value, when purchasing or selling a motor vehicle and when opening a bank account.

A PAN can be obtained through an online application process which can be undertaken either in India or whilst abroad. However, the fee for an application outside of India is much higher, Rs 971 as opposed to Rs 105 for application in India. Application details can be found on the internet here: tin.tin.nsdl.com/pan/form49A.html



Accommodation

The Indian government has made efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing, and many urban areas have a good supply of rented accommodation but the situation is variable across the country. Some of the charities listed below provide temporary accommodation for the most vulnerable and may be able to assist you if you cannot rely on family or friends for assistance.



Health

Although the Indian government does provide public health care through hospitals and health centres, low quality of care, long waiting times and difficulties of access, particularly in rural areas mean that most Indian citizens who can afford to do so purchase private health care.

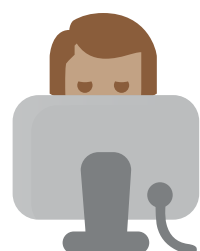
In 2008 a new government health insurance scheme, the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) scheme, which is being gradually rolled out across India. The scheme provides coverage for those living below the poverty line. RSBY smartcards are issued by household and up to five members of each household can be covered by the scheme. Beneficiaries are entitled to hospitalisation coverage of up to Rs 30,000 and must pay an annual registration fee of Rs 30 whilst the central and state government pay a premium to the insurer. Further details of the scheme can be found at rsby.gov.in/index.aspx.



Emergency support

While there is no welfare state in India the government does run a ration card system which allows holders to buy essential goods from government Fair Price Shops for a lower rate. There are 3 types of ration card which give different allowances: Above Poverty Line (APL) cards, Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards, and Antyodaya cards issued to the poorest people.

The ration card scheme is administered by municipal authorities so application processes differ slightly from state to state but usually involve payment of a small fee, provision of a number of passport photos and proof of address. Applications are made in local offices known as Circle Offices.



Employment, education and training

Since the 2009 Right to Education Act, schooling is free and compulsory for all children from the ages of six to fourteen years old. However, disadvantaged groups still often do not have adequate access to education.



Higher Education

Higher education at a private institution can be costly but India has a number of state education institutions where fees are much lower and there are also scholarship and education loan schemes. More information about higher education can be found on the website of the Indian Ministry of Human Resource Development, mhrd.gov.in/.

Skills training

The National Skill Development Agency website provides a directory of different courses and training centres across the country along with a list of contact details and information about course fees. For more information see: tpdirectory.nsda.gov.in.

Employment

In India there is a significant distinction between employment in the formal and informal sector. There are a number of charitable organisations which can assist you in finding work, gaining skills, or setting up a business.

If seeking work in the formal sector you will need to demonstrate:

- You are certified as an Indian citizen (Passport; Aadhaar/UID Card; driving license; birth certificate)
- Proof of address (Rental agreement or contract)
- Educational qualifications: (Education papers such as high school examination papers, or equivalent)

To find employment and training related information by state it may be useful to visit the websites of the state government employment departments, below:

West Bengal

www.employmentbankwb.gov.in

Kerala

www.employmentkerala.gov.in

Uttarakhand

www.rojgar.uk.gov.in

Uttar Pradesh

upgov.nic.in

Tripura

employment.tripura.gov.in

Tamil Nadu

tnvelaivaaiippu.gov.in/Empower

Sikkim

www.sikkim.gov.in/homepage.aspx (employment section of Sikkim Government website)

Rajasthan

www.rajrojgar.nic.in

Punjab

www.pbemployment.gov.in

Odisha

www.etetodisha.gov.in

Nagaland

www.labournl.nic.in

Mizoram

www.mizoram.gov.in

Meghalaya

www.meghalaya.gov.in

Manipur

www.employmentservicemanipur.nic.in



Maharashtra

www.maharojgar.gov.in

Madhya Pradesh

www.mprojgar.org/

Karnataka

www.emptrg.kar.nic.in/etiindex.asp

Jharkhand

www.jharkhandemployment.nic.in:8443

Jammu and Kashmir

www.jakemp.nic.in

Himachal Pradesh

www.himachal.nic.in/index.php?lang=1&dpt_id=14

Haryana

www.hrex.org

Gujarat

www.talimrojgar.org

Goa

www.goa.gov.in/departments/labour.html

Chhattisgarh

www.cgemployment.gov.in

Bihar

www.biharonline.gov.in/Site/Content/Citizen/Citizen.aspx?u=3

Assam

www.online.assam.gov.in/web/landemp/home

Arunachal Pradesh

www.arunachalpradesh.gov.in/csp_ap_portal/labour-employment-website-launched.html

Andhra Pradesh

www.ap.gov.in/Pages/PortalHome.aspx

In addition, many jobs are also advertised in newspapers and online.
The following websites contain job listings:

www.naukri.com

www.indeed.co.in

Qualifications

If you studied in the UK, you may have certificates proving you have skills and qualifications which could help you to get a job. However, employers in India may not recognise these qualifications. If this is the case, you can contact the British Council who may be able to verify any qualifications issued by an accredited UK institution. You will need to provide the original document.

The British Council has offices in New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune and Kolkata.

See **www.britishcouncil.in/contact-us** for further information

Directory

All India Women's Conference

Sarojini House, 6 Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi-110001

Tel: +91 11- 23389680/1165 **Fax:** +91 11 23384092, 8567

Email: info@aiwc.org.in; president@aiwc.org.in

www.aiwc.org.in



All India Women's Conference run a variety of welfare programmes for women including:

- Literacy, education and computer training programmes
- Community Health services
- Short-stay homes for women in distress
- Hostels for single working women
- Family counselling centre and 24hr help lines

Caritas India

Caritas India, CBCI Centre, Ashok Place, Opposite to Gole Dakkhana, New Delhi - 11 00 01, India

Tel: +91 11 2336 3390, +91 11 2374 2339, +91 11 2336 2735

Fax: +91 11 2371 5146, +91 11 2336 7488

Email: director@caritasindia.org

www.caritasindia.org

Catholic agency providing a range of services including care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS, vocational training, emergency support and microfinance. Caritas has a number of regional offices across India

East:

Caritas India, 52/D Radhanath Chowdhary Road, Kolkata - 700014.

Tel: 033 2329 1926

West:

Caritas India, Seva Sadan, 1250 Quarters, Bhopal- 462003 (MP)

Tel: +91 755 2765493

North:

Caritas India, Divya Deepti Sadan, 9-10 Bhai Vir Singh Marg New Delhi - 110001

Tel: 011 65293191/23364222

North East:

Caritas India, G.P.O. Box No. 299, Social Forum (NEDSF),

Joypur, Kharghuli, Guwahati, Assam - 781004

Tel: 0361 2634155

Centre for Social Action

Eucharistic Congress Building No.III, 5 Convent Street, Mumbai, India

Tel: +91 22 2202 1509 / +91 22 2202 2987

Email: csamumbai@gmail.com

www.sites.google.com/site/csamumbaiweb/

Training and income generation schemes for vulnerable children and women

The Freedom Foundation

Head Office, No:180, Hennur Cross, Bangalore - 560043, India

Tel : 080-25440134/9766 **Fax:** 080-41616447

Email: ho@thefreedomfoundation.org

www.thefreedomfoundation.org

A large non-governmental organisation providing substance misuse support and HIV/AIDS support across India.

Garib Nawaz Jail Victim Welfare Society

591/16-A, Near Nehru Gali, 60-futa road, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, North East Delhi, Delhi 011-22383738, India

Tel: +91 9958683737

E-mail: gnjvws.india@gmail.com

NGO providing advice and training to marginalised people.



Indian Red Cross Society

National Headquarters, 1, Red Cross Road, New Delhi - 110 001, India

Tel: +91 11 23716441/42 **Fax:** +91 11 3717454.

www.indianredcross.org

Indian Red Cross have a network of regional offices across India providing a range of services including family tracing, medical services including HIV/AIDS programmes, and vocational training.

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

F-5, Kailash colony, Greater Kailash - 1, New Delhi - 110048, India

Tel: +91 11 40 53 24 01/03 **Fax:** +91 11 40 53 24 02

Email: iomnewdelhi@iom.int

IOM offers resettlement and reintegration support to returnees to India.

Navjyoti India Foundation

Khasra No. 99, Majri Karala, Main Kanjhawala Road, Near Rohini Sector-22, New Delhi - 110081, India

Tel: +91 11 25953095/56: +91 11 47100713

Email: info@navjyoti.org.in

www.navjyoti.org.in

An NGO whose aim is crime prevention. They provide education for street children, vocational training for women and those dealing in drugs and detox programmes.

Salvation Army, India

The Salvation Army has a strong presence in India and offers a range of services across regions including emergency accommodation and support, health care and training and employment schemes. Contact local areas for more information about services offered.

www.salvationarmy.org/india

Central Territory

15/31, Ritherdon Road, Vepery, P.O. Box 453, Chennai 600 007, Tamil Nadu

Tel: +91 044 25323148 **Fax:** +91 044 25325987;

Email: ict mail@ICT.salvationarmy.org

Eastern Territory

P.O. Box -5, Aizawl -796001, Mizoram

Tel: +91 0389 2322290 **Fax:** +91 0389 2326123

Email: iet_mail@IET.salvationarmy.org

Northern Territory

H15 Green Park Extension, New Delhi -110 016

Tel: +91 011 2651 2394

Fax: +91 011 26516912/ 26196296

Email: int mail@INT.salvationarmy.org

South-Eastern Territory

High Ground Road, Maharajanagar Post Tirunelveli-627011, Tamil Nadu

Tel: +91 0462 2574331/ 2574313 **Fax:** +91 0462 2577152

Email: ise_mail@ise.salvationarmy.org

South-Western Territory

P.O. Box - 802, Kowdiar, Trivandrum-695003, Kerala

Tel: +91 0471 2314626/ 2723238 **Fax:** +91 0471 318790

Email: isw mail@ISW.salvationarmy.org

Western Territory

Sheikh Hafizuddin Marg, Byculla, P.O. Box -4510, Mumbai -400008, Maharashtra

Tel: +91 022 2308 4705/23071140 **Fax:** +91 022 2309 9245

Email: iwt_mail@iwt.salvationarmy.org



Seva Bharati

3-2-106, Nimboli Adda, Kachiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana 500 027, India

Tel: +91 96 18667939; +91 99 49566499

Email: sewabharati@gmail.com

www.sevabharati.org

An NGO focusing on marginalised people such as slum dwellers and indigenous communities, providing a range of welfare and social services including access to free healthcare, education and vocational training.

Tara Projects Association

260, Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase III, 110 020 New Delhi, India

Tel: +91 11 26839721

Email: tara.projects@gmail.com

www.taraprojects.com

A Non-governmental organisation and member of the Emmaus network providing income generation, health services and microfinance.

Village Community Development Society (VCDS)

Vellakulam Kilsiviri Post, Brahmadesam Via, 604 301 Tindivanam Taluk, Tamil Nadu, India

Tel: +91 4147 23 22 34

Email: vcdstn@gmail.com

www.vcds.org.in

A non-governmental organisation and member of the Emmaus network VCDS works largely with untouchables and provides vocational training, advice and support and micro finance.

YWCA Mumbai

Andheri, Asha Kiran, 53, J. P. Road, Andheri (West), Mumbai - 400 058.

Tel: +91-22-2670 2831/39/63/72/3021.

www.ywcaic.info

Emergency accommodation for single women, support for women experiencing domestic or sexual violence.

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Hibiscus Initiatives works with men and women in the UK who are in prison, immigration detention, requiring support in the community after leaving prison or detention to those who have been victims of trafficking. Their work includes welfare and advocacy in prisons, international resettlement, combating trafficking and volunteering and community resettlement. If you would like to know more about Hibiscus Initiatives you can contact them on the details below:

Hibiscus Initiatives

Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road London N7 6PA

Tel: + 44 (0) 20 7697 4120 **Fax:** + 44 (0) 20 7697 4272

Email: info@hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk

www.hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk

Praxis Community Projects works with vulnerable migrants including foreign national offenders providing advice, advocacy and casework on immigration, housing, welfare benefits.

Praxis Community Projects

Pott Street, London E2 OEF

Tel: +44 (0)20 7729 7985 **Fax:** +44 (0)20 7729 0134

Email: advice@praxis.org.uk

www.praxis.org.uk
