



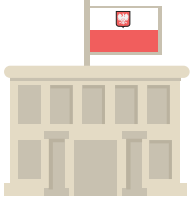
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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to Poland.

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

Embassy of the Republic of Poland

47 Portland Place, London W1B 1JH

Tel: 020 7291 3520

Fax: 020 7291 3576

www.london.mfa.gov.pl

Consular Section

73 New Cavendish Street, London W1W 6LS

Tel: 020 7291 3914

Fax: 020 7323 2320

londyn.amb.wk@msz.gov.pl

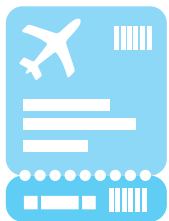


Travel documents

A valid Polish passport or identity card can be used to travel from the UK to Poland.

If you do not have a valid passport or identity card the following documents may help to get a document which will allow you to return to Poland:

- Expired passport or id card or copies of those documents
- Original birth certificate
- Other documents indicating Polish nationality, e.g. marriage certificate, parents' birth certificates or passports



Return

If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to Poland 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 Polish Embassy to begin the process of obtaining a travel document.

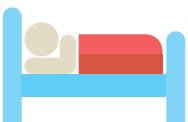


You may find it useful to read the information below to begin preparing for your return.



Documentation in Poland

Every Polish citizen over 18 who is resident in Poland must have an Identity Card issued by the local administration. If you do not currently have a valid identity card you should get one as soon as possible after arrival by applying to the local administration in the area where you are living.



Accommodation

If you are unable to stay with family or friends you may be able to find temporary emergency accommodation through one of the organisations listed in the Directory.





Health

Poland has a state healthcare system financed through the National Health Fund (NFZ). If you are not employed and are not in receipt of social security benefits you may need to make voluntary payments if you wish to use health services. To access health services, including substance misuse services, you need a PESEL number (social security number), to check you are entitled to free health services, and an identity document such as an identification card, passport or driving license. If, for any reason you do not have a PESEL number you can apply for one through the local administration in the area where you are living. Some of the organisations listed in the directory may be able to assist with some basic health care services.

Emergency support



Poland has a social security system but payment of unemployment benefit is dependent upon having worked (either in Poland or another EU country) at least 365 days in the last 18 months.

If you would have been entitled to a contributions based benefit in the UK (based on having paid enough National Insurance contributions over a number of tax years) then you should be able to claim the relevant benefit from the UK through the Polish social security system.

For more information contact:

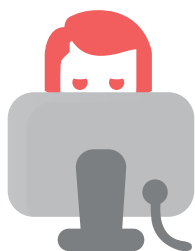
the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Ministerstwo Pracy i Polityki Społecznej, ul. Nowogrodzka 1/3/5, 00-513 Warszawa

Tel: +48 22 661 10 00 **Fax:** +48 22 661 13 36

Email: info@mpips.gov.pl

Employment, education and training



If you know of employers who may be able to offer you work on your return it is a good idea to send out a CV and a covering letter to them as soon as possible.

On return, you may be able to find jobs by searching the database of the Polish National Employment Services at **www.psz.praca.gov.pl** or by registering with an employment agency. A list of employment agencies can be found at **www.kraz.praca.gov.pl**.

Some of the agencies below can help with job search and access to training and education.

Directory

Barka UK



Barka is UK based charity originating from Poland which can assist people to reconnect with families in Poland, provide assistance to find accommodation, employment or training and therapeutic and rehabilitation programs for substance misusers.

Tel/Fax: 0207275 7768 **Free helpline:** 0800 171 2926

www.barkauk.org

Brother Albert's Society

National charity with projects in Krakow, Gdansk, Wroclaw and other Polish cities. The Society provides the following services: hostels, night shelters, specialist projects for children, old people, people with mental and physical health problems; Help to find work; Legal support, other advice and information; Clothing and furniture stores; Winter shelters and soup runs. The Society is also able to arrange detox and rehab for clients with other agencies. Brother Albert's Society is a Catholic organisation and offering religious support is a central part of their approach.

Wroclaw (main office)

Towarzystwo Pomocy im. Sw.Brata Alberta, Ul.Kollataja 26A 50-007 Wroclaw

Tel: +48 071 341 04 19 **Fax:** +48 071 344 37 35

Gdansk [no address]

Tel: +48 500 094 074

Poznań: ul. Warzywna 17, 61-658 Poznań, Poland

Tel: +48 061 823 81 50

www.bratalbert.org.pl (Polish and English)



Caritas Poland

ul. Okopowa 55, 01-043 Warszawa, Poland

Tel: +48 22 33 48 585/+48 22 33 48 500 **Fax:** +48 22 33 48 558

Email: caritaspolska@caritas.pl

www.caritas.pl

Catholic agency helping the poor and disadvantaged. Services include soup kitchens, single-mother centres, programmes for victims of forced prostitution, counselling for migrants and refugees to integrate into society, occupational therapy workshops and day care centres for children and the elderly.

The Halina Niec Legal Aid Centre

Centrum Pomocy Prawnej im. Haliny Nieć, Ul. Krowoderska 11/7, 31-141 Krakow

Tel: +48 12 63 37 223 **Fax:** +48 12 42 33 277

Email: biuro@pomocprawna.org

www.pomocprawna.org

HNLAC's main objective is to protect human rights by providing free legal aid to persons at risk of social exclusion and discrimination, including the poor, victims of domestic violence, foreigners, asylum seekers and refugees. The Center also offers legal aid to victims of human and child trafficking.

MONAR

Hostels, substance misuse services, counselling, help to find work. Only Polish organisation to offer hostels for clients with HIV. MONAR does not have a centralised website. Some centres may be found at: **www.ngo.pl** (Polish only)

Warsaw Centrum Pomocy Bliźniemu Monar

Markot Ul. Marywilska 44a

Tel: +48 22 676 99 97

Email: cpb@cpb.waw.pl

www.cpb.waw.pl/english_version.php

Roznowice Poznan Stowarzyszenie Monar

Wielkopolskie Centrum Pomocy Bliźniemu Roźnowice 33, 64-610 Rogoźno skr. pocz.3

Tel: +48 67 267 13 00, + 48 67 26 10 678 **Fax:** + 48 67 26 10 884

Email: info@monar-markot.poznan.pl

www.monar-markot.poznan.pl (Polish only)

Red Cross

Czerwonego Krzyża, ul. Mokotowska 14, 00-561 Warszawa

Tel: +48 22 326-12-00, +48 22 32 61 286 **Fax:** +48 22 62 84 168

Email: info@pck.org.pl, zarzad.glowny@pck.org.pl, head.office@pck.org.pl

Red Cross in Poland provides a range of services including night shelters, day centres, food parcels, short term aid and medical and psychological care. They have centres across Poland which are too many to be listed here but can be found on their website here: **www.pck.pl/pages,11.html**

Salvation Army

Tel: +49 221 20 8190 **Fax:** +49 221 208 1957

Email: nhq@ger.salvationarmy.org

Shelter to homeless men and women. Clients with severe alcohol issues are linked into appropriate services.

Stowarzyszenie Pomocy Wzajemnej AGAPE

Al. Wolności 44, 42-217 Częstochowa

Telephone/Fax: +48 34 3627866

Email: swpagape@go2.pl

www.agape-czestochowa.home.pl (Polish only)

Hostel accommodation, social support, help to find work, other advice and information. Also does specialist work with ex-offenders and with victims of domestic violence. The organisation will arrange substance misuse services with other agencies.



This resource was produced by Praxis Community Projects in partnership with Barka UK.
Details of Barka UK and their services can be found above.

Barka UK

Tel: +44 (0)20 7275 7768
www.barkauk.org
www.barka.org.pl

Praxis Community Projects

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

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Pott Street, London E2 0EF
Tel: +44 (0)20 7729 7985 **Fax:** +44 (0)20 7729 0134
Email: advice@praxis.org.uk
www.praxis.org.uk