



volunteer centre

Ionad d'Obair Dheonach Longfort

LONGFORD

Overseas Clearance Guidelines

Applies to Applicants who have resided overseas for a period of 6 months or more:

Please Note: the Garda Vetting form which an applicant completes and submits online only covers addresses in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. If an applicant has resided in countries outside of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland for a period of 6 months or more, it is up to each individual organisation to decide if they require a Police Clearance Certificate from those countries stating that the applicant has no convictions recorded against them while residing there.

An applicant may need to provide a separate Police Clearance Certificate for each country they have resided in. Clearance must be dated after the date they left the country/countries. Seeking security clearances from other countries (e.g. UK, USA etc.) are the responsibility of the candidate. It is a process which can take a significant amount of time and can be expensive.

The NVB will pick up on information (e.g an arrest warrant or serious convictions etc.,) on Interpol or europol, but they do not stand over Police Clearance Certificates from other countries

Note: Applicants who studied outside of Ireland e.g. in the UK, please pay particular attention to this. They will require UK disclosure to cover the entire period they were in the UK. Clearance must be dated after they left the UK.

The following websites may be of assistance to them in this regard:

United Kingdom

London: content.met.police.uk/Article/Making-a-subject-access-request

Metropolitan Police Service - Your right to information

www.disclosurescotland.co.uk

www.southwalespoliceauthority.org.uk/

www.north-wales.police.uk

Links to UK Police Force sites

This website will provide them with a link to each police force site in the UK. Click on the relevant force covering the area where they resided. A search under Data Protection or Data Access Request or Subject Access Request will bring you to the relevant section of that Police Force's website.

www.gov.uk/make-a-freedom-of-information-request/organisations (This website will provide you with a list of registered agencies to contact in the UK who may process your request for UK clearance with the Criminal Records Bureau).

Australia

www.afp.gov.au

This website will provide you with information on obtaining a national police clearance certificate for Australia

New Zealand

www.courts.govt.nz

This website will provide you with information on obtaining police clearance in New Zealand

United States of America

Please Note: Valid Security/Overseas Clearance from the USA must be obtained from the FBI only

<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks/submitting-an-identity-history-summary-request-to-the-fbi>

FBI - Guide for Obtaining Your FBI Identification Record FBI Clearance is valid for all of the United States and convictions / remarks occurring anywhere in the United States would be noted. Individual US State Clearance (e.g., New York State Clearance) is not acceptable as it is valid for that State alone and convictions / remarks occurring in other States may or may not be noted.

Other Countries For other countries not listed above you may find it helpful to contact the relevant embassies who could provide you with information on seeking Police Clearance.