



# Returning to Vietnam



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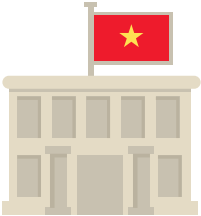
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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to Vietnam.

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 Socialist Republic of Vietnam

12-14 Victoria Road W8 5RD

**Tel:** 020 7937 1912 **Fax:** 020 7565 3853

### Consular/Visa Section

Opening hours: 09:30 to 12:30 (Monday to Friday)

**Fax:** 0207 937 6108

**Email:** [consular@vietnamembassy.org.uk](mailto:consular@vietnamembassy.org.uk)

**[www.vietnamembassy.org.uk](http://www.vietnamembassy.org.uk)**

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## Travel documents

A valid Vietnamese passport can be used to return you from the UK to Vietnam. If you do not have a passport an application for an Emergency Travel Certificate can be made. Any evidence you can gather as proof of Vietnamese nationality such as expired passports or national identity card will be useful in making this application.

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## Return

If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to Vietnam 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 Vietnamese 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 Vietnam

Hộ Khẩu / Ho Khau

The Ho Khau or household registration book given by the Provincial People's Committee is used in combination with the ID card to verify the legal status of a person within the country.

Possession of a Ho Khau is essential in order to legally reside in one's home, hold a job, collect grain rations, attend a state school, receive public health care, travel, vote, or formally challenge administrative abuses.

Persons absent from their permanent place of residence for more than 6 months without registering their temporary absence and without plausible reason shall have their names crossed out from the household registration book. When they return they must re-apply for registration. In order to regain Ho Khau, returning Vietnamese expatriates must produce one of the following documents:

- Vietnamese passport or travel document which has a stamp verifying entry at the border gate;
- Proof of Vietnamese nationality granted by the Vietnam representative agencies overseas, accompanied by proof of the permission to return to Vietnam issued by the related authority;



- Certificate of Vietnamese nationality granted by the People's Committee of provinces and cities directly under central
- Authority, accompanied by proof of the permission to return for permanent residence issued by the related authority.

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### ID card

All Vietnamese nationals over the age of 14 are required to obtain and carry the national identity card, the *giấy chứng minh nhân dân*. The card should be obtained at the police office local to the person's permanent residence.

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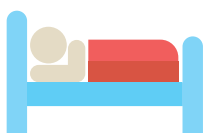
### PAN

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](http://tin.tin.nsdl.com/pan/form49A.html).

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## Accommodation



There are very few organisations in Vietnam which can help arrange emergency accommodation, and the capacity of those organisations that do provide help is limited. The best way to find accommodation is often through networks in Vietnam, so enlist the help of friends and family if you can. It is usually cheaper to rent from a landlord direct, rather than to use an estate agent or property website.



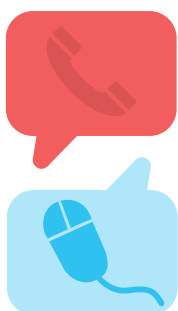

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## Health

In addition to health centres and hospitals in big cities, Vietnam has a network of Commune Health Centres serving more rural populations. Health care is paid for by a government run national health insurance scheme. Those unable to afford healthcare may be able to register on the government free health insurance scheme in order to access medical care. To do this you will need to contact the welfare office at the people's committee of your local commune. You will need your national identity card in order to register.

Those in employment are expected to pay contributions into the Voluntary Health Insurance scheme if they wish to access medical care.

For further information see the Vietnamese Ministry of Health website, [www.moh.gov.vn](http://www.moh.gov.vn).




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## Emergency support

Social services in Vietnam are few and far between. While there are some NGOs and community organisations in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (see directory below), the capacity of these to provide support to returnees is limited. It is important to seek out friends and family in Vietnam if at all possible.

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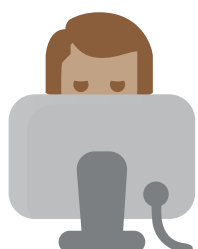
## Employment, education and training

Most jobs in Vietnam are still found through word of mouth and informal networks. You may find opportunities with some larger employers listed on jobs websites such as the ones below:

[www.vietnamworks.com](http://www.vietnamworks.com)

[www.vieclam.laodong.com.vn](http://www.vieclam.laodong.com.vn)

[www.vieclam.tuoitre.vn](http://www.vieclam.tuoitre.vn)





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## Directory

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### Caritas Vietnam

23/25 D2 Street, Van Thanh Bac,  
Ward 25, Binh Thanh district, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

**Tel:** +84 8 3512 2366

**Email:** ubbaxh\_vn@yahoo.com

**www.caritasvietnam.org**

Catholic organisation providing services including education, life skills, training, support and counselling.

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### Community and Family Services International

Philippines based organisation which provides resettlement assistance to returnees to Vietnam.

MCC PO Box 2733

Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines

**Tel:** 632.551.1977 **Fax:** 632.551.2225

**Email:** headquarters@cfsi.ph

**www.cfsi.ph**

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### International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Vietnam

Provides reintegration support for non-detained returnees and victims of trafficking.

CMC Building, Duy Tan Street, Dich Vong Ward, Cau Giay District, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

**Tel:** (+84) 43 736 6258

**www.iom.int.vn**

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### KOTO

Vocational training for disadvantaged young people and ex-offenders.

710B Lac Long Quan Street, Tay Ho District, Ha Noi, Vietnam

**Tel:** +84 4 3718 4573 **Fax:** + 84 4 3718 4580

**Email:** communication@koto.com.au

**www.koto.com.au**

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### REACH

#### Headquarters

45, alley 8, Le Quang Dao, Nam Tu Liem Dist., Hanoi, Vietnam

**Tel:** +84 4 3762 1124 **Fax:** +84 4 3762 1125

**Email:** contact@reach.org.vn

**www.reach.org.vn**

#### REACH Northern Region

45, alley 8, Le Quang Dao, Nam Tu Liem Dist., Hanoi, Vietnam

**Tel:** +84 4 3762 4772 **Fax:** +84 3762 3995

**Email:** dung.doan@reach.org.vn

#### REACH Central Region

Level 2, Danang Youth Union building, Xuan Thuy Street

Cam Le Dist., Danang, Vietnam

**Tel:** +84 511 3628 555 **Fax:** +84 511 3797 373

**Email:** quang.to@reach.org.vn

#### REACH Hue

A non-governmental organisation providing vocational training and employment support to young people, trafficked woman and people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Doan Nguyen Tuan, Phu Hau Dist., Hue, Vietnam

**Tel:** +84 54 354 5241 **Fax:** +84 54 353 7837

**Email:** ky.hoang@reach.org.vn



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### Vietnam National Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS

Non-governmental organisation providing advocacy, support and counselling to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Suite 1216, Building K4, Viet Hung New Urban  
Long Bien district, Hanoi City 10000, Vietnam

**Tel:** +84 4 8737933

**Email:** vnplusplus2008@gmail.com

**www.vnplusplus.com**

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### Vietnam Red Cross Society

The Red Cross provides free medical services and can also assist in the tracing of family members.

82 Nguyen Du, Hanoi, Viet Nam

**Tel:** (844) 3822 4030/3826 3703 **Fax:** (844) 3942 4285

**Email:** vnrcdq@netnam.org.vn

**www.redcross.org.vn**

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### Vietnam Women's Union / Center for Women & Development

39 Hang Chuoi Street, Hanoi, Vietnam

**Tel:** +84 4 971 3436 **Fax:** +84 4 971 3143

**Email:** giaithuongpvn@fpt.vn

**www.hoilhpn.org.vn**

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### Center for Women and Development

Partner organisations that provide vocational training and employment support for victims of trafficking, shelters for female victims of domestic violence and trafficking and support for women living with HIV/AIDS to access treatment and counselling.

3rd Floor B Block, #20 Thuy Khue St., Tay Ho Dist., Hanoi City, Vietnam

**Tel:** +84 4 3728 2035; +84 4 3728 1188

**www.peacehousevietnam.com**

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## Hibiscus Initiatives

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:

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**

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## Praxis Community Projects

Praxis Community Projects works with vulnerable migrants including foreign national offenders providing advice, advocacy and casework on immigration, housing, welfare benefits. If you would like to know more about Praxis Community Projects you can contact them on the details below:

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**

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