



# Returning to Ghana



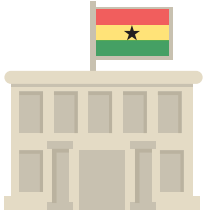
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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to .

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

### Office of the High Commissioner for Ghana

13 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PN  
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**Email:** gh.donlon@yahoo.com; ghmf31@ghc.uk.org  
**www.ghanahighcommissionuk.com**

### Passports, Immigration, Recruitment, Education, Trade & Investment, Police Liaison, & International Maritime Organization

104 Highgate Hill, London N6 5HE  
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**Email:** gh.donlon@yahoo.com  
**www.ghanahighcommissionuk.com**

Monday to Friday 09.30 to 13.00 & 14.00 to 17.30

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## Travel documents

A valid Ghanaian passport can be used to remove you from the UK to Ghana.

If a passport is not available an application will be submitted for an emergency travel certificate consisting of the following:

- submission letter
- four photographs
- bio-data (personal details) form

Supporting evidence can include expired passport, identity card, driving licence, birth certificate and/or visa application details

If no supporting evidence is available subjects will require a telephone or face to face interview with Ghanaian officials which The Home Office will arrange.

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## Return

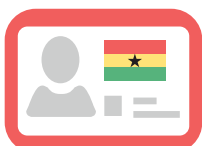
If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to Ghana as soon as possible you can:

- 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 Ghanaian 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:

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## Documentation in Ghana

All Ghanaian nationals and resident foreigners are required to register for the Ghana Card. The Ghana Card is a national identity card issued by the National Identification Authority (NIA) and is essential for access to a wide range of services.



The card contains basic information including name, a photograph of the card holder, address, date of birth and a personal identification number (PIN) that is randomly generated and assigned to the card holder in addition to biometric information including the cardholder's signature and fingerprint.

Ghana Cards are free to Ghanaian nationals and can be obtained from local NIA Registration Centres.

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## Accommodation



Despite ongoing work by the Ghanaian government to try to increase the stock of affordable housing, housing remains a major problem in Ghana. Those renting a property are commonly required to pay two or three years rent in advance. Therefore it is highly advisable to make contact with family or friends to seek assistance with accommodation on return.

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## Health



Ghana has a universal health insurance system (NHIS). The policy allows Ghanaian citizens to pay contributions into a fund so in the event of illness contributors will be able to receive affordable health care. Once you register for the scheme you will be given a card which you will be able to use to seek treatment at any hospital. The hospital bills will then be sent to the scheme provider. 8

To find out more information about the scheme, or to register visit [www.nhis.gov.gh](http://www.nhis.gov.gh) or visit your local National Health Insurance Authority office or accredited agent.

Accessibility of healthcare services is good in urban areas but those living in rural areas may have to travel great distances to access treatment.

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## Emergency support



Currently there is no unemployment benefit or welfare system in Ghana.

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## Employment, education and training



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### Skills training

The Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (COTVET) is the body responsible for technical and vocational education and training in the country.

For details of technical and vocational training centres and courses see [www.cotvet.org](http://www.cotvet.org)

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### Employment

Jobs are advertised both online and in local newspapers. The sites below contain job listings in Ghana:

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

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

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

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### Business set-up opportunities

If you wish to set up a business after your return the following websites contain useful information and advice:

Ghana Investment Promotion Council (GIPC)

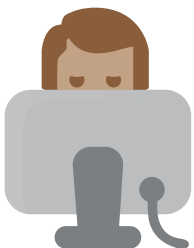
[www.gipc.com](http://www.gipc.com)

Ghana Export Promotion Council (GEPC)

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

Ghana Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI)

[www.ghanachamber.org](http://www.ghanachamber.org)



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### Alliance Against Irregular Migration (AAIM)

**Tel:** +233-(0)205-798-096, +233 (0)247-155-779

**Email:** info@aaimgh.org

AAIM is a non-profit organisation committed to discouraging irregular migration among Ghanaian youth and providing support to irregular migrants who have been deported or voluntarily repatriated. Facilitates the reintegration and resettlement of returnees in their communities.

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### Caritas Ghana, Department of Human Development

National Catholic Secretariat, Centenary House, Near Gulf House, Accra, Ghana

**Postal address:** P.O.Box KA 9712, Airport-Accra, Ghana

**Tel:** +233 307 010 368, +233 244 318 807

**Email:** szan@ighmail.com

Catholic agency providing health interventions, education and micro-finance for business start-ups.

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### International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Ghana

**Tel:** +233 302 742 930, +233 302 742 930 **Fax:** +233 302 742 931

**Email:** iomaccra@iom.int

IOM provides reintegration and resettlement support for voluntary returnees to Ghana.

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### National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAP+)

PMB MD 145, Madina-Accra, Ghana

**Tel:** +233 302 822034

**Email:** napghana2005@yahoo.com

Advocacy and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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### Society for Woman and Aids in Africa (SWAA)

Box KD 293, Kanda, Accra, Ghana

**Tel:** +233 21 250912

**Email:** info@swaagh.org, swaaghana@hotmail.com

**www.swaagh.org**

Counselling, advocacy, medical care, education and information for women with HIV/AIDS.

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### WISE - Women's Initiative in Self Empowerment

22, Sir Arku Korsah Road, Roman Ridge, Accra, Ghana.

P.O. Box CT 5604, Cantonments - Accra, Ghana

**Tel:** +233 21 781003 **Hotline:** +233 21 78 10 02 **Fax:** +233 21 77 86 65

**Email:** info@wise-up.org

**www.wise-up.org**

WISE, provides psycho-social counselling and a range of related activities to survivors of domestic, sexual or gender based violence. WISE has centres in Krisan and Ho.



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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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