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

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 Lithuania

Lithuania House 2 Bessborough Gardens SW1V 2JE

Tel: 020 7592 2840 Fax: 020 7592 2864

Email: amb.uk@urm.lt

uk.mfa.lt



Travel documents

A valid Lithuanian passport or national identity card can be used to remove you from the UK to Lithuania. If you do not have a passport then a document known as an EU Letter will be needed to facilitate removal. You will need to provide any supporting evidence of identity such as expired passports or identity cards, birth certificates etc.



Return

If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to Lithuania 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 Lithuania 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 Lithuania

Possession of a national identity card is mandatory for all Lithuanian citizens over the age of 16. An identity card can be obtained through the local municipal office. For more information see www.dokumentai.lt/.



Accommodation

Although Lithuania has some social housing available to rent, the majority of accommodation is privately owned or rented. There is a government scheme to assist permanent residents to buy a home. However, in the short term, there are some homelessness hostels particularly in the cities which may be able to provide temporary accommodation if you are unable to find accommodation through family and friends. For details see the directory below.



Health

While emergency medical care and care for all children up to the age of 18 is free, other health services in Lithuania are funded through the Compulsory Health Insurance Fund (CHIF). Compulsory payments are taken from the wages of employed people and paid by self-employed people. A number of people who are not employed or self-employed are considered to be insured by the state and are therefore still able to access free health care. These include:

• Unemployed people who are registered with local labour exchange offices or involved in vocational training schemes organised by labour exchange offices;



- Women on maternity leave or unemployed women from the 28th week of pregnancy up to 56 days after the birth of the child;
- One of the parents raising a child under 8 years of age;
- Persons who are recognised as disabled under Lithuanian law;
- Persons with a "publicly dangerous communicable disease" as defined by the Ministry of Health.

For full details of insured persons or for further enquiries you can find information here: **www. vlk.lt/sites/en/health-insurance-in-lithuania** or contact the Territorial Health Insurance Funds.

Vilnius Territorial Health Insurance Fund

Ž. Liauksmino str. 6, 01101 Vilnius, Lithuania **Tel:** (+370 5) 266 1364n **Fax:** (+370 5) 279 1424

Email: vitlk@vlk.lt www.vilniaustlk.lt

Kaunas Territorial Health Insurance Fund

Aukštaičių str. 10, 44147 Kaunas, Lithuania **Tel:** (+370 37) 300578 **Fax:** (+370 37) 320636

Email: kainf@vlk.lt www.ktlk.lt

Klaipeda Territorial Health Insurance Fund

Pievų Tako str. 38, 92236 Klaipėda, Lithuania **Tel:** (+370 46) 380473 **Fax:** (+370 46) 381481

Email: kltlk@vlk.lt www.klaipedostlk.lt

Siauliai Territorial Health Insurance Fund

Vilniaus str. 273, 76332 Šiauliai, Lithuania **Tel:** (+370 41) 520346 **Fax:** (+370 41) 526528

E-mail: sitlk@vlk.lt www.siauliutlk.lt

Panevezys Territorial Health Insurance Fund

Respublikos str. 66, 35158 Panevėžys, Lithuania **Tel:** (+370 45) 596192 **Fax:** (+370 45) 583789

Email: patlk@vlk.lt www.paneveziotlk.lt

Emergency support

Lithuania has a comprehensive social security and welfare system but benefits are paid to a household rather than an individual. Single homeless people are unlikely to be entitled to benefits. While the payment of many benefits depends on having paid national insurance contributions, there are some benefits for which contributions are not necessary in particular social assistance for households who receive less than the State Supported Income. Applications for this benefit are processed by the municipalities and applications should be made directly to them.

Further information about social security in Lithuania can be found by contacting the relevant government departments:

Ministry of Social Security and Labour

Socialinės Apsaugos Ir Darbo Ministerija, A. Vivulskio st. 11, 03610 Vilnius, Lithuania **www.socmin.lt**

The State Social Insurance Fund Board under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour

Valstybinio Socialinio Draudimo Fondo Valdyba prie Socialinės Apsaugos Ir Darbo, Ministerijos (SoDra), Konstitucijos av. 12, 09308 Vilnius, Lithuania

www.sodra.lt



Lithuanian Labour Exchange under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour

Lietuvos Darbo Birža prie Socialinės Apsaugos Ir Darbo Ministerijos, Gelezinio Vilko st. 3a, 03131 Vilnius. Lithuania

www.ldb.lt



Employment, education and training

Lithuania has free compulsory education up to the age of 16.

Those interested in Higher Education may be eligible for a student loan from the state to assist them with their studies. For further information contact the State Studies Foundation.

State Studies Foundation

A.Goštauto str. 12 - 407, LT - 01108 Vilnius, Lithuania **Tel:** (+370 5) 2639152 **Fax:** (+370 5) 2639153

Email: fondas@vsf.lt

www.vsf.lt

There is a ranged of vocational and educational training available. Some of this is available through the local Labour Exchange Offices.

The Labour Exchange Offices provide unemployed people with assistance to find work and hold details of vacancies on their websites. Contact details of the Labour Exchange Offices can be found here: www.ldb.lt/en/Information/About/Pages/LLE_contacts.aspx.

Directory



I. Kanto str. 21-2, Klaipeda 92239, Lithuania

Tel: +370 60015950

Email: info@stophiv.lt; pozitiv.lt@mail.ru

www.stophiv.lt; www.hiv.lt

Support and advocacy for people living with HIV/AIDS

Caritas Lithuania

Papilio g. 5, LT-44275, Kaunas Lithuania Postal address: Papilio g. 5 LT-44275, Kaunas, Lithuania

Tel: +370 37 20 54 27 Fax: +370 37 20 55 49

Email: caritas@lcn.lt

Caritas Lithuania is a Catholic agency working to provide social, medical and consultative services for former prisoners. It runs an employment programme for women, a day-care centre for children from families at risk and a programme for disadvantaged children. It works to protect and support women victims of trafficking and helps with the care and reintegration of refugees and migrants.

Prisoner help and reintegration is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Coalition 'I Can Live'

Didzioji g. 5-303, LT-01128, Vilnius, Lithuania **Tel:** +370 5 2661206 **Fax:** +370 5 2685512

Email: jurgap@osf.lt www.galiugyventi.lt

Coalition of NGOs providing treatment, rehabilitation and services and other services for vulnerable groups particularly those with addiction issues and those living with HIV/AIDS.

Kaunus Nightshelter

Kolantos 55, Kaunas, Lithuania

Tel: 00865623309

Email: Nakvynebuh@takas.lt www.nakvynes-namai.lt



The shelter is a social services institution, attached to the Department of Social Services and Department of Social Affairs. Provides temporary accommodation for men and women. Clients need to have ID to access the service, but not benefits.

Kaunas Centre for Addictive Disorders

Giedraichiu 8, Kaunas, Lithuania

Tel: (+370) 37337437 **Email:** zikaras@kaplc.lt

Detox, rehab, access to social services, advice and information. Clients require ID to access the service and must pay for the cost of rehab.

Klaipėda Charity Canteen

Baltijos pr. 103, Klaipėda, Lithuania

Provides catering services to people who have returned from prison while they are not working, but are registered with Lithuanian Labour Exchange and contacts it within 2 months of their release. The catering is provided for up to 3 months.

Klaipėda Nightshelter

Viršutinė g. 21, LT-92258 Klaipėda

Tel/fax: (+846) 31 12 04

Email: nakvynesnamai@zmail.lt

The hostel is a social services institution providing temporary shelter, advice and information to men and women. Clients require ID to access the project and must pay a small charge if s/he has any income.

Lithuanian Red Cross

Gedimino pr. 3^a, 001103 Vilnius

Tel: +370 52 12 73 22 Email: info@redcross.lt www.redcross.lt

Social assistance, advice and support for migrants.

Panevėžys Nightshelter

Teatro g. 20a, Panevėžys, Lithuania

Tel: (+845) 465493

The hostel is a social services institution providing temporary shelter, advice and information to men and women.

Salvation Army

Tel: (+492)21 20 8190 **Fax:** (+492)21 208 1957

Email: nhq@ger.salvationarmy.org

Shelter to homeless men and women upon reconnection to their country of origin. Clients with severe alcohol issues will be linked into appropriate services.

Šiauliai Nightshelter

Pakruojo g. 41, LT- 76139 Šiauliai, Lithuania

Tel: (+370) 41 5459 54

The hostel is a social services institution providing temporary shelter, advice and information to men and women.

Siauliu Priklausomybes Centre for Addictive Disorders

Ravine G. 3, LT-78150 Siauliai, Lithuania **Tel:** (+8 41) 45 75 11 **Fax:** (+8 41) 45 55 74

Email: info@splc.lt



Treatment of addictive disorders.

Socialization Vocational Training Centre Labdarių g. 5, LT-42, Vilnius, Lithuania

Tel: +370 65543746

The Socialization vocational training centre (Socializacijos Ir Darbinio Mokymo Centras) provides training and rehabilitation services combating unemployment aiming at groups who face social exclusion.

Vilnius Nightshelter

Vilkpedis 12 Vilnius, Lithuania Tel/fax: 0037 052388868 Email: info@vmnn.lt

The hostel is a social services institution providing temporary shelter to men and women. Clients require ID to access the project and must pay a small charge if s/he has any income.

Vilnius University Medical Faculty Psychiatry Clinics

Gerosios Vilties 3, Vilnius, Lithuania

Tel: 00370 5 213 724

Provide services for people with alcohol and drug problems. Can also work with people with mental health problems. Clients require ID to access the service and must be able to pay for the cost of rehab themselves.

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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Praxis Community Projects

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www.praxis.org.uk