

From: European Operational Policy Team
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Purpose of Notice

1. This notice provides guidance to caseworkers on the circumstances in which additional scrutiny may be given to applications for residence documentation under the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations').

Additional scrutiny

2. In cases where there is evidence of previous attempts by the applicant to gain any leave or citizenship by deception, caseworkers should give additional scrutiny to any subsequent application for documentation made under the Regulations in order to ascertain whether there is any continued pattern of deception and/or fraud. This may include further examination of the following:
 - Documents presented as part of the EEA application. For example, any documents attesting to the identity or nationality of the applicant and sponsor
 - The genuineness of the relationship with the EEA national sponsor
 - Any other information presented on the application form.

Further examination of the application may include, but is not limited to:

- Referrals of documents to the National Document Fraud Unit
- Referrals to Intel team
- Requesting further information from the applicant in writing
- Checks to verify the EEA national's treaty rights
- Inviting the applicant and EEA sponsor for marriage interview
- Arranging a pastoral visit by the local Immigration Compliance and Engagement team

Contact

3. If you have any queries about this notice, please contact <name redacted – section 40(2)> on <phone number redacted – section 40(2)>, or email the European Operational Policy Mailbox at EuropeanOperational@UKBA.qsi.gov.uk

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