| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-3196Responded to: 22 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**It relates to the now defunct Police Registration Certificate scheme, where the immigration rules previously required foreign nationals of certain nationalities to register with the police on their arrival in the UK in certain circumstances. The scheme closed in August 2022.**

**Could you kindly provide information on the number of nationals of Azerbaijan that registered with Police Scotland under this scheme and the number that updated their contact details, in each of the 5 years prior to the scheme’s closure.**

**If possible, could you also provide a breakdown of those numbers per each policing division.**

Due to record retention polices, Police Scotland only holds records of this nature for 6 years. As such, information for the period prior to 2019 is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

For the years 2019 - 2022, I can confirm that in most parts of Scotland, nationality information was not recorded on the associated records, and in terms of section 17 of the Act, the information sought it not held

However, data by nationality is available for the for the North East, Tayside and Highlands and Islands divisional areas as follows.

North East Division:

2019 - Registered: 10 - Updated: 0

2020 - Registered: 4 - Updated: 1

2021 - Registered: 2 - Updated: 1

2022 - Registered: 5 - Updated: 0

Tayside Division:

2019 - Registered: 0 - Updated: 0

2020 - Registered: 0 - Updated: 0

2021 - Registered: 1 - Updated: 0

2022 - Registered: 0 - Updated: 0

Highlands and Islands Division

Zero, for all periods.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.