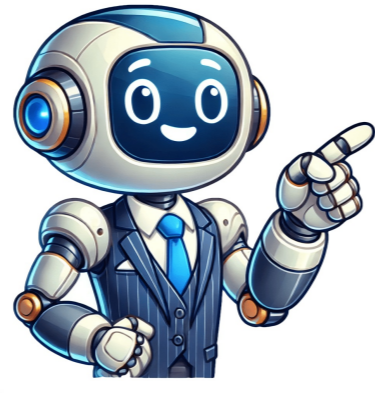


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need to upload a Police character certificate if you want to proceed on a post-graduate programme in United Arab Emirates, UK, Canada, Russia or any other country. 5) An employer may also request you to provide a police clearance report before you are fully employed (this is very rare). 6) Even as a tourist to another country, you will need a police character certificate to show that you don't have an "outstanding" criminal record back home, and ensure that you won't be a threat to your host country. Yes, it means the same thing. The police clearance certificate is called different names around the world. Simply put, it is the same document, with different names. Here are the different names it is called. Criminal History Record Check Police Clearance Certificate (Nigeria) Police extracts Good citizen certificate (Hong Kong) Police Check Judicial Record Extracts (UK, Australia) Good conduct certificate (Nigeria) Identity History Summary Check National Police History Check (Australia) NPF Character Clearance (Nigeria) Criminal Record Check Yes. As a student or skilled worker who just landed an opportunity in the United Kingdom, the United States or any other country around the World, you will be required to obtain Police Clearance Certificate from your country of residence (e.g Nigeria) before being allowed entry to another country. For instance, if you're sponsored by UK companies to come work as a foreign worker, you will definitely need this document to for verification so that your employer doesn't take criminal liability as staff. A U.S citizen who has been managing his business in Nigeria for several years (e.g five years) and wants to immigrate to Germany to further his business extension needs police clearance. The scope varies, depending on each country's law, applicants may be required to submit police certificates from the countries in which they have stayed beyond certain periods. It could be weeks, months, and years as clearly stipulated by the country's immigration law: Nigeria: A foreigner who has live-in Nigeria for more than 30 days Canada: Countries where applicants have resided for 6 months or more. New Zealand: Countries where applicants have resided for 12 months or more. Australia: For citizenship applications, countries where applicants have resided for 3 months or more if the applicants have been outside Australia for more than 12 months since acquiring permanent residency; for visa applications, countries where applicants have resided for 12 months or more. Ecuador: Country where applicants have principally resided during the last 5 years. United States: Countries where applicants have resided for 6 months or more. NOTE: An escapee from prison can't obtain it, it isn't issued to 419 or any other person who has been found guilty of criminal offences and serving a jail term. It varies from country to country, but it's majorly issued by the Police or a security agency saddled with the responsibility of feting and checking the criminal record of its citizens or residents. For instance, Police Check is undertaken and issued in the United States of America by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In Nigeria, Central Criminal Registry Force C.I.D. Annex, Lagos (CID headquarters), is saddled with the responsibility of issuing a police clearance certificate. In Ethiopia, it is issued by the Ethiopian Federal Police Commission Forensic Investigation Department. In South Africa, it is issued by the South African Police Service, while the payment is made to the South Africa Police Service's account in favour of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service. In Nigeria, there are three major ways to obtain Police Clearance Form: Physical application Online application Third-party application process In you reside in Lagos, this process is for you. Step 1: Ask for the criminal registry office, Alagbon, Lagos. Step 2: Pay the charge fee Step 3: Collect and fill application form and attach your passport photograph. Step 4: Proceed to the forensic desk. It could take some minutes here, depending on the number of applicants ahead of you. Step 5: Wait for your record to be processed and collect your certificate. Physical application can be done at: Central Criminal Registry Force C.I.D. AnnexAlagbon Close IkoyiAlagbon, Lagos State Nigeria The Criminal registry office isn't far from Obalende motor park. Ask for directions when you get to the park, it's a popular area in Ikoyi For someone who is coming from Osun, Ekiti, Ondo, Oyo or anyone from the Soutsoth or Southeast or North and would like to get it done in Lagos, here is the direction. From Berger bus stop to Obalende and ask for further directions if you're driving. Wherever you are in Nigeria, you can apply for the police clearance certificate on a specialised official portal for services rendered by the Nigeria Police Force. POSSAP means Police Specialized Services Automation Project. POSSAP was launched by the Ministry of Police Affairs on June 2, 2022 The aim of launching POSSAP was to institutionalize transparency, and accountability and entrench quality service delivery to Nigerians by the Nigeria Police Force and eliminate corruption and bribery in the services has been found guilty of criminal offences and serving a jail term. The services that can be applied on the POSSAP portal are: Police extract Police character certificate Escort and guard services Visit the official portal at possap.gov.ng Create an account by signing up Confirm your email address Return to the page, and click the "Request Service" or "Get Started" button to access a page to request a service. There are services for Individual and corporate/NGOs Select individual, allow the page to load From the next menu, select "Police Character Certificate" for the service, and hit the "proceed" button Fill the form Confirm details and submit the request Proceed to the payment page Note: 1) Fill in the necessary information and choose your preferences location in Nigeria for capturing and finger printing. 2) Appointment for capturing will sent to your registered phone number. 3) Some of those who have used the portal said they paid NGN10, 0000 for capturing. 4) The server is down half the time. We got error when we tried the portal several times. "Sorry something went wrong while processing your request. Please try again later or contact admin." Our Take: This may create an avenue for bribery and corruption and makes it more tedious for applicants. Police form is record that should be done with high integrity, when bribery is involved, the form may be comprised and it could be issued to criminals This process could be done in two ways: 1) Via Nigerian Embassy, 2) Via Third-party service Through Nigeria's embassy: Application for police clearance check isn't restricted to those who are based in Nigeria, those who reside in any part of the world can also submit their application for the clearance form. For instance, if you are applying in Canada, the application can be submitted by mail to: The Commissioner of Police Central Criminal Registry Force C.I.D. Annex, Alagbon Close, Ikoyi, Lagos, Nigeria Or send to the official email address of the Police ncs@npf.gov.ng Requirements: A pre-paid return courier envelope Three photocopies of your international passport bio-data page with necessary visa stamps Three copies of a properly filled application form A set of fingerprints taken and certified by a recognized police authority or the Nigerian embassy or consulate An international money order payable to the Nigerian Police Force, CID. NOTE: Your email may never get response. If you've received ITA or invited to Apply email as a result of your application for Canadian Express Entry Immigration, you will need to upload it in your Electronic Application for Permanent Residence (e-APR). Canadian Immigration Office doesn't accept police clearance check by email. Below are the requirements you may be asked by an agent: Name Address Phone Number Tribe Place of Birth Passport data page Year of Birth Passport photo Signature Race Fingerprint in corresponding boxes Note: Fill in your name as it appears on your passport data page. No other person's fingerprints match your own, as such, it can't be done by proxy. However, the third parties that offer this service will send a form of fingerprints to you Third parties that offer Police Character Certificate Service are: Conclusion: A police clearance certificate is the same as a Police character form or police criminal record check. It is called different names across the world and it cost forty thousand naira in Nigeria. If you submitted your application outside Nigeria, you will still need to authenticate the document upon arrival at the Nigerian embassy or consulate in your host country. Your clearance application may be rejected because of some reasons pointed out in one of our articles. If you are in Ile-Ife, Ilesa, Ikirung or other towns in Osun State, you can physically apply for a police character certificate in Osogbo at the Osun State Police Headquarters (The Nigeria Police Force) Abere, Ede South LGA, Ede, Osun State. If you coming from Ibadan or Ile-Ife, it's by the left-hand side before the Governor's Office. If you coming from Ilorin, Iragbiji, Ikirun, the Osun State Police Command is by the right-hand side a few seconds drive after the Governor's Office, Abere, Osun State. You can only submit an application for a police clearance certificate online. From, you can go for capturing and fingerprinting. So, you can't get a police clearance certificate online.You can get the form through three methods: applying on POSSAP portal, physical application, and by using third-party services.It takes less than 24 hours (a day) if it's a physical application process. For the online method, you are most likely to be frustrated by the irresponsive of the POSSAP portal.If you are applying from your state command, you may it may take between 7days to 14 days since the State Command only collates applicants' record and forward to the Criminal registry office in Lagos.Police character certificate is not needed for a foreign job application, but you need to obtain it if you are asked to resume at the employee's headquarters or any of its branch offices outside your country.It is between NGN30K to NGN40. Although, the Nigeria Police Force is silent about how much it costs to get a criminal record check until recently a source in Abuja confirmed that the official price of a Police Clearance Certificate in Nigeria is NGN40,000.The clearance form was available on the portal of NPF as of 2019, at the time of this report, it has been removed for a reason best known to them. You can only submit an application on POSSAP portal.If you are applying through a third-party service, see the sample of police clearance report form you may be asked to fill.No. It has been simplified. You can obtain the form at the Command office of the Nigeria Police Force in your state of residence. Or apply on POSSAP portal.Every document relating to a criminal record check expires and this depends on the issuer's immigration legislative (it depends from country to country):Nigeria: It lasts for three months in Nigeria (90 days)Australia: In Australia, a police certificate is valid for 12 months from the date of issuance (365 days)Ecuador: Ecuador's authority recognises police certificates for three months just like Nigeria (as of 2 March 2012).Police character check isn't limited to students or tourists, businessmen and women need them if they have stayed in a country for more than a stipulated time by the law. Conclusion: The police character certificate is an official document issued by the Police as a criminal background check on those who are immigrating or changing their country of residence In Nigeria, the cost of the police record check is between NGN30,000 to NGN40,000. The portal to apply for police character certificate is possap.gov.ng As the rate of migration out Nigeria continues to grow, one of the basic requirements for the process is police clearance certificate or report. With the high surge of terrorism and frauds around the world, the importance of police clearance certificate is becoming a very key requirement for intending travelers and immigrants. Police clearance certificate or report is certification that the holder is of good character and has no crime history so enormous to impede his or her travel having conducted a thorough background checks. Most first time travelers are hardly aware of this requirement until when they get into the process of processing their travels. As result of their lack of adequate knowledge of police clearance certificate, they often get ripped off either by third parties who might have been contracted to help procure the certificate. In this article, Nigerian Informer will be discussing the cost of obtaining a police clearance certificate in Nigeria. This information will be helpful to intending travelers and migrants. What Is The Cost Of Police Character Clearance Certificate In Nigeria? The Nigeria police have officially peg or cap the cost of police character clearance certificate and report in Nigeria at N40,000. Our investigation showed that before now, different individuals have gotten the police character report at the cost of between N3500 to N15000. The cost of acquiring police clearance certificate varies depending on one's location and police district applied with. There has been scenario where applicants paid even higher as confirmed to Nigerian Informer by an applicant who pleased anonymity. He noted that he paid N65,000 to get his police clearance certificate in Lagos Nigeria. Need For Police Clearance Certificate As part of safety measures, most countries require intending and incoming immigrants to tender police clearance certificate to show evidence of thorough background checks and crime status of holder. The essence of these certification is to ensure that fugitives, terrorists and people with enormous crime history are not allowed in by countries of destination. It also shows that the intending traveler is of good character. How To Apply For Police Clearance Certificate In Nigeria Poor attitude to work in Nigeria public service places so much stress and delays in obtaining police clearance certificate. There are multiple ways to apply and get police clearance certificate in Nigeria. The following are some of the ways of applying and obtaining the certification. Applying In Person At State Police Headquarters One of the easiest and best ways to apply for police clearance certificate in Nigeria is to visit police headquarters within your state. In most state police headquarters, the police clearance is handled by Criminal Investigation Department (CID). Upon arriving at the police CID unit, you will be required to make certain payments and form for the application will issued to applicant to fill and affix his or her passport to the form. After this, the clearance will be processed and issued same day depending on the number of applicants available for the day. Applying Online One can as well apply for police clearance certificate online at Nigeria police website. With access to internet and good device, an applicant can access www.npf.gov.ng/character/index.php and apply by filling out online application. During online application, your basic documents like passport, ID and international passport should be scanned as they will be uploaded during the process. Upon completion of the online application, applicant is expected to print out the form and submit at police CID headquarters for fingerprint analysis and other vetting. It could take between 5 to 10 days to get police clearance when applying online.