

## Why Does My BRP Expire On 31 December?

This does not necessarily mean that your permission to stay and work in the UK expires on 31 December – only the BRP itself will expire on that date. At the time your UK visa was originally granted you should have received an email or letter confirming your actual permission expiry date.

BRPs expire on 31 December because the Home Office is developing a digital immigration system to replace physical documents with online records in the form of electronic visas (eVisas) by the end of this year.

Before 31 December, anyone with a BRP expiring on that date will need to create a UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account to be able to access their eVisa. An eVisa is an online record of your immigration status and the conditions of your permission to stay in the UK.

Updating your BRP to an eVisa does not affect your immigration status or the conditions of your permission to enter or stay in the UK. You will be able to use your eVisa to travel to the UK and you will not need to carry a physical document to confirm your UK immigration status, except for your current passport, which must be registered to your UKVI account and linked digitally to your eVisa.

## What Do I Need To Do If My BRP Expires On 31 December 2024?

You may already have received an email from the Home Office explaining how to create an online UKVI account before 31 December. If so, you should follow the guidance in that email.

The relevant steps will depend on whether you:

- have a BRP but do not already have a UKVI account or
- already have a UKVI account but need to update your details so that your account is linked to your ID documents (passport and BRP)

## I Have A BRP Which Expires On 31 December This Year But I Do Not Have A UKVI Account

Before 31 December, you will need to [create a UKVI account](#) to access your eVisa and share information about your immigration status and conditions.

You will need:

- Your passport.
- Your physical BRP.
- Your BRP Number or Unique Application Number (UAN). You can find this 16-digit code on your most recent UK visa application.
- Your email address and your mobile phone number.
- Access to a smartphone.

You can get help [creating your UKVI account](#) if required.

The Home Office also has a [video guide](#) on creating a UKVI account.

**Important Note:** If you are unable to complete these steps because you receive an error message, you could wait until the Home Office contacts you (by email) before creating your UKVI account, or try again in a few weeks' time.

If you are unable to create your UKVI account immediately, please:

- Create a [GOV.UK One Login](#) to receive updates relating to eVisas; AND
- Fill in a [short form](#) here to ensure the Home Office has your current email address

If you are able to create your UKVI account, you must also complete a short application form to link your eVisa to your account, which looks like this:

Once you have created your UKVI account, you will be able to view the details of your eVisa online, including your type of permission, when it expires and your conditions of stay. You will also be able to update your personal details and register your passport in your UKVI account.

## I Already Have A UKVI Account But Need To Update My Details So That My Account Is Linked To My Current ID Documents (BRP And Passport)

If you used the UK Immigration: ID Check app for your last visa application, your UKVI account will have been set up using your previous BRP, which will still be registered as the document required to log into your UKVI account, unless you have since updated it.

If you have since been issued with a new BRP, you should update your UKVI account so that it is linked to your new BRP to ensure you can continue to easily access your UKVI account.

In addition, you should ensure that your current passport and any future passports (as and when you receive them) are linked to your UKVI account. This way, your eVisa will still be linked to your passport even after the expiry of your BRP. Having a noncurrent passport linked to your UKVI account could potentially cause issues or delays at Border Control when travelling into the UK.

You can [update your UKVI account](#) here by adding your current identity document (BRP and passport) and other personal details.

Once your UKVI account has been updated, you will be able to travel in and out of the UK with just your current passport after your BRP expires at the end of the year.

## Should I Add My Squire Patton Boggs Contact As A Helper When Creating My UKVI Account?

No. Unfortunately, helpers registered to your account cannot update your details on your behalf – only you can make changes to the account and update your status electronically.

## Is There A Cost For Creating A UKVI Account And Updating A BRP To An Evisa?

No – there is no cost.

## How Do I Know If I Already Have A UKVI Account?

You will have a UKVI account if you have ever:

- Applied to the EU Settlement Scheme
- Used the UK Immigration: ID Check app to prove your identity when applying for a visa
- Created one to get access to an eVisa

If you have a UKVI account, you can [log in to it](#) with the details of the identity document you used for your last visa application and your date of birth.

## How Can I Check My Permission Expiry Date Before I Am Able To Create A UKVI Account?

Your permission expiry date will be stated on the approval email or letter you received when your current permission was granted. In addition, if you have a BRP you can enter your BRP number and date of birth to [view a profile page](#) that will confirm your permission expiry date (you can use this link to view your permission details even if you have not been asked to provide a share code by your employer).

## What If My BRP Expires Before 31 December 2024?

You should make a new application for permission to stay in the UK by applying in the usual way, as part of which you may be required to create a UKVI account and receive an eVisa, or you may receive a new BRP (following which you can follow the steps above to create a UKVI account).

## What If I Am Waiting For My First BRP?

You should wait until you receive your first BRP before trying to create a UKVI account.

## What If I Need To Update My Details Before I Am Able To Create A UKVI Account?

You can update your details, for example email or residential address, using this form.

## What If I Do Not Have A BRP From My Last Visa Application?

If you applied for your visa through the UK Immigration: ID Check app and were not issued with a new BRP, your eVisa needs to be linked to your passport. If you have not already done so, please log into your UKVI account to update your identity document to your passport.

## What If I Do Not Have A BRP But Have Another Physical Document To Prove My UK Immigration Status?

If you are not a British or Irish citizen and have indefinite leave to enter or indefinite leave to remain (also known as settlement), and you currently prove your rights through a different type of physical document, such as a wet-ink stamp in your passport or a vignette sticker, then you should apply for a BRP – also known as a [“no time limit” \(NTL\) application](#). If your NTL application is successful, you will receive a BRP, following which you will be able to create a UKVI account to access your eVisa later this year.

## What If I Do Not Have A BRP But I Have A Biometric Residence Card?

If you have a biometric residence card (BRC) and you have been granted status under the EU Settlement Scheme, then you already have an eVisa and you do not need to take any action to obtain one. You can find details of how to access and use your eVisa in your grant letter or email, or [online](#).

If you have a BRC but you have not been granted status under the EU Settlement Scheme, obtained another form of immigration leave or become a British citizen, then your BRC is no longer valid, even if it appears to still be in date. This is because the UK has left the EU, and the EU free movement law no longer applies. To continue living in the UK you should get an immigration status as soon as possible. You may be able to make a late application to the EU Settlement Scheme as a family member of a relevant EU, other EEA or Swiss citizen. Do not travel internationally until you have obtained a proof of your immigration status.

## Should I Hold On To My Old BRP?

For now, yes, until you are told by the Home Office to return it or destroy it (although you will not be able to use it after 31 December 2024).

## Will Each Member Of My Family Need Their Own UKVI Account?

Yes, each member of your family who is subject to UK immigration control will need their own UKVI account linked to their own passport.

## What If I Don't Create A UKVI Account Before 31 December?

You will not lose your current immigration status if you do not create a UKVI before 31 December 2024, but you will have difficulty travelling into the UK or proving your right to work or rent.

## Where Can I Get Help About Creating A UKVI Account?

- GOV.UK [guidance](#) on online immigration status
- UK Visas & Immigration [eVisa webchat](#)