

Almost all Biometric Residence Permits (BRPs) are due to expire on 31 December 2024.



The Home Office is replacing BRPs with an online immigration status called an eVisa.

For most people, if your BRP expires on 31/12/24 then your permission to remain in the UK, also called leave to remain, will not end on 31/12/24. It will be only your BRP, which is the document evidencing your leave to remain and entitlements in the UK that will expire then.

The organisations below offer free of charge help to set up access to eVisas.

SOUTH WEST LONDON LAW CENTRES	RAMFEL	IRMO	LRMN	SDCAS	CITIZENS ADVICE LEWISHAM
<p>Telephone 020 8767 2777 9:30am – 4:30pm Monday – Friday</p> <p>Turn up Tuesdays 10am – 4pm Southwest London Law Centre</p> <p>5th Floor of Davis House, Robert Street, Croydon CR0 1QQ Email evisa@swllc.org</p>	<p>Telephone 020 7052 5212 10:00 – 12:00 Tuesdays & Thursdays</p> <p>evisas@ramfel.org.uk</p>	<p>Telephone 02077 339 977 11am to 1pm Monday to Friday</p> <p>eVisa drop-in session 2am to 4:30pm Fridays</p> <p>Unit 9, Warwick House Overton Road London, SW9 7JP Email: info@irmo.org.uk</p>	<p>Telephone 020 8694 0323</p> <p>eVisa drop-in session</p> <p>Wednesday 10:30am–1pm All Saints Hatcham Community Centre 107 New Cross Rd, London SE14 5FF</p> <p>Thursdays and Fridays 10am – 1pm <i>phone before attending to confirm times and availability</i></p> <p>The Sayes Court, 341 Evelyn St, London SE8 5QX.</p>	<p>Initial triage at day centre for possibility of an eVisa appointment</p> <p>11.30am - 3pm Mondays South London Mission, 256 Bermondsey St, London, SE1 3UQ</p> <p>12.30pm - 4pm Tuesdays Copleston Centre, Copleston Road, SE15 4AN.</p> <p>11.30am - 3.30pm Wednesdays Trinity College Centre, Newent Close, SE15 6EF</p>	<p>Advice drop in sessions</p> <p>9:45–11.45am Monday Leemore Centre 33 Clarendon Rise, Lewisham SE13 5ES</p> <p>12 noon–2pm Wednesday St. John's Church 353 Bromley Rd, Downham SE6 2RP</p> <p>12 noon–2pm Thursday Perry Rise Baptist Church Perry Rise, Forest Hill SE23 2QL</p>

A full list of organisations offering free support is available online here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evisa-community-support-for-vulnerable-people/list-of-organisations>

Although you are not legally required to obtain an eVisa, you will need one to be able to prove your immigration status in the UK e.g. for work, benefits or travel in and out of the UK.

If you have a BRP which expires on 31/12/24 these are the things that you should do

Find the letter sent to you by the Home Office when your BRP/leave to remain in the UK was issued. That letter should say what date your leave to remain expires. If you don't have a printed copy of the letter you may be able to find it in your email account by searching "Home Office", "UKVI", or "UK Visas and Immigration".

If you have indefinite leave to remain	Your leave to remain has no expiry date and will continue to after 31/12/24. You should apply for a UKVI account and Evisa to evidence your status in the UK after 31/12/2044
If your letter states your leave to remain expires after 31/12/24	Your leave to remain will continue after 31/12/2024. You should apply for a UKVI account and Evisa to evidence your status in the UK after 31/12/2044
If you cannot find a letter from the Home Office confirming the date that your leave to remain expires and a legal representative helped you to obtain your BRP then you should contact them to ask for the letter and/or expiry date of your leave to remain.	Contact the Home Office to ask for the letter and/or expiry date of your leave to remain. If your legal advisor cannot help, or you did not have one, you can request copies of your records from the home office at: Request copies of personal information held in the borders, immigration and citizenship system - GOV.UK You should apply for a UKVI account and Evisa to evidence your status in the UK after 31/12/2044

If you have an alternative physical document to a BRP

If you have indefinite leave to enter or indefinite leave to remain (also known as settlement or settled status) 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 make an application to replace a paper immigration document with a BRP that should enable you to then create a UKVI account access an eVisa.

Applying for a UKVI account and eVisa

Home Office information about creating a UKVI and eVisas is available online here: [Get access to your eVisa: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). An alternative step by step guide is available online here: [A step by step guide to applying for an eVisa - Free Movement](#).

To create a UKVI account you will need: access to a smartphone, a mobile phone number, an email address and your BRP card or valid passport with your BRP or visa application number.

If you already have a UKVI account, you should not need to create a new one but should be able to create your eVisa by logging in to your existing UKVI account.

Once you have a UKVI account then you should apply for an eVisa. You can find information about eVisas, including how to apply for one here: [Get access to your eVisa - GOV.UK](#). If you find that there are errors on your eVisa then most errors can be reported online here: [Report an error with your eVisa - GOV.UK](#)

IMPORTANT – applying for an eVisa will not extend your leave to remain, if you do not have Indefinite Leave to Remain then once you have been issued with or applied for an eVisa you will still need to apply to extend your leave to remain prior to its expiry date.