

# Lunch and Learn

## eVisa

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025



# eVisas



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# eVisa



An eVisa is an online record of the immigration status and the conditions of permission to enter or stay in the UK.

Updating your physical document to an eVisa does **not** affect your immigration status or the conditions of your permission to enter or stay in the UK.

Everyone with a BRP/BRC is required to create a UKVI account to be able to access their individual eVisa.

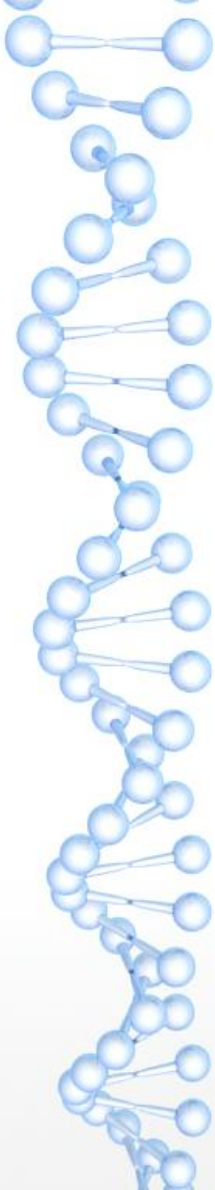
***The time to do this is now.***

**The Government has extended the role out to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.**

The documents being replaced are:

- Biometric Residence Permits (BRP); Biometric Residence Cards (BRC)
- Passport endorsements, such as indefinite leave to enter wet ink stamps
- Vignette stickers in passports, such as entry clearance or visa vignettes



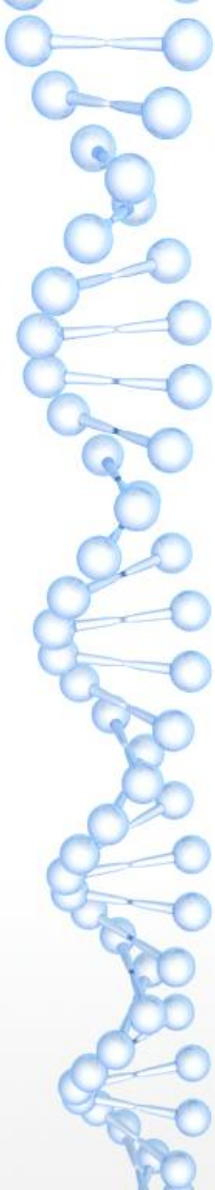


# The Positives



- They are secure and cannot be lost, stolen or tampered with, unlike a physical document.
- All information is easily accessible.
- No waiting for, or collecting physical documents after your application is decided – you might still need to provide biometric information in person, and will be contacted for this information as required.
- It will be quicker and easier to prove your status at the UK border, and share your status with third parties like employers and landlords.





# Immigration (UKVI) account



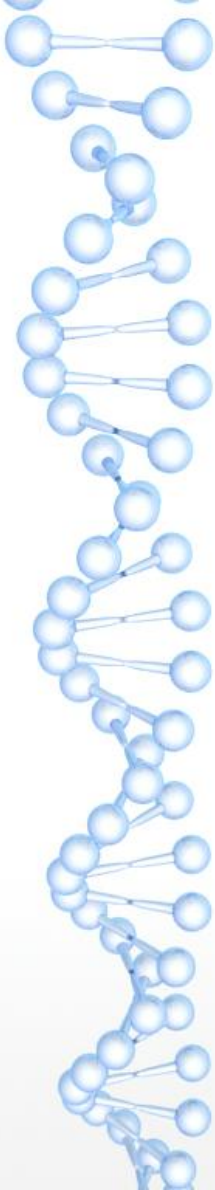
## Create a UKVI account to get access to your eVisa

To access your eVisa you must have permission to stay in the UK:

- **For longer than 6 months**
- **It was granted in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland (not the Channel Islands or Isle of Man)**

**You cannot get access to an eVisa if you:**

- Have a visa for less than 6 months, such as a visitor visa
- Have an EU Settlement Scheme family permit
- Have an electronic travel authorisation (ETA)
- Are exempt from immigration control, including if you're a diplomat or have 'right of abode'



# How to set up a UKVI account



Key points about creating a UKVI account for your eVisa:

**Access point:** Go to the "Get Access to eVisa" section on the gov.uk website. <https://www.gov.uk/get-access-evisa>

**Required information:** Your passport details, date of birth, email address, mobile phone number.

**Identity verification:** You will need to use the UK Immigration: ID Check app on your phone to scan your passport or BRP and take a picture of your face.

**Purpose:** Once your account is set up, you can access your eVisa online to view your immigration status in the UK



# The Negatives

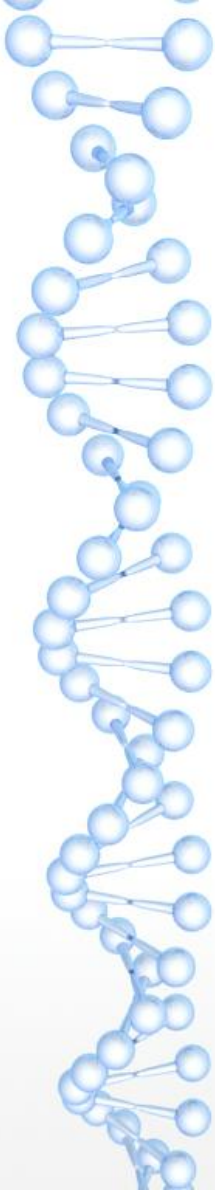


*”UK government admits huge problems with eVisa rollout in the final hour...”*

- Create your UKVI account. This will generate a **KX** reference number.
- Confusion
- Ongoing teething issues, Post office do not have the equipment to check eVisa status, negatively impacting on any process requiring individuals to show their eVisa. e.g The SIA licencing system.
- Employers/orgs not up to date with information
- Banks -







## **ECS – Employer Checking Service and eVisa toolkit for employers**

<https://www.gov.uk/employee-immigration-employment-status>

The toolkit below also provides a written model copy for UK-based employers to use when communicating with their employees about eVisas.

It includes:

- An email to send to employees who currently hold a visa about the eVisa changes
- Content about eVisas for use on employer intranets

You can download the toolkit

here <https://homeoffice.brandworkz.com/BMS/albums/?album=3429&lightboxAccessID=4399F25F-D55D-4B2C-98B853F6B9B85CEB>



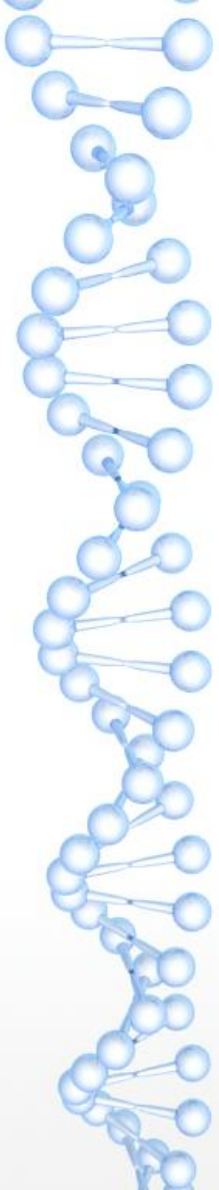


## eVisa Help and Support



- The Resolution Centre, support accessed through a webchat [www.gov.uk/eVisa](http://www.gov.uk/eVisa).
- For individuals without access to any digital device;  
**Assisted Digital service, with details also at [www.gov.uk/eVisa](http://www.gov.uk/eVisa).**
- Charities and voluntary organisations across the UK are also being funded to provide free help and information to vulnerable people who need to create a UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account and access their eVisa.

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/online-immigration-status-evisa>