

# UKVI Account + eVisa Linking Guide

## For New Applicants

This guide will walk you through setting up your UKVI account and applying for your eVisa once you've received a successful Student visa decision.

- You need to apply for an eVisa after you have successfully applied for a Student visa.
  - Your eVisa will be digitally linked to your passport.
  - No more physical BRP card will be issued.
  - You will be able to access and prove your immigration status online.
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## Check Your Email

- You will receive an official email or letter confirming the outcome of your visa application from the Home Office (UKVI). This is your UKVI decision email/letter.
  - This email/letter will confirm the application outcome, the length of your visa, the visa conditions, and instructions on creating a UKVI account and applying for a eVisa.
  - If you cannot locate your UKVI decision email/letter because your agent or solicitor submitted the application on your behalf, please contact them to request it.
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# Set up UKVI Account

Go to the official UKVI website to create your UKVI account:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-access-evisa>

Scroll down and click the green icon  
'Start now'

## Before you start

You will need:

- access to a smartphone
- a mobile phone number
- an email address
- your BRP card or a valid passport with your BRP number or visa application number

Your visa application number is the global web form (GWF) or unique application number (UAN) from your visa application.

You must give a phone number and email address you can use again. You'll need them each time you use your eVisa to prove your immigration status online.

**Start now >**

Check your UKVI decision email or letter – the visa grant date will be shown there. Select the correct option based on that date. New students from September 2025 onwards should select ‘after 1st November 2024’

## When were you granted your most recent permission to come to or stay in the UK?

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I was last granted permission to come to or stay in the UK before 1st November 2024

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I was last granted permission to come to or stay in the UK on or after 1st November 2024

Continue

Your immigration application number (UAN reference) should be stated in your UKVI decision email/letter. If you cannot locate this information because your agent or solicitor submitted the application on your behalf, please contact them to request your application number.

## Do you have a visa or immigration application number?

This can be from your most recent immigration application or a previous one.

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Yes

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No

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### ▼ Where can I find my application number?

Your application number is on the emails and letters we send you about your immigration or visa application.

Look for either a:

- UAN reference, for example 1212-1234-1234-1234
- GWF reference, for example GWF123456789

Select the answer 'Yes' if you have a passport with an expiry date in the future.

## Do you have a valid passport?

To be valid, the passport expiry date must be in the future.

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Yes

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No

Continue

After answering these questions, you will be able to set up your UKVI account. Click 'create an account'

## Create a UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account

You need to create a UKVI account to:

- view your immigration status (eVisa) online
- access someone's account so you can help them get an eVisa
- act on behalf of someone who cannot manage their account. For example, a young child or vulnerable person
- confirm your identity, update your details or get proof of your immigration status

You will need the following details either for yourself or someone you're acting on behalf of:

- date of birth
- a biometric residence permit (BRP), passport or other identity document
- access to your email address or phone number

You can still use an expired BRP if the expiry date was less than 18 months ago.

If you want to give someone access to your account, you will need their email and phone number.

Create an account

Select that you are creating the account for yourself.

Create account

**Who are you creating this account for?**



Me



Someone else

For example, you are a parent creating an account for your child, or you are helping someone with their immigration applications.

Continue



Provide your given names and surname as shown on your passport.

Create account

## What is your name?

Enter your name as it is written in your identity document. Use the English spelling if it is written in 2 languages.

If you do not have both a given name and surname, enter your name in the 'Surname' field.

### Given names

Your first and middle names

### Surname

Include all your surnames

Continue

Type in or select your  
nationality from the drop-  
down list

Create account

## What is your country of nationality?

This is the country of nationality shown on your identity document. Use the English spelling or the country code.

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If you are granted a UK Student visa for the first time, you should select 'passport' as the ID document to set up your account with, as you will not be issued a BRP.

If you were granted other UK permission before your current one, you can use a previous BRP card to create the UKVI account. Make sure it has not expired more than 18 months ago.

Create account

## Which identity document are you using?

Choose the document you want to use to prove your identity. You will also use this to sign in to your account.

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Biometric residence permit (BRP)

Your BRP must not have expired more than 18 months ago

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Passport

Your passport cannot have expired

Continue

Based on your selection, you will be required to provide either your passport or BRP details

Create account

## Enter your biometric residence permit details

Your biometric residence permit details will be linked to your account. Whenever you sign in to your account, you will need to use this biometric residence permit number.



### Biometric residence permit number

For example, 'RAX203829'

### Expiry date

For example, 29 12 2025

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Continue

Create account

## Enter your passport details

Your passport details will be linked to your account. Whenever you sign in to your account you will need to enter this passport number.

### Passport number

This can contain letters and numbers. For example, '120382978A'.

### Country of issue

This is usually shown on the first page of your passport, at the top. Use the English spelling or the country code.

### Does your passport have an expiry date?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Continue

Enter your date of birth

Create account

## What is your date of birth?

For example, 29 3 1976. When you sign in to your account you will need to enter your date of birth.

Day

Month

Year

► [Help with date of birth](#)

Continue

Use your personal email address to create the account, NOT your university email account as you will lose access of it after graduation. Click 'continue', then verify the email address by entering the 6-digit security code in the next page.

Create account

## **What email address do you want to use when you sign in to the account?**

We will send a security code to this email address to check you can use it. We will send a new security code every time you sign in.

When the account is created, we will email you with instructions on how to sign in and manage the account.

Continue

Use your UK phone number if you have one. If you only have an international number, add the correct country code at the beginning.

Click 'Continue', then verify the phone number by entering the 6-digit security code in the next page.

Create account

**What phone number do you want to use when you sign in to the account?**

We will send a security code by text message (SMS) to this mobile phone to check you can use it. We will send a new security code every time you sign in.

For international numbers include + and the country code.  
For example, +39 1 33 45 70 90

Continue



Select if you want others to access your UKVI account. You should select the option most suitable for your circumstances .

Create account

## Do you want someone else to have access to your account?

This could be a friend, family member or immigration adviser who is helping you. They can access and help with any of your visa or immigration applications. They cannot prove your immigration status or update your details.



Yes



No

Continue



# Check before you proceed

Review your answers in the next page before confirming the creation of your UKVI account. If you spot any error in your personal information, you will be able to click 'change' to edit the answer of that field.

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# Account Created

Your account is successfully created. Click 'Sign in'. You will need to re-enter the ID document number (either BRP or Passport depending on which one you used to set up the account with), your date of birth and a security code sent to your phone or email.

## UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account created

We have sent you an email to confirm you have created an account.

### What you need to do next

You need to sign in to your UKVI account before you can view your eVisa.

We will ask you to confirm your identity using the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app.

If you have a biometric residence permit (BRP) number, you will need to provide this if you have not already done so. If you do not know your BRP number, you can use a visa or immigration application number instead.

We will use these details to find a record of your immigration status. We will then link your eVisa to your account.

### How to sign in to your UKVI account

You will need:

- your identity document number
- your date of birth
- access to your phone or email

We will send you a security code to your email or phone that will let you sign in.

[Sign in](#)

# Start eVisa Linking

After logging into your UKVI account, you can now link your eVisa to your account. Click on the green 'Start' button to see the process of the eVisa linking.

## Your form

### Link your eVisa to your account

You have not started.

Start

If you no longer want to continue you can [delete this form](#).

## Choose a different application

Go to GOV.UK to and [apply for something else](#)

There are three sections containing six steps to the eVisa linking process. The six steps must be completed in order from top to bottom. After each step is completed, it cannot be edited again. So, make sure you action them correctly. Start by clicking 'Confirm your identity'

## Link your eVisa to your account

Unique reference number:

Complete the following tasks to link your eVisa to your account.

### 1. Identity and contact

<a href="#">Confirm your identity</a>	Cannot start yet
<a href="#">Confirm your BRP or application number</a>	Cannot start yet
Your location	Cannot start yet
Contact preferences	

### 2. Account security

Account security questions	Cannot start yet
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### 3. Submit request

Declaration	Cannot start yet
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You will be asked to install an app called UK Immigration: ID Check on your phone.

Mark the name and icon shown on the right to make sure you've installed the correct one from the app store.

## Confirm your identity

You need to confirm your identity using the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app.

You can use someone else's phone if you need to. The app can be deleted once your identity has been confirmed.

You will need your identity document.

Continue

[I have already tried using the app](#)

## UK Immigration: ID Check

UK Visas and Immigration

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1,546 reviews

Government

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If you cannot find a suitable phone for running the app, please seek help from the visa team at Registry Services (1st Floor of J building) once you've arrived in the UK.

Your eVisa linking cannot proceed for the time being, but your UKVI account will remain active and the eVisa linking can be continued at a later date.

You are able to enter the UK using the vignette inside your passport.

## Check you have the right smartphone

To scan your document, you must use the app on either:

- an iPhone 7, or newer model
- an Android phone that can make contactless payments

► [Why is this important?](#)

**Do you have access to one of these phones?**



Yes



No

**Continue**

If you're ready to continue, open the app on your phone and begin the pairing process by either:

- Scanning the QR code displayed on the web page using your phone's camera, **or**
- Entering the Connection Code shown in your phone app into the web page.

## Continue on the app

### 1. Download the app

On your phone, search for and download the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app in the Google Play or App Store.



[I cannot download the app](#)

### 2. Connect the app to your account

Open the app and select how you want to connect.

You can either enter the connection code or scan the QR code below.

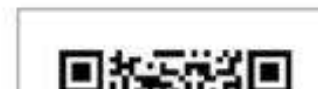
#### Connection code

Enter the code you are given and press connect.

Connect

#### QR Code

If you select QR code, hold the phone up to scan the code with the camera.





# ID Check via the App

Once the pairing is complete, you can start the ID check via the app.

Confirm the documents you used when creating your account.

Take photos of your documents (back and front of the BRP, personal details page of the passport). Review and confirm the details captured by the app.

- Scan your facial image by aligning your face within the oval shape on the screen. Hold still while the scan completes.
  - Take a photo of yourself against a plain background to be used as your eVisa avatar.
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Check the Home Office's  
tips on using the app:  
<https://youtu.be/uDSnJ2-iG3E>



After completing the ID check in the app, return to your UKVI account using either:

- Your phone's browser, or
- The original device you used to set up your account.

This will allow you to complete the remaining steps of the eVisa linking.

These questions are straightforward, so please answer them based on your circumstances.

In the 'Account security' section, you'll be asked to select and answer three security questions. Choose questions for which you have clear and memorable answers to help keep your account secure.

Complete the following tasks to link your eVisa to your account.

### 1. Identity and contact

[Confirm your identity](#)

Completed

[Your location](#)

Completed

[Contact preferences](#)

Completed

### 2. Account security

Account security questions

Completed

### 3. Submit request

Declaration

Completed

Submit

Completed

Once all the steps are shown as 'Completed', you can submit the application and will receive a confirmation of your submission by email.

The Home Office will send you another email titled '**View your eVisa**' when they have approved your eVisa. We cannot advise the specific processing time as it varies with individual cases.

## View your eVisa



Dear  
Your reference number:

You can now view your eVisa (your online immigration status). You will need to sign in using your UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account details.

## Using your eVisa

You can view your eVisa at: <https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status>

You can also get a code to share your immigration status information with third parties, such as employers or landlords.

Sign in using your UKVI account details.  
You will need:

# Not sure if eVisa was approved?

Check your email inbox and spam/junk folder for a message titled 'View your eVisa' from the Home Office.

Alternatively, visit the [View and Prove](#) page on GOV.UK.

If you can view your visa type, duration, conditions and the photo you took through the app, your eVisa has been approved and successfully linked to your UKVI account. You will be able to generate share codes for others to view your immigration permission. A valid share code will be required in the visa section of your online enrolment task.

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# What's Next?

- Log into your UKVI account to view your eVisa at [View and Prove](#)
- Keep your passport details updated if the original passport has been renewed. We understand that the eVisa is linked with your travel document.
- Keep your personal details including current address, contact number and email updated on your UKVI account. This will enable the UKVI to reach you in a timely fashion if necessary.
- Generate a valid share code for St Mary's University for the online enrolment and face-to-face ID check on campus. You will only be able to action this if your eVisa has been approved. This is a mandatory field in the visa section of the online enrolment.
- You should receive your eVisa within a few days of submitting the linking request. However, there can be delays so keep an eye out for any communications from the Home Office requesting further information.