

How to confirm your visa expiry date

This is a guide to help you confirm the expiry date of your UK visa (or permission) if you don't know when this is. Please note that this guide is not for how to show your right to rent or work in the UK. We have produced separate guides for these purposes. This is because the requirements for employers and landlords and the instructions they must follow are different.

If you are issued a biometric residence permit (BRP), this document will not necessarily confirm your actual visa expiry date. This is because the latest date a BRP can expire is 31/12/2024. If your BRP expires on 31/12/2024, your actual visa expiry date may be after this. Generating a share code will show the type of visa you have and the expiry date (if there is one)

You can generate a share code to confirm your visa expiry date using the instructions [here](#), if any of the following apply to you:

- You are an EU or EEA national who applied for your visa outside the UK using the UKVI ID check app to confirm your identity. You will not be issued a vignette (sticker inside your passport) or a BRP. You will only have a digital visa status for your current visa which can only be demonstrated using a share code
- You applied for your visa inside the UK using the UKVI ID check app to confirm your identity. If you are a national of a country **not** listed in [Appendix V of the Immigration Rules](#), you will not be issued a biometric residence permit (BRP) and will instead be granted digital status only, which can only be shown by generating share code. If you are a national of a country listed, you will also be issued a BRP
- You have Settled or Pre-Settled Status under the EU Settlement Scheme

You will **not** be able to generate a share code in this way if any of the following apply to you:

- You applied for your visa outside the UK, your current visa is less than 6 months in length and is on a vignette (sticker) in your passport. The expiry date of your permission is the 'valid to' date on the vignette.

- You are a national of a country not listed in [Appendix V of the Immigration Rules](#), you travelled to the UK without a visa and were given a stamp in your passport at the border showing you have entered the UK as a Visitor. The expiry date of your permission to be in the UK is 6 months after the date you entered the UK and your stamp should confirm this.
- You are a national of an EU or EEA country, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea or the USA who entered without obtaining a visa before travelling to the UK and you entered the UK using an e-gate. The expiry date of your permission to be in the UK is also 6 months after the date you entered the UK. You will not have any evidence of this, so you must keep evidence of your travel date to the UK (e.g your boarding pass or flight ticket)
- You applied for your visa outside or inside the UK, but you did not use the UKVI ID check app to confirm your identity and attended a biometric appointment with one of UKVI's commercial partners instead. Your visa expiry date will be confirmed in the email or letter you received from UKVI at the time your visa was granted

Problems, Further Help & Support

Where you do not know your visa expiry date, and you cannot generate a share code, you should check your correspondence (written and email) around the date your most recent UK visa application was decided.

If you cannot locate the email or letter that confirms your actual visa expiry date, the alternative is to provide consent to the International Student Support, Advice & Compliance (ISSAC) Team to contact UKVI and ask them to provide an immigration history check from their records. You can [contact ISSAC](#) if you need assistance with this.

If you have a Student visa and you are not sure if the expiry date is correct, please see [here](#). Please see [here](#) for more information on what you need to do if there is an error with your visa expiry date.