

How to switch to an eVisa guide

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What is an eVisa and why is it required?

- The UK Visas and Immigration Service (UKVI) is moving to a digital immigration system.
- Physical visas such as Biometric Residence Permits (BRPs) and Visa vignettes will be replaced with an electronic record called an eVisa.
- Your BRP will expire on 31 December 2024. This does not affect your immigration status to stay and study in the UK.
- The expiry is set to this date because BRP's are being replaced by eVisas at that time.
- You will be able to access the details of your immigration status, such as visa expiry date, online through a UKVI account.
- There is a [video available](#) to show you what an eVisa is.



How do I switch to an eVisa?

- You will need to create your UKVI account first and you can access your eVisa.
- Please visit the UK Government website and [create your account](https://www.gov.uk/get-access-evisa). (<https://www.gov.uk/get-access-evisa>)
- There is also a [video available](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54rPXUHuM3I) to show you how to create your account and access your eVisa. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54rPXUHuM3I>)
- Once you've created your UKVI account you will be able to sign in to the [view and prove service](https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status) to access your eVisa. (<https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status>)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)

1. How much does it cost to switch to an eVisa?

It's free.

2. What do I need to create a UKVI account?

You will need:

1. access to a smartphone.
2. a mobile phone number.
3. an email address.
4. your BRP card or a valid passport with your BRP number or visa application number.

3. I have switched to an eVisa, what should I do with my BRP?

The UKVI advised that you keep your BRP and continue to use it when travelling in and out of the UK until it expires.

4. When do I need to switch to an eVisa by?

The deadline for completing the switch to an eVisa is 31 December 2024.

5. I have obtained an eVisa, what should I do next?

Please let your centre staff know as we are required to have a record of your eVisa. You will be able to sign in to the view and prove service to access your eVisa and generate a Share Code so that the centre can check your immigration status.



Useful links

Please see the links below for more information on student eVisas:

[What is an eVisa? \(video\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[How to create a UKVI account and access your eVisa \(video\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Contact Details

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