

# Herefordshire Community Network

## Support for Ukraine – information for guests

### BRP physical card expiry date

All physical BRP cards have the same expiry date, 31st December 2024. Note that this does not mean your right to remain in the UK ends then, and that you should apply for some kind of visa extension or replacement BRP. This is just the date that the physical BRP cards system will be finishing. Before this date arrives, the Government will be moving everyone to online records known as 'eVisas', which will be a digital way to store and manage your immigration status, and how long you are entitled to remain in the UK.

As Ukraine Visa holders (Homes for Ukraine, Family or Extension) you have a right to remain of 3 years from the date of first arrival in the UK (or 18 months if your visa was applied for on or after the 19th February 2024). You will also have the option to apply for another 18 months extension 3 months before your current visa expires, using the Ukraine Permission Extension scheme (do not confuse this with the Ukraine Extension scheme). The Ukraine Permission Extension scheme is not open at the moment (expected to open early 2025).

To access your eVisa record and immigration status, you will be setting up a UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account if you do not already have one.

See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/online-immigration-status-evisa> for more information on this (you can register to receive updates on this page). If you originally applied for your visa using the Government 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app, you should already have a UKVI account set up (see <https://ukrainianrefugeehelp.co.uk/immigration-account/>).

We understand that the Government will be contacting people by email to advise them of what to do next. Depending on how you applied for your visa originally, there will be different steps to take according to your circumstances.

- The best thing to do at this stage is to wait to receive further information specific to your circumstances
- In the meantime, if you already have a UKVI account, check that you can access it and your contact details and passport details are up to date

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- If you have received a new passport, you should report this to keep your BRP up to date - [Biometric Residence Permit - Ukrainian Refugee Help](#)

A frequently asked question is how you will be allowed back into the UK without your physical BRP card after December 2024. As your passport will be linked to your digital immigration status, we assume this document will be sufficient to allow the UK Border systems to check your right to enter the UK.

### Ukraine Extension scheme deadline approaching

A reminder that the deadline for applying for this visa scheme is 16th May 2024, provided you had a valid visa on 16th November 2023. Otherwise, the scheme is closed for new applications (except for children born in the UK to Ukrainian visa holders). See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-to-stay-in-the-uk-under-the-ukraine-extension-scheme>. Seek immigration advice if necessary.

Many thanks and best wishes,

*Lesley*