

Checklist for newly-granted refugees



Getting a positive decision on your asylum claim means you have permission to stay in the UK (leave to remain). You will gain new rights.

What to do after getting leave to remain

- Check your documents, e.g. asylum decision letter
- Check the date your asylum support ends
- Apply for a UK bank account if you don't have one
- Apply for benefits if you need to, e.g. universal credit
- Apply for homeless support if you have nowhere to live
- Register with health services, e.g. GP, dentist
- Know your education and employment rights

After getting leave to remain, check:

- What type of leave to remain you have
- How long the leave to remain is for
- The date your leave to remain expires

Documents you need to access your rights

- Asylum decision letter confirming your leave to remain in the UK
- Biometric residence permit (BRP) or eVisa confirming your identity and immigration status
- Application registration card (ARC) if are waiting for your BRP card
- Asylum support discontinuation letter stating when your ASPEN card payments will stop
- Notice to Quit letter from the asylum support accommodation provider

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Documents checklist

- Check all family members including children have BRP cards
- Check all details on the asylum decision letter and BRP cards are correct, e.g. date of birth, name, type of leave to remain matches on all documents
- Take photos of all pages of the decision letter and front and back of the BRP card
- Keep all documents stored safely, e.g. store copies digitally in your email and cloud storage
- Keep copies of the letters you received from the Home Office and your asylum support accommodation provider

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