

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

Documents you need to access your rights:

- Asylum decision letter confirming your leave to remain in the UK
- Letter from the Home Office telling you how to sign in to your UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account and access your eVisa (an online record of your leave to remain)
- Your eVisa once you have accessed it
- Asylum support discontinuation letter stating when your ASPEN card payments will stop
- Notice to Quit letter from the asylum support accommodation provider confirming when you have to move out
- Application registration card (ARC) when you don't have access to your eVisa

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Documents checklist

- Check that all family members including children have eVisa (online record of leave to remain)
- Check that all details on the asylum decision letter and eVisa 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
- Check that you can sign in to your UKVI account and view your eVisa
- Check that you can create a share code using the www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status to prove your leave to remain or right to work
- Update your UKVI account if you have changed your personal details, e.g. your mobile phone number or email address
- 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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