



BN(O) visa extension drop- in session

(20 September at 10am)

Eligibility Requirements

1. You are a BN(O) visa holder and you have applied to stay in the UK for either:
 - 2 years and 6 months
 - 5 years
2. You are in the UK and want to stay longer
3. You must apply before your existing visa expires

Application and IHS Fee

Visa application fee

- £180 for 2 years and 6 months
- £250 for 5 years

Healthcare surcharge

Adult (18 or older):

- £1,560 for 2 years and 6 months
- £3,120 for 5 years

Child (under 18):

- £1,175 for 2 years and 6 months
- £2,350 for 5 years

Extend your visa

- **DO NOT** apply earlier than 28 days (grace period) before your visa expires
- 3C leave - the rights you have with the BN(O) visa continue until the decision on your new visa is made.
- new visa will start on the date it is granted
- no limit to the no. of times to extend your visa

Family Members

Each family member will need to make their own application

Children under 18

children under 18 need to apply to extend **with both parents**

Unless:

- one parent has sole responsibility
- one parent has the right to live in the UK permanently (e.g. they are a British Citizen)

➔ need to use your **extension reference number** to apply.

Family Members

Partners and children over 18

- can apply separately
- do not need to prove their relationship to you
- If relationship ends, your partner can apply to extend their visa independently

Adult dependent relatives

- must apply at either the same time as you or the same time as your partner
- need to use the **same extension reference number.**

Apply online

- ▶ need to prove your identity, either:
- ▶ use the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app to scan your BNO or HKSAR (create or sign into your UKVI account)
- ▶ go to a UKVCAS service point to give your fingerprints and a photo - to get a BRP

Steps to apply online

1.

Where are you planning to live?

- England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
- Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man

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2.

Do you have one of the following passports?

- a British National (Overseas) passport
- a Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passport
- a passport from a country in the European Economic Area

Yes No

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3.

Confirm your identity

You will need a passport with a biometric chip.

Scan your passport and upload a photo of yourself

To confirm your identity, you will use the free UK Immigration: ID Check app to scan your passport with a biometric chip and upload a photo of yourself.

If you are applying for someone else, the applicant needs to confirm their identity - you can help them use the app.

If you cannot use the app to confirm your identity

You will need to go to a visa application centre after you apply instead. Visa application centres are not available in all countries.

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4.

Does your passport have a biometric chip?

If your passport has a biometric chip, it will have this symbol:



Yes No

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5.

Check you can use the app

You can use the app on:

- an iPhone 7 or newer models
- an Android phone with near-field communication (NFC)

Check the phone's settings to see if it has NFC. The phone has NFC if you can use it to make contactless payments.

If you do not have a phone

Ask a friend or family member if you can use their phone. No information is stored on the app or phone after you close it.

You do not have to apply on the phone - you can do the rest of your application on your computer or another device.

We will send your decision letter by email – this can be your email or someone else's. You do not use your [decision letter to prove your status.](#)

Steps to apply online

6.

Create a UK Visas and Immigration account

To use this service, you need to create an account.

Once you have an account, you can use it to confirm your identity, apply and use other Home Office services.

What you need

You will need your:

- date of birth
- passport
- email address
- phone number

If you need to give someone application access so they can apply for you, you also need their email address and phone number.

7. Who can create an account

You can create an account for yourself or someone else in some cases - for example, your young child.

Create an account

[I need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme](#)

Sign in

If you applied before October 2020, you do not have an account (unless you applied to the EU Settlement Scheme).

To sign in, you need your identity document number and date of birth, and access to your phone or email.

Sign in

The Home Office will use the personal information you provide to create your account. Find out [how the Home Office will process your personal information.](#)

Problems with online application

- Get help with Home Office, Migration Yorkshire or KCALC.
- 'We Are Digital' will assess your eligibility and provide support.
- Home office help support:
 1. email: visa@we-are-digital.co.uk
 2. Text 'VISA' and a number to call you on to 07537 416 944
 3. Telephone: 03333 445 675 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm)
- Other support:
 1. Email: HK@migrationyorkshire.org.uk
 2. Email: HKSS@kcalc.org.uk or call bilingual helpline 07946 100 446 (Mon – Fri, 9:30am to 4pm)

After you apply

- decision : within 12 weeks
- 'UK Immigration: ID check' app: the 12 weeks starts from the date you submitted your online application.
- UKVCAS service point: the 12 weeks starts from the date you attended your appointment and submitted your fingerprints.
- may take longer to process if:
 1. your supporting documents need to be verified or you need to provide more evidence
 2. you need to attend an interview
 3. you have a criminal conviction for an offence that is recognised in the UK

You must not travel outside of the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man until you get a decision.

Cancel your application

- you can ask to cancel an application for a visa
- you cannot stop the cancellation once it's been received by UKVI
- you may lose your permission to stay here if you're in the UK

Refund

- IHS refund - cancel before a decision has been made
- Application fee refund - depends on what stage your application is at when you cancel.

No refund, if:

- your visa application is unsuccessful
- you are granted leave (e.g. you get a visa or ILR)
- you have a visa and do not use it to travel to the UK
- you leave the UK before your visa expires (also no refund of IHS)

How to cancel your application?

Depends on:

- type of visa you've applied for
- how you were told to prove your identity on online application

Either:

- to attend an appointment - provide your biometrics and identity document in person
- to use the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' smartphone app - upload your photo and scan your identity document

After you get a decision


- letter / email containing the decision
- will explain what you need to do next.

Successful

- a sticker/vignette - if you gave your biometric information at a visa application centre
- access immigration status/information online - if you used the smartphone app to prove your identity

Refusal

- letter / email explaining why your application was refused.
- passport will be returned, if it was kept as part of your application.
- letter will explain the right to an administrative review or immigration decision appeal



Calculation of continuous residence period for permanent residence application

- ▶ Applicants can choose any of the following to benefit their application:
 - a) Date of application; or
 - b) Any date within 28 days after the date of application; or
 - c) The date of the decision issued by the Home Office; or
 - d) For applicants applying for settlement by British descent, the date of last permission granted

Q & A

- Can BN(O) visa which was extended too early be cancelled?
- What to do next if the residence isn't long enough to meet ILR criteria but a BN(O) visa is expiring?
- Would IHS fees could be refunded? If so, what are the rules in situations?
- How the Home Office deal with the visa extensions for children in situations where one of the parent applied for BN(O) visa but did not come to the UK?
- Can I apply extension of visa outside the UK?
- Would HO decline my application of visa extension if I had not come to the UK?
- Is there a fee waver for those unable to pay the fees for extension?
- Is someone had their NRPF removed of their visa and apply for visa extension, would NRPF be automatically removed or do they have to apply again?

Q & A

- ▶ Case:
- ▶ My first BNO visa (2.5 years) will be expired on 23/09/2023 and I submitted my application on 24/06/2023. My extension of BN(O) visa application was approved on 28/06/2023. I received an email from the home office telling me that I have been granted permission to stay in the United Kingdom (UK) until 28 Dec 2025. However, in order to meet the requirement to apply for indefinite leave to remain, there will be 3 months outstanding. May I ask if the granted period can be amended in this case if I apply for the administrative review within 14 days? Any advice to me in order to meet the requirement for indefinite leave to remain?

Any other questions?