

Understanding UK Visa Categories

Course Workbook



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WELCOME!

This is the course companion workbook for our Understanding UK visa categories course.

HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK

Download and save this workbook before filing in your answers. It is editable - all you have to do is click inside the boxes or above the solid lines to type your answers. You can also print the workbook and complete it by hand if you prefer.

This is how it works. In this course we will teach you how to understand the various immigration categories in the UK, but information alone isn't enough - you need to take action, and you might want a reference source when putting your learning in to practice - that's what this workbook is for. Once downloaded and saved, it is yours to keep, print or save on your computer. Forever. Well, perhaps not forever, but for a while ...

The workbook is designed for you to use side by side with the learning. It follows the same structure as the course and has space for your notes; it contains useful tips and links to external websites and other useful reference material.

Don't worry - this workbook does not need to be handed in; it is not assessed and no-one else will see it (unless you want to share)

DON'T BE STUCK

If you are having difficulty with any element, from technical issues to difficulty understanding the content or how it relates to your work, please let us know. You can contact us by phone or email:

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DISCLAIMER

Immigration rules and regulations do change. We make every effort to keep our material up to date, but can't guarantee this. Please always double check before taking action based on the information in this workbook and associated course.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Complete this page for your learning record

Section	Notes
Course Title	Understanding UK Visa Categories
Dates of course	
Your Personal Objectives in taking this course To form some objectives, finish this sentence: "By the end of this course, I will be able to ..." Try to find 2 or 3 bullet points in answer	<i>Tip - where possible, avoid starting your bullet points with 'understand' - try to find a stronger descriptive word</i>

COURSE OUTLINE

Section	Notes
Broad Categories	
Overview: Family Visas	

Section	Notes
PBS: Tier 4	
PBS: Tier 5	
Overview: Humanitarian Visas	

Section	Notes
How Do I Check Immigration Status?	
Space for Extra Notes	

REFERENCE SECTION

VISA CATEGORIES AND WORK RESTRICTION TABLE

Visa category	Work Restrictions	Notes
Tier 1 Innovator	Only work in own business	
Tier 1 Start up	Primarily in own business but supplementary work to support the visa holder whilst business is starting up	
Tier 1 Entrepreneur	Only work in own business	This category is now closed to new applications but existing visa holders can continue until renewal
Tier 1 Global Talent	Can work for an employer or in own business	
Tier 1 Exceptional Talent	Can work for own business or as an employee	This category is now closed to new applications but existing visa holders can continue until renewal
Tier 1 Investor	Can work for an employer or in own business	
Tier 2 General	Employment only with sponsor and restricted to job described on certificate of sponsorship	Can take supplementary work in similar field outside of normal working hours and no more than 20 per week
Tier 2 ICT	Employment only with sponsor and restricted to job described on certificate of sponsorship	Can take supplementary work in similar field outside of normal working hours and no more than 20 per week
Tier 4	Student employment rules: p/t during term time; f/t in holiday periods. Visa specifies if 10 or 20 hours per week, or if no work is allowed	For full compliance, the employer must have confirmation that the student is enrolled and of term dates held on file
Tier 4 internship / work placement	Full time work allowed if the placement is an integral part of the course - no further visa required	
Tier 5 Creative and Sporting	Employment only with sponsor and restricted to job described on certificate of sponsorship	Can take supplementary work in similar field outside of normal working hours and no more than 20 per week
Tier 5 Religious	Employment only with sponsor and restricted to job described on certificate of sponsorship	Can take supplementary work in similar field outside of normal working hours and no more than 20 per week

Tier 5 Government Authorized Exchange	Employment organized by sponsor and restricted to job described on certificate of sponsorship (but job may be with a third party)	Can take supplementary work in similar field outside of normal working hours and no more than 20 per week
Tier 5 International Agreement	Employment only with sponsor and restricted to job described on certificate of sponsorship	Can take supplementary work in similar field outside of normal working hours and no more than 20 per week (NB some extra restrictions apply for second jobs)
Tier 5 Charity Worker	Employment only with sponsor and restricted to job described on certificate of sponsorship	Can take supplementary work in similar field outside of normal working hours and no more than 20 per week
Tier 5 Youth Mobility Scheme (YMS)	Any employment	Small scale self employment only - rented premises with equipment worth £5000 or less and no employees
Tier 5 Seasonal Worker	Employment only in job described on certificate of sponsorship	Secondary employment is NOT permitted
Spouse / Partner	No restrictions	
PBS dependant	No restrictions	
EEA family member	No restrictions	
Indefinite leave (to remain or enter)	No restrictions	
Asylum Seeker	Can only work if permitted - check the work proof carefully	Must use UKVI ECS to confirm right to work is still valid
Refugee	No restrictions	
Ancestry	No restrictions	
Visitor	Only permitted business activities	Cannot fill a vacancy
Fiancé(e) and proposed civil partner	Cannot work	

UKVI GUIDANCE ON THE BRP

What are biometric residence permits and biometric residence cards?

The BRP and BRC hold a customer's biographic details (name, date and place of birth) and biometric information (facial image and fingerprints), and shows their immigration status and entitlements while they remain in the UK.

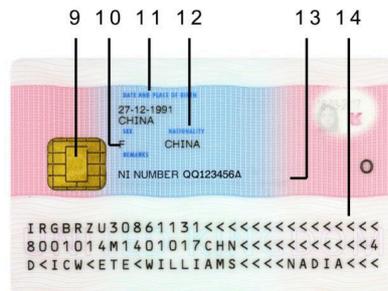
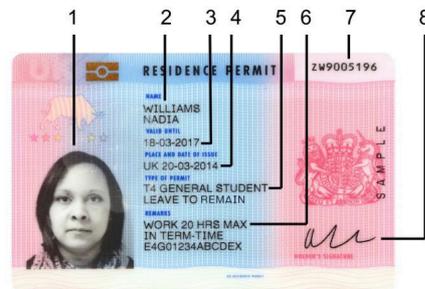
BRPs are titled 'Residence Permit' or 'Short Stay Permit' and BRCs are titled 'Residence Card', 'Permanent Residence Card' or 'Derivative Residence Card'.



Design of the biometric residence permit

The biometric residence permit is a standard credit card size (86mm x 54mm) and looks similar to those issued by some other EU countries. The permit is made from polycarbonate and contains a chip to make it more secure against forgery and abuse.

1. Holder's digital image
2. Holder's name
3. Valid until – the date the permit expires. This date is at the end of the time the holder is allowed to stay; or five or 10 years if the holder has been given permission to settle in the UK (known as indefinite leave to remain)
4. Place and date of issue – this is the UK followed by the date the permit was issued
5. Type of permit – this is the immigration category the holder is in (for example, STUDENT)
6. Remarks – these are the immigration entitlements for the length of the holder's stay, and may continue on the back of the permit
7. ZW9005196 – unique permit number
8. Holder's signature
9. Biometric chip
10. Holder's gender
11. Holder's date and place of birth
12. Holder's nationality
13. Remarks – this is a continuation of immigration entitlements for the length of time of the holder's stay (see 6 above). In appropriate cases, the National Insurance Number will appear here.
14. Machine readable zone (MRZ) – this area allows information printed on the permit to be read quickly by machine.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Work in the UK Index Page:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas>

UKVI family visa index page:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/family-visas>

UKVI Humanitarian protection index page:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/asylum>

UKVI Study in the UK index page:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas>

LEARNING REVIEW

Complete this page for your learning record

Point	Section
What were the key take away points from the course?	<i>Aim for 3 bullet points</i>
How will you implement the key learning points in your job?	<i>Aim for 3 bullet points</i>
Did the course meet your own personal learning objectives?	
If not, why not?	
What action are you going to take as a result of this course?	

Congratulations

You did it!

You have completed the workbook
- don't forget to complete the course quiz
and download your certificate

Well done from the team at The TWO Academy