

January to March 2019

Travelling while you're awaiting a decision on your extension/switch application

The Home Office has confirmed that, even though in many cases you can now keep your passport rather than having to send it to UK Visas and Immigration, you shouldn't travel outside the Common Travel Area (the UK, Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands) until you receive your new BRP.

If you do, UKVI will consider your application as withdrawn and your leave to remain will expire.

You can travel if you're just having a stamp in an expired passport transferred to a BRP, but UKVI advise taking any documentary evidence you have with you.

Digital application service within the UK (UKVCAS)

The option to go to a Post Office to submit your biometric data has been closed, so everyone applying within the UK will need to attend a UKVCAS Centre appointment. The nearest centres to Leeds are in Burnholme (York), Wakefield and Manchester.

When you complete a visa application, you'll automatically be redirected at the end to the UKVCAS website.

Applying for reimbursement of a Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent), Tier 2 (General) or Indefinite Leave to Remain application fee

[Instructions for how to reclaim the cost of your application](#) have been updated. If you're apply for your visa within the UK, you should select the "Visa - Tax and NI" option; if you submit your visa application from overseas, you should pick "Visa - No tax/NI".