

What is a Visa Decision Letter and what does it look like?

If you have applied for a Student Visa, you will get a letter or email to let you know that a decision has been made on your application. **You will need to bring this with you when attending an international check-in appointment.**

Below are examples of a physical visa decision letter and a visa decision email. You may have received one of these or both. You will need to present us with either your physical visa decision letter or your visa decision email.

Visa Decision Letter

The visa decision letter is a physical letter that has been sent to your address. It notifies you through a physical letter that your Student Route visa application has been successful. It also gives you other useful information, such as, until when you have been granted permission to stay in the UK (see highlighted below in red).

Please have your Student Visa Decision Letter ready when attending an international check-in appointment.


UK Visas
& Immigration

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www.gov.uk/visas-immigration

[Redacted address]

15 Oct 2022

Dear [Redacted name]

Your application for a UK visa (vignette) has been successful. **This letter is not a permission to travel to the UK.**

Before you can travel to the UK, you will need to collect your visa. Please do not attempt to travel to the UK until you have collected your visa.

We will contact you when your visa is ready to collect from the visa application centre where you submitted your application.

Please do not visit the visa application centre until you are contacted.

This letter explains that **when you arrive in the UK you will have permission to be in the UK (known as Leave to Enter) as STUDENT from 15 Oct 2022 to 12 Jan 2024.**

What this means for you

When you collect your passport/travel document it will contain a visa, which you will use to travel to the UK. The visa is valid for 90 days and you should travel before the visa expiry date. If you do not arrive to the UK within this 90 day period you will need to apply for a visa transfer, the fee for which can be found at www.gov.uk/visa-fees.

What you must do after arrival in the UK

After you arrive in the UK you should collect your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP). This is the evidence of your permission to stay in the UK and you will need to use it to prove your right to work, rent a home and to access public funds and to travel from the UK. You must collect your BRP from the collection point below before your visa expires or within 10 days of arriving in the UK, whichever is the later.

If you are required to quarantine in line with UK government guidance, please do not visit your collection point until after your quarantine period has expired. If this takes you beyond your vignette expiry date, your BRP will be held at your collection point for 90 days from the start date on your vignette and will be available for collection once you are able to collect.

We recommend that you follow the COVID-19 immigration and BRP advice on GOV.UK:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-uk-visa-applicants-and-temporary-uk-residents>
- <https://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/collect>

If you leave the UK before you collect your BRP you may experience delays at the border upon your return, while further checks are made.

Your collection point is:

POST OFFICE - EDINBURGH CITY
5/6 PRINCES MALL
WAVERLEY BRIDGE
EDINBURGH
EH1 1BQ



Please be aware that you may have selected Old College as your collection point.

When you go to collect your BRP you must bring your passport/travel document containing the vignette. Please also bring this letter as it will help the staff to locate your BRP quickly.

If your collection point is at a Post Office, you can find out more at: www.postoffice.co.uk

Your BRP card will be available for collection two weeks from the date of issue of your visa.

Collecting your BRP at a Post Office if you are aged under 18

If you are under 18 years old and will be collecting your BRP at a Post Office it is very important that you read page 8 of the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biometric-residence-permits-overseas-applicant-and-sponsor-information> before going to the Post Office.

You must be accompanied by a "Responsible Adult", or you will be turned away by the Post Office staff. Your parent or legal guardian can be your Responsible Adult **but only if they are collecting their own BRP at the same time**. In all other cases the adult who will accompany you must be approved in advance by the Home Office, **even if they are your parent or legal guardian**.

It will take **at least a week** to process a request to approve a Responsible Adult, and we cannot speed it up because that person is about to leave the UK, so apply as early as you can

Further information on permission to enter and stay in the UK

It is very important that you know exactly what permission you have, including any conditions attached to it, and what they mean. This is because if you breach these conditions, you could be committing a criminal offence, your permission could be cancelled and you may be required to leave the UK.

If you have been granted permission as a Skilled Worker, International Sportsperson or Minister of Religion, your National Insurance Number (NINO) will appear in the remarks on the reverse of your biometric residence permit (BRP), so there is no need for you or your employer to make a separate application to the Department for Work and Pensions to obtain one. Further information about the National Insurance Number can be found at: www.gov.uk/national-insurance

If you have a police registration condition attached to your permission it will no longer appear on your BRP. If you are required to register with the police this will be confirmed on your vignette, which you will need to show when you register with the police. If you are required to register you must do so within 7 days of your arrival in the UK. For information on registering with the police please visit: www.gov.uk/register-with-the-police

The police registration requirement may appear on your visa as any of the following:

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- Police Registration within 7 days of UK entry
- Police Registration within 7 days of arrival
- Police Registration within 7 days of arrival in the UK

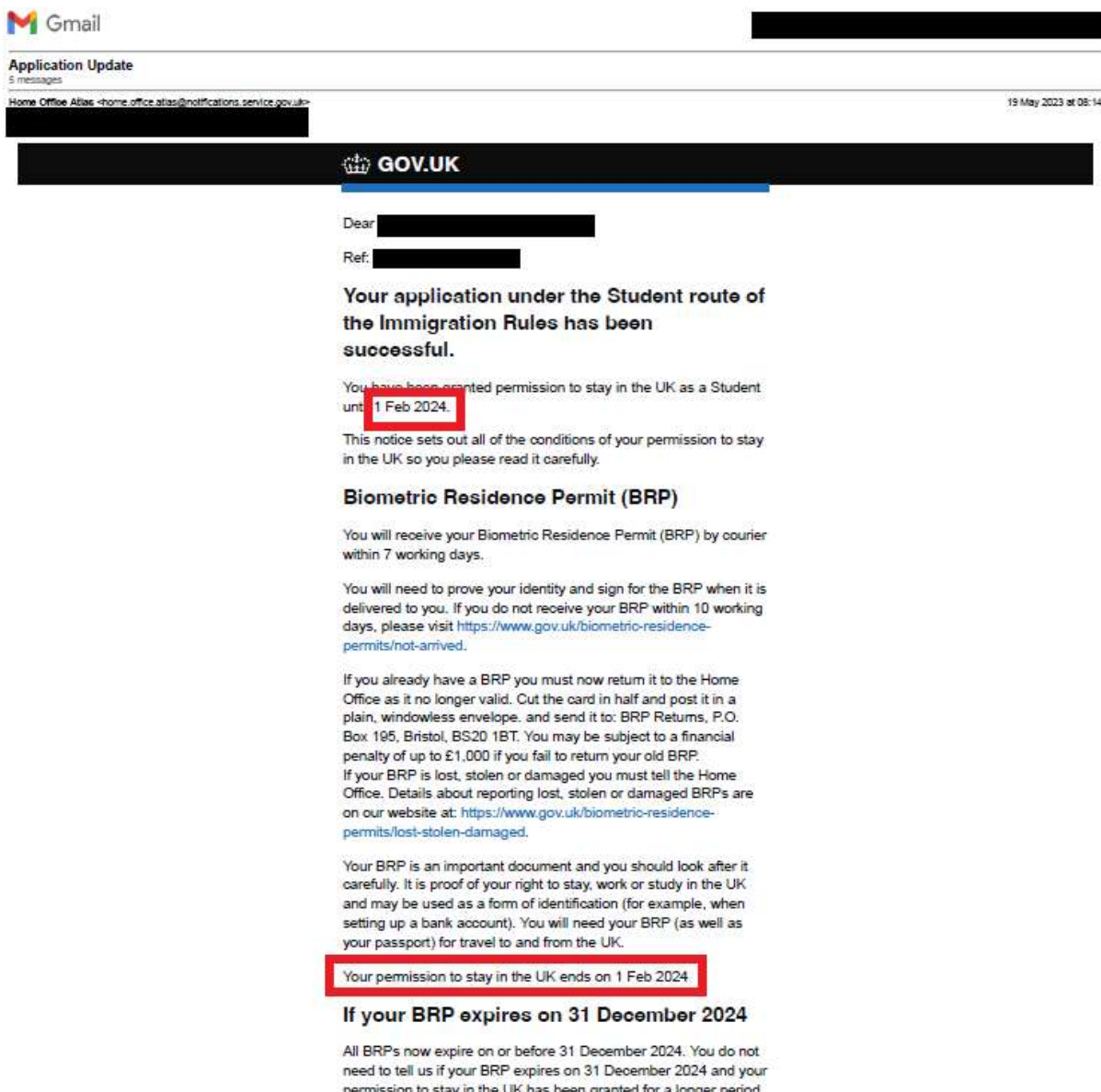
Visa Decision Email

The visa decision email will have been sent to you via a gov.uk email account and will be sent to the email address you used as part of your visa application. It notifies you via email that your Student Route visa application has been successful.

It also gives you other useful information such as:

- Until when you have been granted permission to stay in the UK (see highlighted below in red);
- Your Study and Work Conditions;
- How to correct errors on your BRP / visa permission

Please have your Student Visa Decision Email ready when attending an international check-in appointment.



The screenshot shows a Gmail interface with a header for 'Application Update' and '5 messages'. The sender is 'Home Office Atlas <home.office.atlas@notifications.service.gov.uk>' and the time is '19 May 2023 at 08:14'. The email content features the GOV.UK logo and a salutation 'Dear [redacted]'. The main subject is 'Your application under the Student route of the Immigration Rules has been successful.' The body text states: 'You have been granted permission to stay in the UK as a Student until 1 Feb 2024.' This date is highlighted with a red box. Below this, it says 'This notice sets out all of the conditions of your permission to stay in the UK so you please read it carefully.' The section 'Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)' follows, explaining that the permit will be sent by courier within 7 working days and that the applicant must prove their identity and sign for it. It also provides instructions on what to do if the BRP is lost, stolen, or damaged, including a website link. A final red box highlights the sentence: 'Your permission to stay in the UK ends on 1 Feb 2024'. The email concludes with the section 'If your BRP expires on 31 December 2024' and a note that all BRPs now expire on or before 31 December 2024.

Application Update
5 messages

Home Office Atlas <home.office.atlas@notifications.service.gov.uk> 19 May 2023 at 08:14

GOV.UK

Dear [redacted]

Ref: [redacted]

Your application under the Student route of the Immigration Rules has been successful.

You have been granted permission to stay in the UK as a Student until 1 Feb 2024.

This notice sets out all of the conditions of your permission to stay in the UK so you please read it carefully.

Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)

You will receive your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) by courier within 7 working days.

You will need to prove your identity and sign for the BRP when it is delivered to you. If you do not receive your BRP within 10 working days, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/not-arrived>.

If you already have a BRP you must now return it to the Home Office as it no longer valid. Cut the card in half and post it in a plain, windowless envelope, and send it to: BRP Returns, P.O. Box 105, Bristol, BS20 1BT. You may be subject to a financial penalty of up to £1,000 if you fail to return your old BRP. If your BRP is lost, stolen or damaged you must tell the Home Office. Details about reporting lost, stolen or damaged BRPs are on our website at: <https://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/lost-stolen-damaged>.

Your BRP is an important document and you should look after it carefully. It is proof of your right to stay, work or study in the UK and may be used as a form of identification (for example, when setting up a bank account). You will need your BRP (as well as your passport) for travel to and from the UK.

Your permission to stay in the UK ends on 1 Feb 2024

If your BRP expires on 31 December 2024

All BRPs now expire on or before 31 December 2024. You do not need to tell us if your BRP expires on 31 December 2024 and your permission to stay in the UK has been granted for a longer period.