Your Biometric Residence Permit – what you need to know

Your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) is evidence of your UK immigration permission. It confirms your visa type, sponsor licence number and the conditions of your leave including the hours and type of work you are permitted to do.

A BRP is not evidence of your identity and you are advised not to carry it with you unless you are travelling outside the UK. There are alternative photographic ID documents you can apply for which cost as little as £15 – just google search “proof of age ID” for more information.

If you lose your BRP you must apply for a replacement within three months. Applying for a new BRP will incur a fee and can take up to 8 weeks to process.

If you do not replace a lost BRP the Home Office will issue a fine for non-compliance with biometric registration regulations. You can also be fined for failing to notify the Home Office when a BRP is lost or stolen.

For more information, please see www.warwick.ac.uk/go/immigration/current/lostpassportandvisas/

DO take a scan of your BRP card (front and back) and your passport data page
DO store these images securely using Files.Warwick - https://files.warwick.ac.uk/
DO keep your BRP safe and remember where you put it
DO carry your BRP with you when you travel outside the UK
DO notify the Home Office if you lose your BRP or if it is stolen
DO replace a lost BRP immediately

DON’T carry your BRP with you unless you need to
DON’T keep your RBP in the same place as your passport
DON’T lend your BRP to anyone else and provide anyone with a copy of your BRP

NEVER give personal details over the telephone to someone claiming to be from the UKVI Home Office