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## Biometrics permits for non-EEA nationals

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### Biometric Residence Permits

Biometric Residence Permits (BRPs) for non-EEA nationals travelling to the UK for more than six months will begin to be issued from the 18th March 2015, starting with applications made in Pakistan.

BRPs provide a more secure, streamlined and faster method for applicants and businesses to verify someone's identity and right to be in the UK.

The rollout will continue in three further phases from mid April (inc. China and India), end May (inc. Japan and Nigeria) and end July (rest of the world).

Applicants will receive a 30 day vignette in their passport instead of a vignette with the full grant of leave. This is to allow the applicant to enter the UK and collect their BRP from a designated post office.

The post office and 30 day travel window will be determined using information provided in the application form. Applicants will receive a letter, if their application is successful, which provides instructions on how to collect their BRP and where to go for more information - [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK)

Details of the countries included in each phase of the rollout are attached for information, along with a customer-facing Q&A that can be used to answer any questions that applicants might have. Further guidance along will be published on Gov.UK on 18 March.

### Home Office Communication