



## **December 2024 Temporary acceptance of expired BRPs and EUSS BRCs as evidence of permission to travel – FAQs**

The UK Government is replacing physical evidence of immigration status, such as biometric residence permits (BRPs) and biometric residence cards (BRCs) with digital evidence of immigration status, known as an eVisa. If a passenger holds a digital eVisa, they may no longer have a physical visa or other permission document to inspect.

As a transitional measure, biometric residence permits (BRPs) and EU Settlement Scheme biometric residence cards (EUSS BRCs) which expire on or after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 can also be accepted as evidence of permission to travel to the UK provisionally until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. This will be kept under review.

*The following Q&A provides answers to commonly asked questions about the temporary acceptance of expired BRPs and EUSS BRCs as evidence of permission to travel to the UK.*

### **Are you changing the Carrier Liability Scheme Charging Guidance to say that penalties will not be raised for passengers travelling on expired BRP/Cs?**

As this is a temporary measure, we will not make a full update to the charging guidance at this time.

### **Will you raise a penalty against a carrier if a passenger travelling on an expired BRP/C is refused at the border because they do not have a valid immigration status/product?**

We will not impose Carriers' Liability penalties on carriers for bringing a visa national to the UK without a visa if the passenger is in possession of a BRP or EUSS BRC that expired on or after 31/12/2024, even if the carrier has received a 'OZ – Authority to Carry' response via automated messaging. Carriers should continue to ensure that all passengers, including those with expired BRPs, are in possession of a valid passport, and that all documents are genuine and held by the rightful holder.

**If a passenger travelling on a BRP/C is refused at the border because they do not have a valid immigration status/product will carriers be responsible for the cost of returning that passenger?**

Carriers are generally responsible for all returns of passengers refused entry at the UK border.

**Will I lose my Approved Gate Check status if I accept an expired BRP/C as evidence of permission to travel?**

No, carriers will not lose their Approved Gate Check status if they accept a biometric residence permit (BRP) or EU Settlement Scheme biometric residence card (EUSS BRC) which expires on or after 31st December 2024 as evidence of permission to travel to the UK, provisionally until 31st March 2025. This will be kept under review.

**Can I accept BRP/Cs that expire before 31/12/2024?**

No, only biometric residence permits (BRPs) and EU Settlement Scheme biometric residence cards (EUSS BRCs) which expire on or after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 can be accepted as evidence of permission to travel to the UK, provisionally until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. This will be kept under review.

**Can I accept other expired immigration products?**

No. However, you may continue to accept a historical endorsement of “indefinite leave to enter or remain” or “no time limit” contained in an expired passport so long as the passenger also has a valid passport.

**What about BRCs issued under the EEA Regulations, are they acceptable?**

EEA Regulations BRC (valid or expired), are only acceptable as evidence of permission if carriers have received a ‘0A – Valid Permission to Travel Found’ response for the passenger, or if the carrier confirms the passenger’s status using the online View and Prove immigration status service, [‘Check someone's immigration status’](#), or by calling the 24/7 UK Border Force Carrier Support Hub on +44 300 369 0610 or +44 204 619 6020.

**If a passenger presents an expired BRP/EUSS BRC, but the UK Border Force Carrier Support Hub say that the passenger does not have permission to travel to the UK, should the passenger be boarded?**

If you have received advice from the UK Border Force Carrier Support Hub that any passenger does not have permission to travel to the UK, you may be liable to a carrier liability fine if you carry them to the UK, as per section 10 of the Carrier Liability Scheme Charging Guidance. [Document checks and charges for carriers - GOV.UK](#)

**If a passenger's sharecode shows that they do not have permission to travel to the UK, but they have an expired BRP/EUSS BRC with them, can the passenger travel?**

As a transition measure, Biometric Residence Permits (BRPs) and EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) BRCs which expire on or after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 can be accepted as evidence of permission to travel to the UK, provisionally until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. This will be kept under review.

If you are uncertain and require advice about a passenger's permission to travel to the UK, you may wish to contact the 24/7 UK Border Force Carrier Support Hub on +44 300 369 0610 or +44 204 619 6020.