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Dear Nicole

Biometric Residence Permits expiring on 31 December 2024

Thank you for your letter to Sally Weston of 28 January about biometric residence permits (BRP) that expire on 31 December 2024, which has been passed to me for a reply. I apologise for the late response.

Under EU law we are required to restrict the validity of BRPs which do not incorporate the latest encryption technology. This means that some migrants received BRPs which expire on 31 December 2024, which may be earlier than the leave expiry date. We accept this may be confusing for migrants. The Home Office will introduce a new UK format BRP next year which will not have restricted validity, and will therefore reflect the period of leave granted, or be valid for 10 years (five years for children) where indefinite leave is granted.

The Home Office is developing a border and immigration system which is “digital by default”, which over time means we will increasingly replace physical and paper-based products and services with accessible, easy to use online and digital services, with the necessary support for those who find it difficult to use online services.

BRP holders can already check their immigration status and prove their right to work by using the online www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work service. Employers are able to obtain a statutory excuse if they use the online <https://www.gov.uk/view-right-to-work> service, which provides real-time evidence of status in the UK.

We recognise that we need to take steps now to help migrants and others understand why some BRPs expire when they do. For those who have a limited validity BRP we are revising the notification of grant of leave and the BRP carrier letter to explain the difference in the date of expiry of leave and date of validity of the BRP card. We will update right to work and right to rent guidance to ensure that employers and landlords are also aware of this issue.

We will also provide advice on GOV.UK to reassure anyone with a short-dated BRP that it does not affect their immigration status and they do not need to do anything now. By early 2024, before these BRPs start to expire, we will publish details of what needs to be done to obtain a free replacement BRP or to use digital status.

I hope that this addresses your concerns.

Yours sincerely

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