FACTSHEET – BRP card lost/stolen in the UK or abroad

BRP LOST IN THE UK

Step 1 – Try to find the BRP

Search thoroughly to see if you can find it. Retrace your footsteps and check in all the locations you think you may have lost it e.g. your classroom, library, accommodation, shops and cafes, public transport or anywhere else where you might have had it with you.

Step 2 – Tell the police

Use the Report My Loss website to report the lost BRP to the police and get a reference number.

Step 3 – Tell the UK Home Office

Use the Gov.UK website to report the lost/stolen BRP to the Home Office. You must apply for a replacement BRP within 3 months of reporting it lost or stolen unless you have a good reason.

Step 4 - Apply for a replacement BRP

Complete the online BRP replacement application on the Gov.UK website.

When completing the ‘Applicant contact details’ section, make sure you enter your UK home address and contact details correctly as this is where the new BRP will be sent via courier.

Step 5 – Obtain the required documents

- Police crime reference number or printout of Report My Loss website email confirmation
- Lost BRP email confirmation from the Home Office
- Signed consent form – you can download this from the BRP lost online application
- One of the following scanned documents confirming your name and current UK address:
  1. UK driving license
  2. Council tax letter/statement
  3. Tenancy agreement for your accommodation
  4. Electricity gas or water bills
  5. Letter confirming registration with a doctor/GP showing your full name and address
  6. A recent bank statement

You will need your bank debit or credit card to pay the BRP replacement fee.

**Important:** When you have received your new BRP, you must email scans/photos of both sides to immigration@hud.ac.uk so we can update your student record.

For any queries or information, please attend one of the online Immigration Drop-in Sessions.
BRP LOST OVERSEAS

You must not try to travel back to the UK using a photocopy of your passport and/or lost BRP as you will not be permitted to enter the UK without an original passport and/or BRP.

You cannot apply for a replacement BRP outside the UK. You must apply for a ‘replacement BRP visa’ or a temporary replacement visa which lets you re-enter the UK once only. Once back in the UK, you can apply for a new BRP card via the process on page 1 of this document.

Applying for a temporary replacement visa – to return to the UK:

- Contact the local police station and get a police report or crime reference number.
- Use the Gov.UK website to report the lost/stolen BRP to the Home Office
- Apply for a temporary replacement visa to travel back into the UK
  If you have also lost your passport - contact your national embassy to obtain a temporary passport to return to the UK. See this link: https://embassy.goabroad.com/

Please note depending on which country you are in; you may have to complete a paper application form. Further detail about the visa application process in all countries, including how to apply and web links to the relevant visa application centres is available here: Find a visa application centre

Online application - Selecting the application type:

When completing the online application, choose the correct type of application using the screenshot below:

Select what you are applying for:

- A replacement biometric residence permit (BRP) visa
- To transfer or replace your visa (vignette)

IMPORTANT - After you have returned to the UK

After you have returned to the UK using the 30 or 90-days single entry visa, you must apply for a replacement BRP. You must make your application within 1 month of returning to the UK.

Applying for a replacement BRP in the UK

Complete the online BRP replacement application on the Gov.UK website. When completing the ‘Applicant contact details’ section, make sure you enter your UK home address correctly as this is where the new BRP will be sent via courier.

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Note: The UKVI/Home Office immigration requirements including fees can change at a short notice. The University of Huddersfield and its staff cannot take responsibility for any changes to the rules or decisions made by the UKVI.