

As students begin to make their visa applications we wanted to remind you of the BRP card process for students coming to study at Northumbria.

What is a BRP card?

A Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) is a card that replaces the old style visa, which would have been previously issued in a student's passport. This is the proof of the student's right to be in the UK and can also be used as a form of identity.

Who needs one?

Students coming to the UK to study for 6 months or more.

How do they get one?

Students apply for their BRP card as part of their visa application.

*Northumbria has opted to distribute cards at enrolment and we therefore request that all Northumbria students choose the option to have it delivered to the University by entering the ACL code **2HE474***

Advantages of using ACL collection-

- Students collect card at enrolment meaning they do not have to locate a post office in a new city in advance.
- Cards will be checked by trained staff on receipt and any errors can be rectified in advance.
- Quicker enrolment process on arrival.

What to bring to collect a BRP card

Students will receive a BRP decision letter when their application has been successful. They should bring a copy of this letter or have it available to show on their smartphone if they do not have a physical copy. If they are collecting any BRP cards for dependants, then they should also bring the dependants' passports with them.

How do they travel if their BRP is in the UK?

The student now gets a 30-day transit visa in their passport to allow them to travel, and once they arrive in the UK they must collect their BRP. They must travel within this period. They should check the transit visa carefully as if they are required to register with the police it will be indicated on the transit visa not the BRP card.

Good Practise for Representatives

- 1) Familiarise yourself with the [BRP scheme](#) to allow you to answer questions.
- 2) Advise and encourage all your applicants to select Northumbria as a collection point using ACL code **2HE474**.
- 3) Remind students to bring the BRP decision letter in their hand luggage and to the enrolment sessions.