

10-year (120-month) route to settlement

Tips for applications



Tip 1

RECORD THE
DATE OF EXPIRY

Each time you are granted Leave to Remain (LTR), remember to **record the date that it expires**. You must apply to extend it in the **28 days BEFORE** your LTR expires (or apply for a Fee Waiver if you cannot afford the fee). No one will remind you of this date so be sure to remember.

During your 30 months of LTR keep **evidence of your residence in the UK**, including letters received, bank statements, utility bills and school reports.

Tip 2

KEEP EVIDENCE OF
YOUR RESIDENCE



Tip 3

KEEP EVIDENCE OF
YOUR FINANCES

Work out if you can **afford the fee for each family member**. If you cannot, you will need to ask for a Fee Waiver. If you think you might need a Fee Waiver, remember to **keep evidence of your finances for at least 6 months** before your LTR expires.

With LTR you can live, work, travel, rent, hold a bank account, drive, get free NHS treatment. You may be able to access benefits if the No Recourse to Public Funds condition is lifted. But **if your extension application is lodged late, you will lose these rights**. It is **your responsibility** to apply in time.

Tip 4

APPLY ON TIME



Tip 5

CHECK YOUR E-VISA
WHEN YOU TRAVEL

When you travel:

- Ensure your **current** passport is linked to your UKVI account.
- Generate a **share code** before travelling and take your passport
- Limit absences to less than **3 months** in any 12 if you can

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Application Timeline

INITIAL APPLICATION: MONTHS 0-30

When Fee Waiver and FLR (FP) evidence are both ready make the fee waiver application. Within 10 days of receiving the Fee Waiver decision make your FLR (FP) application

1st EXTENSION: MONTHS 30-60

In the 28-day window before LTR expires, make your fee-paid FLR (FP) application. If you need a Fee Waiver you can request this sooner but you MUST submit the FLR (FP) within 10 calendar days following a positive Fee Waiver decision.

2nd EXTENSION: MONTHS 60-90

In the 28-day window before LTR expires, make your fee-paid FLR (FP) application. If you need a Fee Waiver you can request this sooner but you MUST submit the FLR (FP) within 10 calendar days following a positive Fee Waiver decision.

3rd EXTENSION: MONTHS 90 - 120

In the 28-day window before LTR expires, make your fee-paid FLR (FP) application. If you need a Fee Waiver you can request this sooner but you MUST submit the FLR (FP) within 10 calendar days following a positive Fee Waiver decision.

SETTLEMENT (INDEFINITE LEAVE TO REMAIN "ILR")

The fee MUST be paid and English language test and Knowledge of Life in the UK test passed for your SET (O) application. If you are unable to do this you will need to apply for a 4th extension (repeat the above steps) and request a Fee Waiver.

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30 MONTHS LTR (MONTHS 0-30)

OR refusal of leave with right of appeal*



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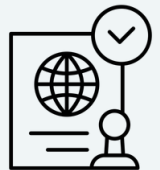
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DECISION:

If successful - ILR granted

OR If extension - 30 months LTR (and ILR can then be requested at any time as soon as the requirements are met)

OR Refusal of leave with right of appeal*

Remember

- Immigration applications **must be made on time and have the right documents** in order to succeed.
 - Remember to **record dates, keep evidence of your residence and finances for the preceding 30 months.**
 - Immigration **rules change frequently** - keep an eye on:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration> or contact KiND (UK)
 - **Legal Advice** is strongly advised **6-12 months before** each application.
- *Fee Waiver and FLR(FP) applications **can be refused**. There is **no right to appeal a Fee Waiver refusal**.