

## Biometric Residence Permits

Entry clearance visas for courses longer than 6 months are granted on a 30 day sticker during which time you are expected to travel to the UK. You then collect your Biometric Residence Permit within 10 days of arriving in the UK.

### **What Are Biometric Residence Permits?**

Biometric Residence Permits, or BRPs, are secure ID cards which contain personal details and biometric information for those who have applied for permission to come to the UK for more than 6 months i.e. those who have a UK visa for 6 months plus. These cards are also referred to as Biometric Immigration Documents or BID cards.

Biometrics Residence Permits have been issued to those who apply to extend their visas from within the UK since 2010.

### **How Does the Process work?**

When completing your visa application, please enter the dates you intend to travel to the UK as this will then determine the dates your 30 day visa sticker is granted from. You will then need to collect your BRP card which will be issued for the full length of your course. Make sure you enter **Swansea BRP collection code** when submitting your visa application as your BRP will then be sent to the Main Post Office in Town Centre for you to collect within 10 days of your arrival or before the end of your 30 day vignette whichever is later.

### **Where Do I Collect My BRP Card?**

The information you provide in your application determines where your BRP card is collected from. By entering a certain code on the application form, you can choose to collect your BRP card from the Main Post Office in Swansea.

### **When Do I Collect My BRP Card?**

You must collect your BRP card from the Main post office within 10 days of arriving in the UK, or before the end of your 30 day vignette, whichever is later.

### **How Do I Collect My BRP Card?**

You must collect it in person. You will need your **original passport** and **decision letter**, so make sure you keep them in a safe place. A decision letter is the letter the visa application centre give you when collect your new visa and documents in your home country.

### **Can I Register For My Programme Before I Collect My BRP Card?**

Yes, as long as you present your original 30 day vignette or grant letter, if you applied in the UK, to staff during International Student Clearance.