

Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR)

Application Checklist

Your UK Visa Made Simple



✓ Proof of Identity

- Valid passport (current and all previous passports covering your UK immigration history)
- Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) (if issued)
- Any Home Office correspondence confirming visa grants

✓ Residency & Immigration History

- Residency proof: at least one item per 3–4 month period for the qualifying period, such as:
 - Utility bills
 - Council tax statements
 - Tenancy agreements or mortgage statements
 - Bank statements showing UK address
 - GP/Dentist letters
- Absence records:
 - A full list of all trips abroad during your qualifying period
 - Dates of departure and return for each trip
 - Purpose of travel (holiday, work, family, etc.)

✓ Knowledge of Language & Life in the UK

- Life in the UK Test pass certificate
- English language requirement evidence (if not exempt):
 - Approved English language test pass certificate, or
 - UK degree taught in English, or
 - National of a majority English-speaking country

✓ Relationship Evidence

(If applying under partner/spouse route)

- Marriage/civil partnership certificate or proof of relationship
- Correspondence addressed to both partners at the same address, spread across the qualifying period (e.g., bills, statements)
- Children's birth certificates (if applicable)



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✓ Financial & Employment Evidence

(For work-related or partner routes – skip if not applicable to your category)

- Payslips (usually last 6–12 months)
- Corresponding bank statements showing salary payments
- Letter from employer confirming employment, job title, start date, salary, and confirmation that the payslips are genuine
- For self-employed applicants:
 - Tax returns (SA302)
 - Business bank statements
 - Accountant's letter
- For spouse/partner route: joint financial documents (shared bills, joint account statements, tenancy agreements)

✓ Additional Documents

- Two recent passport-sized photographs (if applying by post not required for most online apps)
- Police registration certificate (if your visa required it, and it's up to date)
- Any previous refusal letters or immigration appeal decisions (if relevant)
- Cover letter explaining:
 - How you meet the requirements
 - Any absences over the threshold (with supporting evidence)



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