



Home Office

# Migrant Victims of Domestic Abuse Concession (formerly the DDVC)

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Complete this form if you have been a victim of domestic abuse in accordance with the published Migrant Victims of Domestic Abuse Concession (MVDAC) policy which can be found on GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk/publications/victims-of-domestic-violence](http://www.gov.uk/publications/victims-of-domestic-violence)) and want to notify us that you require access to public funds ([www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-funds--2/public-funds](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-funds--2/public-funds)) to find safe accommodation and support yourself (and any dependent children who are in your care) independently from your partner.

**If your application is successful, you will be granted a short period of permission to stay for 3 months which will replace your current permission (so that will no longer apply). This change in your permission cannot be reversed should your circumstances change, and you return to your partner. You would have to make a new application to stay on the basis of that relationship.**

You should only complete this form if you have, or have last been granted, permission as one of the following:

- a partner under Appendix FM (except for permission as a fiancé(e) or proposed civil partner), of a person who is a British citizen, settled in the UK or an EEA national in the UK with limited leave to enter or remain granted under paragraph EU3 of Appendix EU on the basis of meeting condition 1 in paragraph EU14 of Appendix EU
- a spouse, civil partner or durable partner under Appendix EU with limited leave to enter or remain as a family member of a relevant EEA citizen (or of a qualifying British citizen), as a joining family member of a relevant sponsor or as a family member who has retained the right of residence, granted under paragraph EU3 or EU3A of that Appendix
- a partner under Appendix FM, Part 11, or Appendix Family Reunion (Protection) of a person with permission as a refugee
- a partner of a person present and settled in the UK under paragraph 285 or 295E of Part 8
- a victim of domestic abuse under Appendix FM
- a partner under Appendix Armed Forces or Part 7 (except for permission as a fiancé(e) or proposed civil partner), of a person who is or was a member of HM Armed forces
- or as a partner of a person with permission to enter or stay on a work route or as a student (for information on work routes see [www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas](http://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas))

**And:**

- your relationship has broken down due to domestic abuse
- you require a short period of permission to stay independent from your partner
- you want to apply for access to public funds

The Home Office will use the personal information you provide to consider your application. We may also share your information with other public and private sector organisations in the UK and overseas. For more detail please see the Privacy Notice for the Border, Immigration and Citizenship system at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship). This also sets out your rights under the Data Protection Act 2018 and explains how you can access your personal information and complain if you have concerns about how we are using it.

**You may wish to seek advice from an immigration adviser before completing this form because this application is likely to permanently change your immigration status.**

## **What you may be eligible for under this concession**

Permission under this concession is granted outside the Immigration Rules. Applications under Appendix Victim of Domestic Abuse (Appendix VDA) and human rights applications can be made by someone granted permission under this concession. However, it may not be possible to qualify for other immigration routes with permission under this concession. Applicants who are a partner of a person with permission to enter or stay on a work route or as a student will not be eligible to apply under Appendix VDA and must understand that a grant of 3 months permission outside the rules under this concession may not lead to eligibility under any other immigration route.

If you are granted permission to stay under the concession, this will be for a limited time of 3 months, or until a decision is made on any further application you make within that initial 3 month period. This permission is to enable you to apply for access to public funds and it will replace any current permission you may have.

You should either make arrangements to leave the UK safely during this time or make a further application to stay in the UK. Certain partners may be eligible for immediate settlement under Appendix VDA and should complete form SET(DV). A grant of permission under this concession does not guarantee any future immigration application will be successful. If you decide you wish to discontinue this application, you must contact us immediately via email at [DomesticViolence2@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:DomesticViolence2@homeoffice.gov.uk).

## **How to complete this form**

Please complete this form to the best of your ability. Where questions are not relevant to your circumstances or you do not know the answer, then you can leave those sections blank. You may use the free text box in section 7 titled Additional information to explain why any sections have been left blank. You can sign this form digitally including by typing your name into the signature box.

## **Public funds**

This is not an application for public funds or any specific benefit. If you are granted permission to stay this does not guarantee your eligibility for any specific benefit. **You will still need to apply to the relevant government department and/or your local authority and meet their entitlement conditions for access to public funds.**

## **Biometric residence permit (BRP)**

This application is also an application for a BRP. As part of your application, you may be required to enrol your biometric information and you will not need to pay a fee for doing this. Where we require you to provide biometrics we will contact you giving the information on how to do this. Your application may be rejected as invalid if you do not enrol your biometrics when requested.

If you have children aged under 16 who are included in this application, they may also need to enrol their biometric information, in the presence of a responsible adult. If you cannot accompany your children when they have their fingerprints and photograph taken you must nominate a responsible adult who will accompany them. The accompanying adult will need to provide evidence of their identity and have a letter confirming that they are authorised to accompany the child.

If you are granted permission to stay you will be issued with a BRP. For more information about enrolling biometrics, please visit the following section of our website: [www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits](http://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits).

## **Who may apply with you?**

Dependents can be included on this form if they also require permission outside the Immigration Rules.

## **Where to send the completed form**

Please send this completed form by email to: [DomesticViolence2@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:DomesticViolence2@homeoffice.gov.uk). This e-mail address is automated and is for applications only. Queries to this address will not be read or answered. Or send the completed form by post (noting that postal applications will take longer to process) to:

**DV Duty Officer  
Permanent Migration  
Department 84  
Blue Zone, Level 4  
The Capital  
Old Hall Street  
Liverpool  
L3 9PP**

# Section 1: Your application, your name, date of birth, identity and nationality details

## 1.1 Enter your full name, as shown in your current passport or travel document:

If you do not have a passport or travel document enter the name on your biometric residence permit, immigration document or birth certificate.

Your given name is usually your first name. Your family name is the surname that is shared by your family. If you have middle names, include these with your given name. If your name has a suffix (for example, Jr), include this with your given name. If you have a patronymic name include it with your given names. You must tell us all your given names. If you do not have both a given name and a family name, enter your name or names in the 'Given name or names' field.

Given name or names:

Family name:

## 1.2 In addition to the names already provided, are you now or have you ever been known by another name?

You must provide all the names you are, or have been, known by. For example, if you changed your name after marriage, have a different name that you use for professional purposes or use an alias (another name you use or are known by). If you need to include more other names you have been known by, copy this section and once completed include it with your application.

Yes

No - go to question 1.3

Other given name or names:

Other family name:

## 1.3 Enter your date of birth:

Enter date in the format dd mm yyyy.

Day      Month      Year

  

## 1.4 Select the sex that is on your passport or travel document:

Male

Female

Other

## 1.5 Country of birth:

## 1.6 Place of birth:

Enter your place of birth (for example, the city or province) as shown on your passport or travel document.

## 1.7 Your nationality:

## 1.8 Your current or most recent passport number (if known):

**1.9 Has your relationship with your partner broken down due to domestic abuse?**

Yes

No

**1.10 Do you need permission to stay in the UK that is independent from your partner?**

Yes

No

**1.11 Do you wish to apply for access to public funds to support yourself and any dependent children in the UK?**

Yes

No

## Section 2: Your contact details

### 2.1 Your email address for correspondence

If possible, we may use this email as your correspondence address (if you have an immigration adviser or representative, we will always contact them as well). We may use this to contact you about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided. Emails sent to this address may contain sensitive personal information. Emails may go to your spam, junk or trash folders so please check them regularly.

If your application is successful, we may issue you with a biometric residence permit (BRP). We will use this email address to make the arrangements to securely deliver the BRP to you. Our courier uses email to advise about delivery arrangements. If you do not have an email address that they can contact you on, it may delay the delivery of your BRP.

Enter your preferred email address:

Confirm your preferred email address:

- I cannot be contacted by email - if you select this option, we will send all correspondence to the postal address you provide.

You must notify us immediately if your email changes. Find out how to change your details here: [www.gov.uk/change-circumstances-visa-brp](http://www.gov.uk/change-circumstances-visa-brp)

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### 2.2 Your preferred telephone number

We may contact you by telephone if we have any further questions about your application, or about your immigration status after your application has been decided.

Enter your telephone number:

- I cannot be contacted by telephone

You must notify us immediately if the contact number you provide as part of this application changes. Find out how to change your details here: [www.gov.uk/change-circumstances-visa-brp](http://www.gov.uk/change-circumstances-visa-brp)

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### 2.3 Enter your safe postal correspondence address in the UK where you want us to deliver your BRP (we cannot send BRPs to a PO BOX address):

We may use this address, for example, where we cannot contact you by email or to send important documents. We may use this address for correspondence about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided. You must notify us immediately if your correspondence address changes. Find out how to update your details here: [www.gov.uk/change-circumstances-visa-brp](http://www.gov.uk/change-circumstances-visa-brp)

Property number:

Street name:

Town/city:

County:

Postcode:

**2.4 Is this where you live?**

- Yes - go to question 2.6
- No - go to question 2.5

**2.5 If no, provide the address where you live in the UK:**

Property number:

Street name:

Town/city:

County:

Postcode:

**2.6 When did you start living at this address?**

Enter the date in the format mm yyyy.

Month Year

 

**2.7 Do you still live at the same address as your partner who is the perpetrator of your abuse?**

- Yes
- No

## Section 3: Your partner

### 3.1 Enter your partner's full name as shown on their passport or travel document:

For guidance on how to enter a name, please refer to Section 1, question 1.1.

Given name or names:

Family name:

### 3.2 Enter their date of birth:

Enter date in the format dd mm yyyy.

Day      Month      Year

  

### 3.3 Select the sex that is on their passport or travel document:

Male

Female

Other

### 3.4 Your partner's country of birth:

### 3.5 Your partner's place of birth:

Enter your partner's place of birth (for example, the city or province) as shown on their passport or travel document.

### 3.6 Your partner's nationality:

### 3.7 If you do not live with your partner, provide their current address in the UK (if known):

Property number:

Street name:

Town/city:

County:

Postcode:

## Section 4: Children

You should not include any child who is settled or a British Citizen in this application as they do not need permission to stay in the UK. You should only include children who are applying for 3 months permission outside the Immigration Rules alongside you. Do not include any children who are not applying for permission. If your child already has permission, you should get legal advice about whether it is in your child's best interests to change their immigration status by applying for 3 months permission alongside you.

### 4.1 Are any of the children applying for permission alongside you under the age of 18 or who are over the age of 18 but not leading an independent life living in the UK?

'Not leading an independent life' means that the applicant meets both of the following requirements:

- does not have a partner
- is living with their parent (except where they are at boarding school, college or university as part of their full-time education)

Yes

No - go to Section 5

There is space for 3 children in this section but please add extra pages if this is not enough.

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### Child 1

#### 4.2 Enter your child's full name as shown on their passport or travel document:

For guidance on how to enter a name, please refer to Section 1, question 1.1.

Given name or names:

Family name:

#### 4.3 Enter their date of birth:

Enter date in the format dd mm yyyy.

Day      Month      Year

  

#### 4.4 Select the sex that is on their passport or travel document:

Male

Female

Other

#### 4.5 Their country of birth:

#### 4.6 Their place of birth:

Enter your child's place of birth (for example, the city or province) as shown on their passport or travel document.

#### 4.7 Their nationality:



## Child 2

### 4.8 Enter your child's full name as shown on their passport or travel document:

For guidance on how to enter a name, please refer to Section 1, question 1.1.

Given name or names:

Family name:

### 4.9 Enter their date of birth (enter date in the format dd mm yyyy):

Day      Month      Year

  

### 4.10 Select the sex that is on their passport or travel document:

- Male  
 Female  
 Other

### 4.11 Their country of birth:

### 4.12 Their place of birth:

Enter your child's place of birth (for example, the city or province) as shown on their passport or travel document.

### 4.13 Their nationality:

## Child 3

### 4.14 Enter your child's full name as shown on their passport or travel document:

For guidance on how to enter a name, please refer to Section 1, question 1.1.

Given name or names:

Family name:

### 4.15 Enter their date of birth (enter date in the format dd mm yyyy):

Day      Month      Year

  

### 4.16 Select the sex that is on their passport or travel document:

- Male  
 Female  
 Other

### 4.17 Their country of birth:

### 4.18 Their place of birth:

Enter your child's place of birth (for example, the city or province) as shown on their passport or travel document.

### 4.19 Their nationality:

**4.20 Do all of your children currently live with you?**

Yes - go to Section 5

No

**4.21 Where do your children currently live?**

Property number:

Street name:

Town or city:

UK postcode:

**4.22 Tell us why your children do not live with you and who they live with:**

If your children live at more than one address, please include those other addresses here:

## Section 5: Immigration adviser or representative

Immigration advisers can advise you on matters relating to immigration and citizenship. More information is available at: [www.gov.uk/find-an-immigration-adviser](http://www.gov.uk/find-an-immigration-adviser)

You must tell us immediately if any of the information about your immigration adviser or representative changes. You can find out how at: <https://eforms.homeoffice.gov.uk/outreach/AddressUpdate.ofml>.

### 5.1 Do you have an immigration adviser or representative based in the UK?

- Yes  
 No - go to Section 6

### 5.2 Immigration adviser's or representative's name:

#### What is the name of your immigration adviser or representative?

If they do not have both a given name and family name, enter their name in the 'Given name or names' field. If you do not know the name of the immigration adviser, leave this section blank.

Given name or names:

Family name:

### 5.3 Immigration adviser's or representative's contact email:

**You must confirm with your immigration adviser or representative if they are happy for us to use email to contact them about your application.**

We may use this email address to contact them about your application and may use it to contact them about your immigration status after your application has been decided.

Emails about your immigration status may contain sensitive personal information.

Immigration adviser's or representative's email address:

Confirm immigration adviser's or representative's email address:

#### **My immigration adviser or representative cannot be contacted by email.**

- If you select this option, we will send all correspondence to your immigration adviser's postal address.

### 5.4 Name of immigration adviser's or representative's organisation:

This could be their trading, company or business name.

**5.5 Immigration adviser's or representative's postal address:**

This must be in the UK.

Property number:

Street name:

Town/city:

UK postcode:

**5.6 Immigration adviser's or representative's telephone number:**

Telephone number:

**5.7 Immigration adviser's or representative's reference number (if applicable):**

**5.8 Who regulates your immigration adviser or representative (you should ask them to provide the answer):**

- The Law Society
- The Institute of Legal Executives
- The Faculty of Advocates
- The Law Society of Scotland
- Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC)
- The Law Society of Northern Ireland
- The General Council of the BAR
- Immigration adviser is exempt from regulation - state why in space below
- Immigration adviser is not regulated and is not exempt

**If your immigration adviser or representative is not regulated and not exempt we will not contact them about your application.**

If exempt, state why:

## Section 6: Biometric residence permit

### 6.1 Have you ever had a biometric residence permit for the UK?

A biometric residence permit (BRP) is a card with your name, nationality and picture. It describes your entitlement to be in the UK.

- Yes
- No - go to question 6.12

### 6.2 What is your current or most recent BRP number if you know it:

### 6.3 Are you able to provide your BRP with this application?

- Yes - go to question 6.12
- No - I have lost my BRP or it has been stolen - go to question 6.4
- No - I have already sent my BRP to the Home Office - go to question 6.9
- No - I cannot provide a BRP for other reasons - go to question 6.11

### 6.4 Have you reported the loss or theft to the Home Office?

- Yes - go to question 6.5
- No - go to question 6.5

## Reporting loss or theft to the police

### 6.5 Have you reported the loss or theft of your BRP to the police?

- Yes
- No

You must report the loss or theft to the police.  
You must also obtain a police report and a crime reference number, if possible.

### 6.6 Date loss or theft reported to the police:

Enter date in the format dd mm yyyy.

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### 6.7 Name and location of police station reported to:

Include the crime reference number if you have one.

### 6.8 Do you have a police report?

- Yes - go to question 6.12
- No - go to question 6.12

## If you have already sent your BRP to the Home Office

### 6.9 When did you send your BRP to the Home Office?

Enter date in the format mm yyyy.

Month      Year

### 6.10 Why did you send your BRP to the Home Office?

Please provide details and then go to question 6.12.

## If you cannot provide your BRP for other reasons

### 6.11 Explain any other reason why you cannot provide a BRP with this application:

**6.12 If your child dependents who are applying with you have ever had a biometric residence permit for the UK please tell us their current BRP reference number if you know it? If you need more space please use Section 7.**

### Child 1

**Name of child 1:**  
(as given in Section 4)

**Current BRP number of child 1:**

### Child 2

**Name of child 2:**  
(as given in Section 4)

**Current BRP number of child 2:**

### Child 3

**Name of child 3:**  
(as given in Section 4)

**Current BRP number of child 3:**

## Responsible adult for biometrics (only required for children under 16)

If you are 16 years old or above, you do not need to complete this section - go to Section 7.

### 6.13 Who will be with you when you give your biometrics?

You must have an adult of at least 18 years old with you when you give your biometrics. The adult must be able to prove who they are. They must bring one of the following documents:

- passport
- UK driver's licence
- biometric residence permit
- national identity card

These are the only accepted forms of identification.

Enter their name as shown on their document. For guidance on how to enter a name, please refer to section 1, question 1.1.

Given name or names:

Family name:

### 6.14 Country of nationality:

### 6.15 Date of birth:

Enter date in the format dd mm yyyy.

Day                  Month                  Year

### 6.16 What is their telephone number?

For international numbers include the country code.

Telephone number:

### 6.17 What is your relationship to your responsible adult?

For example, your parent, legal guardian, uncle, teacher or family friend.

### 6.18 If the responsible adult is not your parent or legal guardian, explain why your parent or legal guardian will not be with you when you give your biometrics:

## Section 7: Additional information

7.1 If there is any other information you wish to be considered as part of your application, you can tell us here. There is no need to provide evidence of domestic abuse here:



## Section 8: Declaration

**You (the applicant) must now read and complete the declaration below. Tick the box and sign the declaration. This must be completed and signed by you (the applicant) and not by a representative or other person acting on your behalf.**

I confirm that:

I am applying for permission to stay in the UK with access to public funds under the MVDAC for myself and any children under 18 named on this form. I understand that this is not an application for public funds and that, if I am given permission to stay under this concession, I will have to apply for public funds separately.

I understand that any permission to stay will be for a limited period of 3 months, or until a decision is made on any subsequent application I make within that initial 3 month period, and that this permission will replace any other permission to enter or stay that I may have. I understand that if I do not apply for further permission to stay before any permission granted under this concession ends, I will be expected to leave the UK and if I do not do so I may be removed.

I confirm that:

- I understand that the data I have given can be used as set out in the privacy policy which can be found on the website at:  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship)
- I consent to organisations, including financial institutions, providing information to the Home Office when requested in relation to this application
- I understand that if false information is given, the application can be refused and I may be prosecuted, and, if I am the applicant, I may be banned from the UK

If you remain in the UK after the expiry of your 3 months permission outside the Immigration Rules without making another immigration application before it expired, or if your application is refused:

- you can be detained
- you can be prosecuted, fined and imprisoned
- you can be removed and banned from returning to the UK
- you will not be allowed to work
- you will not be able to rent a home
- you will not be able to claim any benefits and can be prosecuted if you try to
- you can be charged by the NHS for medical treatment
- you can be denied access to a bank account
- DVLA can prevent you from driving by taking away your driving licence

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By signing this application and ticking the box, you are confirming that you understand and accept the information in Section 8: Declaration and you confirm to the best of your knowledge and belief the following is correct:

- the information in this application
- the supporting evidence for this application

I confirm that I understand and accept the information in Section 8: Declaration and I confirm that I am the applicant aged 18 or over.

Signature:

Date:  
dd mm yyyy