UK documents: Indefinite leave to remain (ILR)

11 documents, rules in force October 2026. Apply online from inside the UK. Items marked in orange apply only in that situation.

Identity and application

- [ ] **UKVI account and eVisa access**
  Your status is digital (eVisa). Keep the passport you applied with linked to your UKVI account.
- [ ] **Fee £3,226 per person**
  Optional priority (+£500) or super-priority (+£1,000) service.

Job, course or status

- [ ] **Letter from your employer confirming your job and salary**
  Your sponsor must confirm you are still needed and paid at least the required salary.
- [ ] **Payslips and P60s**
  Usually for the last 12 months; they show you were paid the salary on your certificate.
- [ ] **Record of every trip outside the UK**
  ILR: no more than 180 days in any 12 months. Citizenship: 450 days in 5 years and 90 in the last 12 months (270 in 3 years if married to a British citizen).

English and qualifications

- [ ] **Life in the UK test pass**
  For ages 18–64. £50, 24 questions, 75% to pass. Keep the unique reference number.
- [ ] **English: B1 today, B2 for ILR applications from 26 March 2027**
  Your visa-stage English proof usually counts today.

Family

- [ ] **Marriage certificate, or proof of 2 years living together** IF YOUR PARTNER COMES
  For unmarried partners: joint bills, tenancy, bank statements over 2 years.
- [ ] **Children's birth certificates naming the parents** IF CHILDREN COME
  For each child under 18.

Before you submit

- [ ] **Certified translations of documents not in English or Welsh**
  Each translation must confirm it is accurate and show the translator's details and date.
- [ ] **Upload scans or bring documents as the application asks**
  Most applications ask you to upload documents online before or after the biometrics appointment.

> Documents not in English or Welsh need a certified translation. Your permission will be an eVisa in your UKVI account. Check the current GOV.UK guidance before you apply.

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