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) and want to notify us that you require access to public funds (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 or parent.

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. This change in your permission cannot be reversed should your circumstances change, and you return to your relationship with your partner or parent. You would have to make a new application to stay on the basis of that relationship.

I have pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme

If you are an EU, other EEA or Swiss citizen, or their family member (including a 'joining family member' or a 'family member who has retained the right of residence' based on your relationship with them), and have pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme (which has not been cancelled, curtailed or invalidated), you will retain your pre-settled status alongside the permission you are granted under this concession. For further information see www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-pre-settled-status-if-you-have-another-uk-immigration-status.

If you have pre-settled status as a 'family member of a qualifying British citizen', you will not retain your pre-settled status alongside the permission you are granted under this concession. However, if you wish to, you can still apply for settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme once you are eligible for it. As you will be a past holder of pre-settled status, there is no deadline for you to make that application.

Who can use this form

This concession allows a grant of permission to stay for 3 months where a person aged 18 or over has, or was last granted, permission as a partner or child in one of the following specified immigration categories and the relevant relationship has broken down permanently due to domestic abuse.

Dependent children of the main applicant can be included on the same form if they also require permission **to stay for 3 months**.

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

- a partner (except for permission as a fiancé(e) or proposed civil partner) under Appendix FM 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 child under Appendix FM of a person in the category above
- a spouse, civil partner, durable partner, or child 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 or child under Appendix FM, Part 8, Part 11, or Appendix Family Reunion (Protection) of a refugee
- a partner or child under paragraph 282(a), 282(c), 285, 295B(a), 295B(c) or 295E of Part 8 of a person present and settled in the UK
- a victim of domestic abuse under Appendix FM or Part 8
- a partner or child under Appendix HM Armed Forces or Part 7 (except for permission as a fiancé(e) or proposed civil partner) of any of the below:

  (i) a person who is a British citizen; or

  (ii) a foreign and commonwealth citizen serving in HM Armed Forces at the date of application under this paragraph or;

  (iii) a member of HM Armed forces who has applied for or been granted permission or settlement as a foreign and commonwealth citizen discharged from HM Armed Forces
- a partner, fiancé(e), proposed civil partner or child under Appendix Ukraine Scheme who was granted permission, or leave outside the rules as set out in UKR 29.3, on the basis of their relationship with a Ukrainian national
- or as a partner or child 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)**

And:

- your relationship has broken down due to domestic abuse
- you require a short period of permission to stay independent from your partner or parent
- 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. 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 (unless you have pre-settled status as set out on page 1 above).

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 eligible for this concession but will not be eligible to apply for the immediate settlement provisions under Appendix VDA include those who are:

- a partner or child of a person with permission to enter or stay on a work route
- a partner or child of a person with permission as a student
- a partner, fiancé(e), proposed civil partner or child under Appendix Ukraine Scheme who was granted permission, or leave outside the rules as set out in UKR 29.3, on the basis of their relationship with a Ukrainian national

These cohorts 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. However, if you are an EU, other EEA or Swiss citizen, or their family member (including a 'joining family member' or a 'family member who has retained the right of residence' based on your relationship with them), and have pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme (which has not been cancelled, curtailed or invalidated), you will retain it alongside the permission you are granted under this concession.

Unless you have retained pre-settled status, 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 and children may be eligible for immediate settlement under Appendix VDA and should complete form SET(DV). If you have pre-settled status and you want to apply for settlement under Appendix VDA, you should do so within the 3 months permission you are granted to make sure you keep your access to benefits. 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.

How to complete this form

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.**

Enrolling biometrics

As part of your application, you may be required to enrol your biometric information (fingerprints and a photo) 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.

Where to send the completed form

Please send this completed form by email to: 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 or parent 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 or parent?

- [ ] 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.

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

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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

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2.3 Enter your safe postal correspondence address in the UK:

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

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 or parent who is the perpetrator of your abuse?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Section 3: Your partner / parent

3.1 Enter your partner or parent'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 or parent's country of birth:

3.5 Your partner or parent'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 or parent's nationality:

3.7 If you do not live with your partner or parent, 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.

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

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
- ☐ Immigration Advice Authority (IAA)
- ☐ 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 enrolment

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.

6.1 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 (BRP) - they can still use an expired BRP if the expiry date was less than 18 months ago
- 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:

6.2 Country of nationality:

6.3 Date of birth:

Enter date in the format dd mm yyyy.

Day Month Year

6.4 What is their telephone number?

For international numbers include the country code.

Telephone number:

6.5 What is your relationship to your responsible adult?

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

6.6 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 (unless I am an EU, other EEA or Swiss citizen, or their family member, and that permission is pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme). I understand that if I do not retain pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme and 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: www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship
- I understand that organisations, including financial institutions, may provide 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 and you do not have pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, 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 relating to the application
- the supporting evidence

☐ 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