

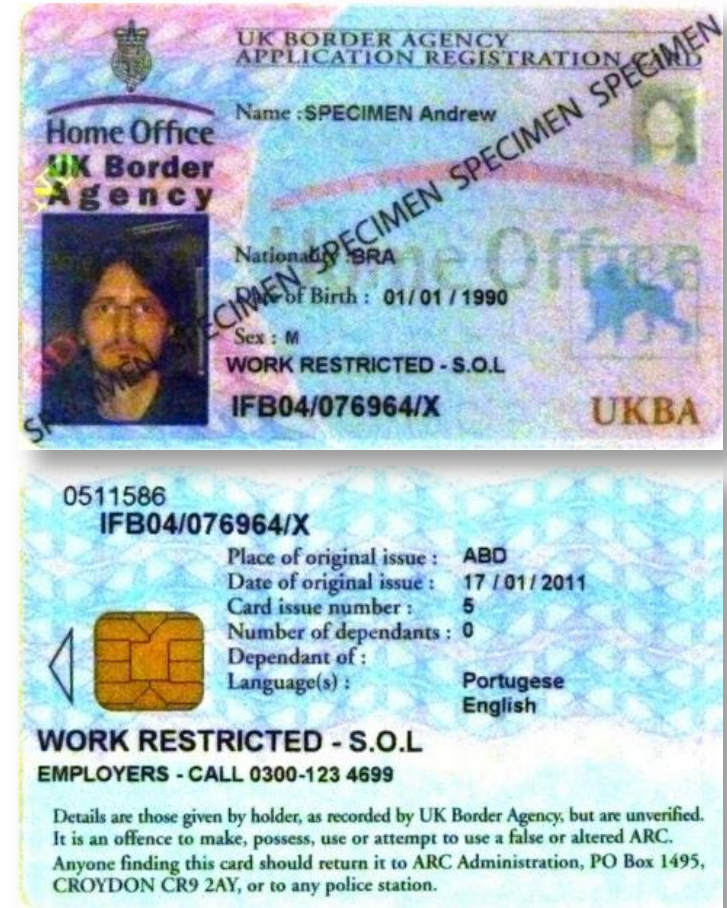
Introducing the new Application Registration Card (ARC)

Acknowledges the applicant has
claimed asylum in the UK



What is an ARC?

- An Application Registration Card (ARC) is the physical, claimed identity card given to asylum applicants to acknowledge their asylum claim
- Issuing the ARC is mandated by EU and domestic regulation
- The ARC stores a facial image on the chip
- The ARC is also used by external bodies including the Police and the NHS to verify identity details held by the Home Office
- The Home Office is committed to improving the way in which immigration services are delivered, and the current ARC is therefore being replaced



Current ARC - ceases production July 2017



The new ARC

- The current ARC is produced from a limited number of Home Office locations using unreliable equipment, making the process time consuming and inefficient
- The new ARC will be produced centrally by our commercial partner, DVLA, and securely posted directly to applicants
- It will closely resemble the Biometric Residence Permit which is issued to non-EU citizens and will contain the details of the applicant as recorded on Home Office systems
- It is not a travel document and cannot function as one
- The new ARC has 47 additional security features and will therefore result in a reduction in the number of fraudulent cards in circulation
- The new card includes an expiry date and can be cancelled
- The biometric image stored on the card will be captured to International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards

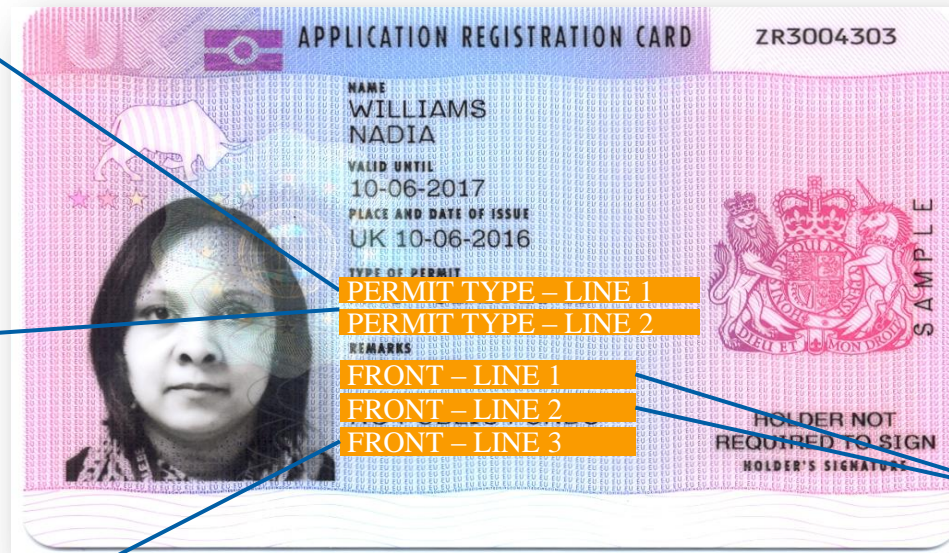


Features of the new ARC (front)

Type of Permit will read:
ARC – CLAIMED ID

The card will indicate that the applicant has claimed ASYLUM

The remarks section will indicate relevant access to benefits, for example: NO PUBLIC FUNDS



The remarks will also indicate work status, either:

- NO WORK
- WORK PERMITTED
- WORK PERMITTED - SHORTAGE OCC
- WORK PERMITTED - OTHER
- WORK PERMITTED - STUDENT

Launching the new ARC

- The new ARC will start to be produced from late June 2017 and will have rolled out to all UK Visa & Immigration, Immigration Enforcement and Border Force locations by the end of July
- The current version of the ARC will stop being issued from July 2017, but cards will continue to be valid until 2019



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