

Applying with an expired document

In some cases, you can apply with an expired ID Card or Passport. If you are applying with an expired document, you will not be able to use the App.

Some countries have extended the validity of expired documents. In this case, you can apply online (but not via the App)

****Any document = passport and ID card***

****Any card = ID card only***

Bulgaria	Any document which has expired (or is due to expire) between 13 March 2020 – 31 July 2021 is to be accepted as valid until 31 July 2021
Croatia	Any document expiring on or after 13 March 2020 is to be treated as having no expiry date. This rule will apply until 30 days after the official proclamation of the end of the COVID-19 pandemic in Croatia
Hungary	Any document expiring between 11 March 2020 – 3 July 2020 is to be treated as valid indefinitely Any document expiring on or after 4 November 2020 is to be treated as valid indefinitely
Italy	Any document expiring from 31 January 2020 is to be treated as valid for proving the holder's identity until 30 April 2021. However, it cannot be used as a travel document.

Portugal	Any document expiring after 26 February 2020 is to be accepted as valid until 31 December 2021. Any expired document is to be accepted as valid after 31 December 2021 where the holder can prove that they have an appointment to renew the document
Romania	Any document expiring on or after 1 March 2020 is to be accepted as valid until 90 days following the end of the state of alert in Romania
Slovakia	<p>Any identity card expiring between 9 April 2020 – 30 April 2020 is to be accepted as valid until one month following the official termination of the state of crisis situation by the Government of the Slovak Republic</p> <p>Any identity card expiring between 1 May 2020 – 31 May 2020 is to be accepted as valid until 2 months following the official termination of the state of crisis situation by the Government of the Slovak Republic</p> <p>Any identity card expiring between 1 June 2020 – 30 June 2020 is to be accepted as valid until 3 months following the official termination of the state of crisis situation by the Government of the Slovak Republic</p> <p>Any card expiring on or after 1 July 2020 until the official termination of the state of crisis situation by the Government of the Slovak Republic is to be accepted as valid until 4 months following the official termination of the state of crisis situation by the Government of the Slovak Republic</p>
Spain	Any card expiring between 14 March 2020 – 13 March 2021 is to be accepted as valid until 13 March 2021

In all other cases, you need to request a paper application form by contacting the **the EU Settlement Resolution Centre**.

You may be able to use alternative evidence of identity and nationality, if you are unable to obtain or produce a passport or national identity card due to circumstances beyond your control, or due to compelling practical or compassionate reasons, arising, in either case, from the impact of coronavirus (e.g. inability to travel to, or the closure of, an embassy or consulate).

You'll need to provide alternative evidence of your identity and nationality or entitlement to apply from outside the UK. These can include:

- a document previously issued by the Home Office
- an expired passport or national identity card
- an official document issued by the authorities of your country of origin or of the UK which confirms your identity and nationality