

1. What is a Share Code?

A Share Code is a personal identifier that proves your immigration status and your right to work in the UK. It is usually valid for 90 days and is made of 9 alphanumeric characters like 1AB-2CD-3E4.

2. Why do I need a Share Code?

A Share Code enables you to prove your right to work to an employer whenever you apply for a job or when an employer requests it. In England, a Share Code is necessary to prove your right to rent – but this does not apply in Northern Ireland.

3. Who can get a Share Code?

A person with a Biometric Residence Card (BRC) or Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) and a person with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account can get a Share Code. If you are a refugee and you have BRP card you can use this information to get a Share Code. Asylum seekers cannot get a Share Code, see below.

4. How do I get a Share Code?

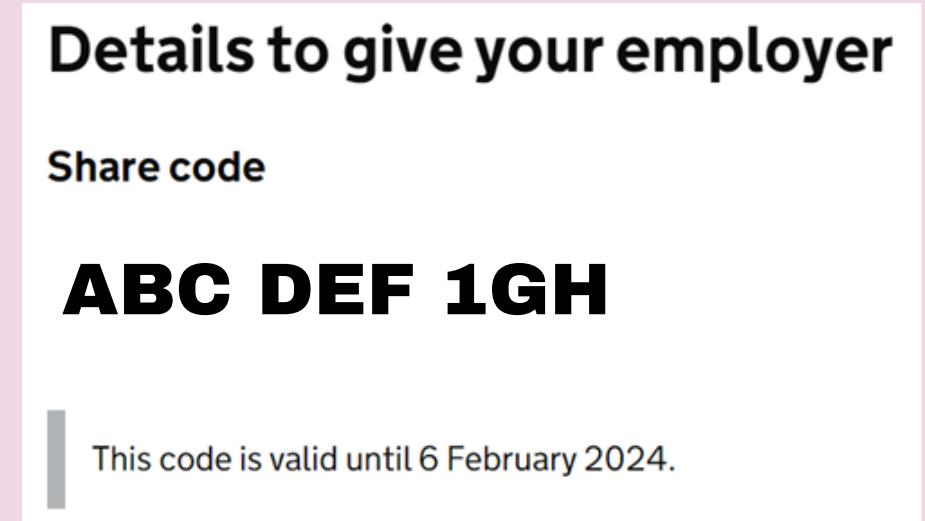
Go to www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work/get-a-share-code-online

- choose 'I have a Biometric Residence Permit' then click on 'continue'
- enter your BRP number, you can find it on the right top of your card
- enter your date of birth



The screen will then show:

- your photo as it appears on your BRP card
- your right to work expiry date
- details about what type of work you are allowed to do



To share your details with an employer, you must create a Share Code so click 'continue'

- you will see a Share Code on screen and the guidance to share it with an employer

5. What must my employer do?

You should give the Share Code and your date of birth to your employer. To see your right to work, they must enter the share code and your date of birth at www.gov.uk/view-right-to-work. Contact them to make sure they have all the information they need.

Asylum Seekers

Asylum seekers who receive work permission from the Home Office cannot get a Share Code. They will receive an updated Application Registration Card (ARC) stating "Work Permitted SOL". This is proof of their right to work. Asylum Seekers are limited to working in jobs on the government's Shortage Occupation List (SOL) and cannot be employed in any other job. You can find the SOL here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/skilled-worker-visa-shortage-occupations/skilled-worker-visa-shortage-occupations

This is a summary of how to obtain a share code.

For detailed guidance go to: www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work/get-a-share-code-online