



DISCRETIONARY LEAVE TO REMAIN IN THE UK

What is Discretionary Leave to Remain (DLR)?

Discretionary Leave to Remain in the UK is a form of temporary permission granted to individuals who do not meet the standard requirements for asylum, humanitarian protection, or other immigration categories, but whose removal would breach the UK's obligations under human rights laws.

Unlike Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR), DLR is not automatically a pathway to settlement but may lead to it over time. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis, making legal expertise essential.

Eligibility Criteria for DLR

Discretionary Leave may be granted under exceptional circumstances, such as:

- **Serious medical conditions** where treatment is unavailable in the applicant's home country.
 - **Private and family life** established under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).
 - **Vulnerable individuals**, including victims of trafficking or modern slavery.
 - **Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC)** with no adequate reception arrangements.
- Each case is unique and assessed on its individual merits by the Home Office.



Application Process and Documentation

The process involves submitting a detailed application with supporting evidence tailored to the applicant's personal circumstances. Essential steps include:

- Completing the correct application form (FLR(HRO) or others depending on circumstances).
- Providing medical reports, expert opinions, or social services assessments.
- Including evidence of UK ties, such as children in school or a long period of lawful residence.
- Legal representation is highly recommended to navigate complex immigration rules and to ensure a strong case presentation.

Pathway to Settlement

While DLR is usually granted for periods of 30 months, it may lead to settlement after 10 years of continuous lawful residence under the long residence rule. In some cases, shorter routes may apply depending on the nature of the leave and changes in policy.



Why Choose Visa and Migration Ltd?

At Visa and Migration Ltd, we provide expert legal support for individuals seeking discretionary leave to remain uk. Our experienced immigration advisors offer tailored advice, ensuring your application is professionally prepared and strategically sound.

We stay updated with evolving UK immigration law to give you the best chance of success—because your future in the UK matters.



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