

National Identity Register



How the data will be used

Your identity information will be stored in a secure database called the national identity register.

Information held in this database will be strictly limited, and only Parliament will be able to change the type of data stored there.

The data will only be used to accurately determine your identity.

Government agencies and private businesses will be able to check the information held on the national identity register, in order to help them establish the identity of their customers and staff. For example, you may be asked to prove your identity when opening a bank account or registering with a doctor.

What the register will hold

The register will contain personal information such as:

- name
- address
- gender
- date and place of birth
- immigration status
- fingerprints
- facial image

What the register will not hold

It will not include sensitive personal information such as:

- ethnic origin
- medical records
- tax records
- religious beliefs

Are identity cards a threat to our privacy?

No. The register will only hold the kind of basic personal information about you that is already held by some government departments, along with your biometric information.

The information we would take about you, and what we would do with it, is strictly limited by laws designed to protect you.

Information will only be held for the purposes of proving identity. Sensitive information like medical records will not be held.

You will have the right to see what information is held about you.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/passports-and-immigration/id-cards/how-the-data-will-be-used/>

Key to the ID Card scheme will be a centralised computer database, the National Identity Register (NIR). To identify someone it will not always be necessary to check their card, since identity could be determined by a taking a biometric scan and matching it against a database entry.

ID cards for foreign nationals will be produced by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) in Swansea on behalf of the Home Office.

Information to be contained on the National Identity Register

According to the published legislation, the database will record the following information for each UK resident:

Personal information:

- full name;
- other names by which he is or has been known;
- date of birth;
- place of birth;
- gender;
- principal UK place of residence;
- every other UK place of residence;
- past places of UK and overseas residence during a prescribed period.

Identifying information:

- head and shoulder photograph;
- signature;
- fingerprints;
- other biometric information.

Residential status:

- nationality;
- entitlement to remain in the United Kingdom;
- the terms and conditions of leave to enter or remain in the UK, if applicable.

Personal reference numbers etc:

- National Identity Registration Number;
- the number of any ID card issued;
- any national insurance number;
- the number of any immigration document;
- the number of any United Kingdom passport;
- the number of any non-UK passport;
- the number of any document that can be used instead of a passport;
- the number of any overseas identity card;
- any reference number in connection with an application to enter or to remain in the UK;
- the number of any work permit;
- any driving licence number;
- the number of any other designated document;
- the date of expiry or period of validity of a document listed above.

Record history:

- previous records of the above information;
- changes affecting the above information and changes made to the Register entry;
- date of death

Registration and ID card history:

- the date of every application for registration;
- the date of every application for a modification of the registry entry;
- the date of every application confirming the contents of the registry entry;
- the reason for any omission from the information recorded;
- particulars (in addition to its number) of every ID card issued;
- whether each such card is in force and, if not, why not;
- particulars of every person who has countersigned an application;
- particulars of every notification given by him (lost, stolen and damaged cards, etc);
- particulars of every requirement to surrender an ID card

Validation information:

- the information provided in connection with every application or modification;
- the information provided in connection with every registry entry confirmation;
- the steps taken to identify the applicant or verify the information provided;
- any other steps or information used to ensure a complete, up-to-date, accurate entry;
- particulars of every notification given by that individual

Security information:

- a PIN used in connection with applications or information provision;
- a password used for the above purpose;
- questions and answers to be used for security when applying or modifying information.

Records of provision of information:

- particulars of every occasion on which the registry entry has been accessed;
- particulars of every person to whom such information has been provided;
- other particulars associated with the registry access