Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals

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Identity Management Programme

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The wider identity management landscape

- **Biometric Visa Programme**

  All visa applicants are now required to provide their biometrics

- **Secure Identity at the Border**

  Non-EEA foreign nationals to have biometrically verifiable identity at the border from 2011

- **E-Borders**

  Introduced incrementally to 2014 enables us to count people in and out of the UK

- **National Identity Scheme**

  Rollout of biometric Identity cards to UK citizens, starting with Critical Workers

Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals - Overview

➢ Government flagship project – part of wider National Identity Scheme

➢ Known in legislation as Biometric Immigration Documents (*inc. biometric residence permits*)

➢ Biometrics help us lock down an individual's identity and crack down on abuse of the immigration system

➢ Project Started on 25 November 2008 – Roll out enrolment centres across the UK

➢ Aim by 2014/15 that at least 90% of foreign nationals will have a biometric identity card
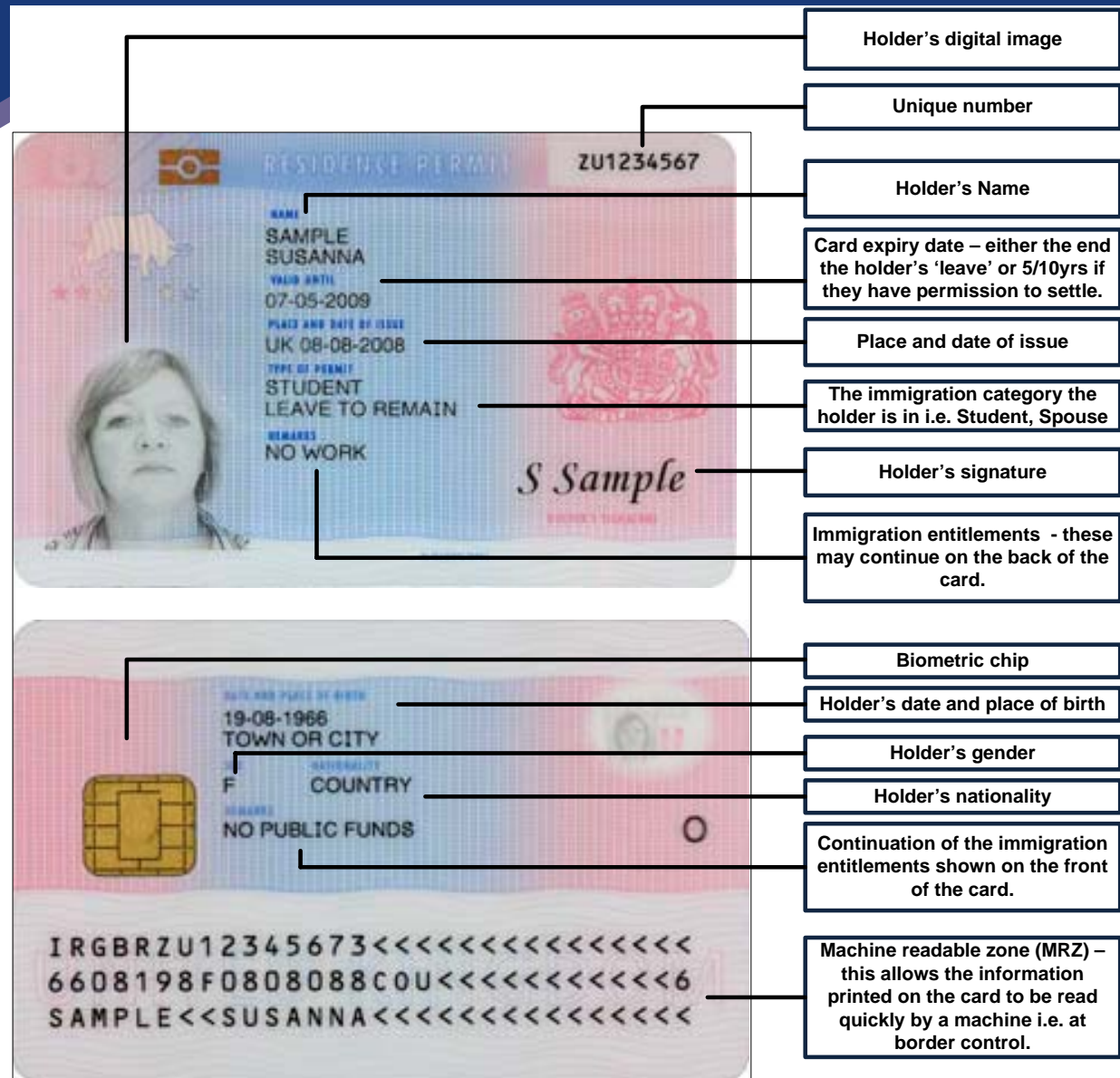
Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals - How Does it Work?

➢ Migrants apply by post or in person (premium service only)

➢ The key change is that the migrant is required to come for an appointment where they have their biometrics (facial image and fingerprints) enrolled

➢ The migrant books their appointment through our call centre

➢ The appointment takes place at one of our Public Caller Facilities, and takes no more than 30 minutes

➢ Biometrics are recorded and checked against several data sources before the outcome of the migrant's case is decided

➢ If leave is granted, the Identity Card is issued to the migrant via secure delivery
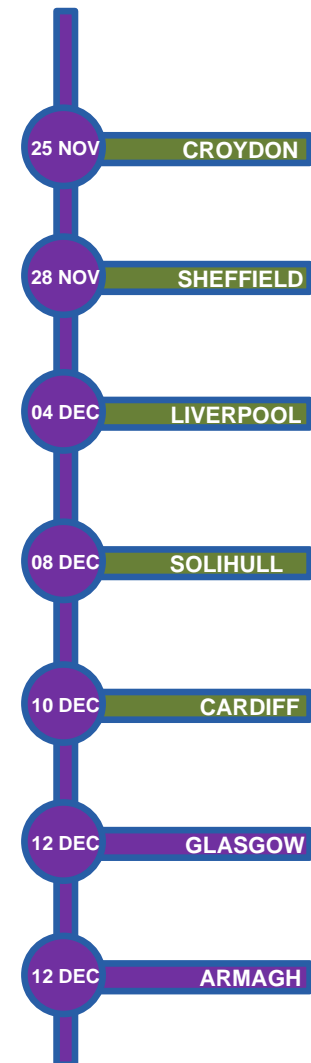
Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals - What Does it Look Like?

- Key details appear on the face of the card, together with a facial image.

- The fields denoting 'type of leave' and 'remarks' are specific to the applicant's case….i.e. if a student is granted leave to remain for study, and is allowed to work the card shows this clearly.

- The secure microchip contains all the information on the face of the card, plus two fingerprint images.

Holder's digital image	
Unique number	
Holder's Name	
Card expiry date – either the end the holder's 'leave' or 5/10yrs if they have permission to settle.	
Place and date of issue	
The immigration category the holder is in i.e. Student, Spouse	
Holder's signature	
Immigration entitlements - these may continue on the back of the card.	
Biometric chip	
Holder's date and place of birth	
Holder's gender	
Holder's nationality	
Continuation of the immigration entitlements shown on the front of the card.	
Machine readable zone (MRZ) – this allows the information printed on the card to be read quickly by a machine i.e. at border control.	

When are we delivering it and how?

➢ There is an incremental rollout to 7 UKBA enrolment offices

➢ UKBA successfully issued identity cards as planned from the 25th November

➢ The first categories for roll out are students and spouse/civil partnership/unmarried couples granted Leave to Remain (non EEA)

➢ Volumes will start relatively low and ramp up gradually - 50-60k cards up to April 09

➢ Following the agreed rollout strategy, vignettes will be replaced by cards within a 3 year period

➢ By 2011 all new applicants granted leave will have an Identity Card

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Date	Location
25 NOV	CROYDON
28 NOV	SHEFFIELD
04 DEC	LIVERPOOL
08 DEC	SOLIHULL
10 DEC	CARDIFF
12 DEC	GLASGOW
12 DEC	ARMAGH

How is it used?

➤ **Demonstrating right to work clearly**

The card helps to combat illegal working and reduce illegal immigration to the United Kingdom. It is a very secure way to provide evidence of the holder's nationality, identity and status in the United Kingdom.

➤ **Knowing what a migrant is entitled to**

It helps employers to more easily understand the migrant's entitlements. It also enables holders to confirm their identity, immigration status, and right to work.

➤ **Travel**

If a migrant travels outside of the UK during their stay, where ever they normally present their passport to embark or regain entry they are required to show their card as well.
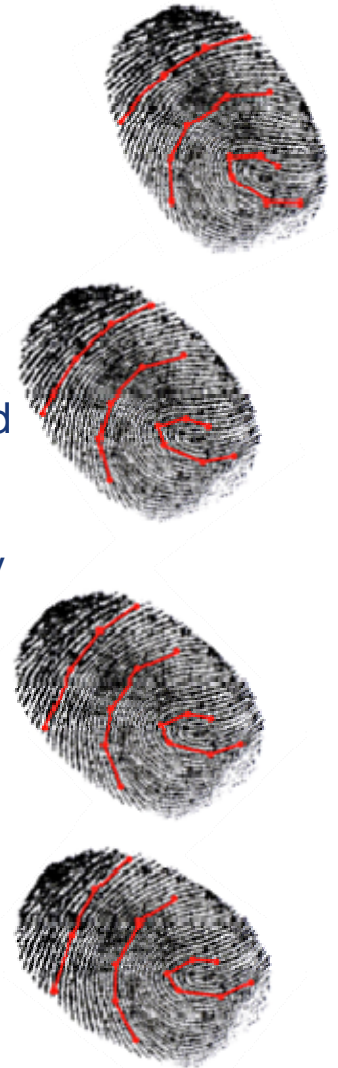
How can it be checked?

➢ Design and key security features - guidance available on our website.

➢ Phone based validation service available **0300 123 4699** - able to verify the authenticity of a card using key data available on the face of it.

➢ Existing 'Employer Checking Service' will continue to provide the wider service relating to foreign nationals without ID Cards and for more detailed enquires about an individual employee's immigration status and entitlement to work.

➢ Employers and sponsors will be particularly keen to use these services because they:

❖ have a responsibility to check the entitlement of prospective employees to work in the UK;

❖ can help the Employer to confirm the identity and entitlement to work of their prospective employees."

Lessons learned so far…..

Key facts from our pilot

➢ Enrolled the biometrics of over **13,000 applicants**.

➢ Initial data suggests the **majority of applicants had no previous fingerprint** record on UKBA's biometric database, although 15% were matched to their previous biometric enrolment overseas (when they applied for a visa).

➢ We are investigating around **10 prosecution cases**. The offence that may have been committed is Leave to Remain by Deception.

➢ We have already successfully **prosecuted 5 cases**:

- 1 resulting in an 8 month sentence

- 1 resulting in a 4 month sentence

- 1 resulting in 12 month community service

- 2 others await sentencing

What next?

> Opening more locations for biometric enrolment within the UK and bedding down new process

> Roll out continues in 2009 to additional application categories including 'visa holders' coming to the UK for more than 6 months

> Launch of mobile enrolment facilities

> IPS launch Critical Workers Identity Card for UK Citizens

> 2010 – IPS offer ID cards to Young People

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