

# YouGov / Praxis / IPPR Survey Results

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People come to live in the UK for various different reasons and on different visas, such as to work, study, join family or as a visitor. Some people are entitled to apply for permanent residence after living here on temporary visas for five years, but others have to wait for ten years. This includes people who do not meet all the normal criteria for staying in the UK as a family member, but who are otherwise able to stay as a family member due to exceptional circumstances. After ten years, they can apply for the permanent right to live in the UK.

Do you think ten years is too long, not long enough, or about the right amount of time?

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Too long	27	13	43	46	41	14	26	29	32	29	25	24	31	22	39	26	28	21	33	33
Not long enough	15	20	12	4	7	24	16	14	14	14	13	20	12	19	12	14	15	18	13	27
About the right amount of time	43	58	32	41	38	52	45	41	31	40	50	47	44	42	34	47	44	44	39	36
Don't know	14	9	13	9	14	10	13	15	23	16	12	8	12	17	15	13	13	16	15	5

Would you support or oppose the following groups of people being allowed to apply for the permanent right to live in the UK sooner than ten years?

### People who have school age children

Should have to wait ten years to apply	42	60	28	30	29	60	45	39	27	39	49	47	40	44	29	41	43	49	35	53
Should be allowed to apply sooner	39	22	56	52	54	23	37	40	48	40	35	35	42	34	53	37	37	31	47	40
Don't know	19	18	17	18	18	17	18	21	25	21	16	18	17	22	18	21	20	19	17	7

### People who have a disability or chronic health condition

Should have to wait ten years to apply	43	62	28	34	31	60	46	41	23	40	50	51	42	45	24	42	46	51	41	49
Should be allowed to apply sooner	31	16	47	40	42	19	31	32	45	34	27	25	35	26	52	28	29	25	36	39
Don't know	26	22	26	26	26	21	23	28	31	26	23	24	23	29	24	29	25	24	24	11

### People who have mental health difficulties

Should have to wait ten years to apply	45	62	31	37	33	61	47	43	28	42	51	52	44	46	28	45	46	54	40	48
Should be allowed to apply sooner	27	14	41	34	39	14	27	28	37	30	25	20	30	23	42	25	26	22	33	29
Don't know	28	24	28	30	28	25	26	30	35	28	24	28	26	30	30	30	28	24	28	23

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Currently people on the “ten year route” to permanent residence have to get their visa renewed every two-and-a-half years.

Which of the following best reflects your view?

People should have to renew their visa MORE frequently than this	<b>25</b>	38	16	12	14	41	27	22	7	21	26	37	21	29	13	22	29	30	27	19
People should have to renew their visa LESS frequently than this	<b>14</b>	5	22	17	19	6	13	15	21	19	9	7	16	10	24	13	12	10	16	10
People having to renew their visa every two-and-a-half years is about right	<b>42</b>	47	39	48	43	43	40	43	36	37	51	45	44	39	40	45	42	39	37	54
People should not have to renew their visa at all	<b>6</b>	2	10	8	9	2	7	5	7	7	5	4	7	5	13	5	4	5	6	10
Don't know	<b>14</b>	7	14	15	15	8	13	15	28	17	9	7	12	16	11	15	14	16	14	7

Each time someone on the “ten year route” to permanent residence renews their visa they need to pay a fee for the new visa. Currently that fee is £1,048.

Do you think this is too high, too low, or about right?

Too high	<b>45</b>	34	59	64	61	31	43	47	49	46	45	43	50	39	58	44	45	38	51	50
Too low	<b>12</b>	17	8	5	5	20	14	11	14	11	12	15	10	15	6	13	14	15	7	13
About right	<b>28</b>	38	20	15	21	38	29	26	16	26	32	31	27	29	26	28	28	29	24	24
Don't know	<b>15</b>	11	13	15	13	11	13	16	21	17	11	11	13	17	9	16	13	17	17	13

When people do apply to have their visa renewed, how long do you think it is reasonable for people to wait to receive a new visa?

Should reasonably expect to be processed within 2 weeks	<b>27</b>	21	32	27	30	24	28	26	23	32	23	24	27	26	32	25	26	27	29	36
Should reasonably expect to be processed within a month	<b>42</b>	47	42	53	47	43	40	43	34	38	48	46	44	38	39	45	42	38	42	43
Should reasonably expect to be processed within 2 months	<b>12</b>	14	11	10	11	13	11	13	12	11	15	11	13	10	14	11	12	13	10	5
Should reasonably expect to be processed within 6 months	<b>4</b>	5	4	2	2	7	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	5	5	3	4	6	4	6
Should reasonably expect to be processed within a year	<b>1</b>	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	4
It is reasonable for the process to take more than a year	<b>2</b>	4	0	0	1	4	3	2	0	2	2	5	2	3	1	4	2	2	1	0
Not sure	<b>12</b>	8	10	9	9	8	13	11	25	13	8	8	10	15	8	12	12	14	13	6

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**And thinking about the fees that people need to pay to stay in the UK, do you think...**

Everyone should have to pay the same level of fees, regardless of income	<b>38</b>	52	26	27	29	50	41	34	22	38	43	39	37	38	33	37	38	42	34	35
Fees should be means-tested, with people on lower incomes paying less and those on higher incomes paying more	<b>47</b>	38	61	55	56	40	45	48	51	46	44	48	49	44	52	46	48	41	50	53
Not sure	<b>16</b>	11	13	18	15	10	15	17	27	16	13	13	14	18	15	17	14	17	16	12

**Taking the current time and visa requirements for people on the "ten year route" into account, which of the following best reflects your view?**

The current arrangements are about right	<b>25</b>	39	15	17	17	37	27	23	10	21	30	34	24	26	15	30	25	26	19	22
The requirement to live here for ten years should remain, but the cost and/or frequency of visa renewals should be reduced	<b>23</b>	22	23	23	23	22	22	23	25	22	23	22	24	21	24	20	25	24	22	30
The requirement to live here for ten years should be reduced, but the cost and/or frequency of visa renewals should remain	<b>9</b>	10	8	6	8	11	9	9	8	8	10	9	8	10	9	7	11	11	6	10
Both the ten year time limit, and the cost and/or frequency of visa renewals should be reduced	<b>19</b>	7	32	33	30	8	18	20	24	21	17	14	23	13	33	17	14	13	28	30
Not sure	<b>25</b>	22	21	22	22	22	25	25	33	28	20	21	22	29	19	26	26	27	25	8

**People on the "ten year route" to long-term residence have permission to work in the UK and have to pay taxes.**

**Generally speaking, do you think they should or should not have access to welfare benefits if they need them?**

Should have access	<b>48</b>	39	65	69	64	40	51	47	43	48	49	52	56	39	62	48	47	42	53	53
Should not have access	<b>33</b>	47	22	17	20	47	34	32	25	32	38	33	29	39	18	36	35	36	29	34
Don't know	<b>19</b>	14	13	15	16	13	16	21	32	20	13	15	16	22	20	17	18	21	18	14