

Permanent Residency vs. British Citizenship

Permanent Residency

Pre-requisites:

- Living legally in the UK for last 5 years (2-3 for certain visas)
- Pass Life in the UK test
- Proof of English proficiency (B1 level of Common European Framework or ESOL Entry Level 3)
- Good character
- Obey immigration rules
- Proof of financial stability

Application Process:

- Pay fee (variable)
- Apply via Home Office website
- Submit necessary documents
- Biometric appointment

Benefits and Limitations:

- Live, study and work freely in UK
- Access to NHS and public funds
- Can apply for citizenship after 12 months
- Can't vote in general elections
- No British passport
- Can lose permanent residency if out of the country over 2 years (5 under EU Settlement Scheme)

British Citizenship

Pre-requisites:

- Hold permanent residency at least 12 months (except if married to a British citizen)
- Pass Life in the UK test
- Proof of English proficiency (B1 level of Common European Framework or ESOL Entry Level 3)
- Good character
- No absences longer than 450 days in last 5 years or 90 days in last 12 months
- Attend naturalisation ceremony within 3 months of application approval (citizen's pledge and certificate of naturalisation)

Application Process:

- Pay fee (variable)
- Apply via Home Office website
- Submit necessary documents
- Biometric appointment

Benefits:

- Full rights of a British citizen
- Vote in all elections
- Can run for office
- Access to British passport
- Special protections (e.g., rescue from war zones)

Course Structure

- Video lessons (Portuguese)
- PDFs with slides from lessons (English)
- Various activities (e.g., questions, crossword puzzles and word searches)
- Cheat sheet with key content
- Glossary
- Course study schedule/calendar

Course Modules

1. Introduction
2. The Values and Principles of the UK
3. What is the UK?
4. UK History
5. The UK Today
6. The Government, Laws and Your Role
7. Additional Lessons

Udemy Platform Key Features

- AI assistant
- Course content
- Q&A and messages
- Notes
- Announcements
- Reviews
- Learning tools

Booking the Test

- £50 per attempt
- Book via government's website
- Upload ID and proof of address
- Over 30 approved test centres

Test Structure

- 45 minutes
- 24 multiple-choice computer-based questions
- 18/24 to pass (75%)
- English

The Day of the Test

- Arrive early (minimum 15 minutes)
- Take original ID (same as booking)
- Take confirmation email/letter
- Put personal items in locker
- Don't take anyone with you
- Immediate results (pass = unique reference number)
- If you fail, book a new test after 7 days

Top Tips for the Test

- Focus on understanding, not memorising
- Use time wisely
- Read questions carefully
- Look for key words
- Check answers before submitting test

Top Study Tips

1. Take frequent breaks (Pomodoro method)
2. Study in an appropriate environment
3. Study close to your bedtime
4. Use ALL course materials
5. Overcome procrastination
6. Use frequent, spaced repetition
7. Set SMART goals
8. Study every day
9. Use metaphors
10. Use your imagination
11. Learn by teaching
12. Study in chronological order



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