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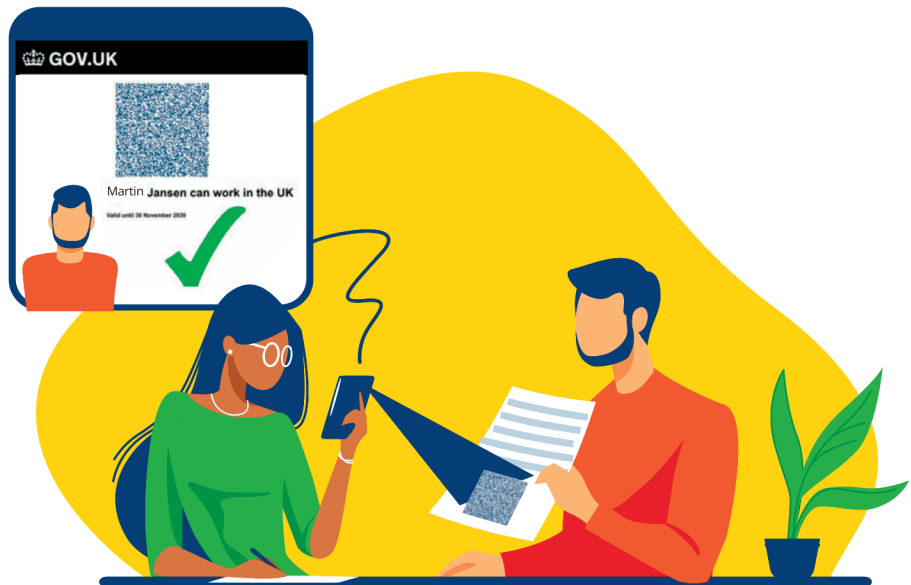
Fixing the digital status A proposal for a safe and simple proof of rights



This is how the UK's digital status is currently implemented for millions of people



This is how it could work
instead - a cost effective, highly
secure QR based solution which
respects data privacy rights and
also allows for physical backup



HOW IT MIGHT LOOK



On a mobile device



On a card

WHY IT MATTERS

Giorgia* is an Italian citizen who got settled status a few years ago. She had used her digital status without problems in the past. After she was made redundant a few months ago, she tried to generate a share code for a new prospective employer.

She was horrified to find that, although her status looked correct when she viewed it, the preview of what would be sent to an employer was completely wrong, showing someone else's name and a status expiring within just a few months. She was unable to prove her Right to Work.

When we spoke to Giorgia, she had already made six separate calls to the Resolution Centre but her status was still not fixed.

“I’m really scared that someone has hacked my digital status. I need this to survive here.”

Drina* is a Roma person. She doesn't own a computer or tablet. She has a smartphone, which she uses only for phone calls and very basic social media.

Drina was helped back in 2019 by an organisation to apply for pre-settled status, after a face-to-face outreach meeting. Now that her children are a bit older she has tried to get some work, but everywhere she tries, she is asked for a share code. She has no idea how to get a share code, or even how to see her status or when it expires.

ADVANTAGES FOR GOVERNMENT

- Would be cost effective to roll out at pace
- Can work alongside, rather than undermine, current Home Office implementations
- Is aligned to best practice criteria developed by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
- Is based on standard best practices using technology providing military grade security
- Would smoothe the planned expiry of biometric cards and introduction of ETA

ADVANTAGES FOR CITIZENS

- Puts proof of status back in the hands of the citizen
- Allows for extremely cheap and secure physical backup of status



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*Names have been changed to ensure anonymity.