



Home Office

Workers, Temporary Workers and Students: guidance for sponsors

Appendix A: supporting documents for sponsor licence applications

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This appendix is to be used for all sponsor licence applications made or decided on or after **22 August 2022**.

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Changes from last version of this guidance

This version replaces version 06/22. The following changes have been made:

- Table 1: organisations applying to be licensed on the new Scale-up route have been added to the table
- Table 3 (UK Expansion Worker): under the sub-heading '(4) Other documents', we have clarified that Articles of Association must be for the overseas business
- Table 4: updated to reflect we can check VAT registration details online
- other minor housekeeping changes

Introduction

This document is for organisations that want to apply for a sponsor licence on the Worker, Temporary Worker or Student routes. It is an appendix to the full policy guidance on [sponsoring a Worker or Temporary Worker](#) or [sponsoring a Student](#). It lists the documents you must provide to support your application for a sponsor licence.

In most cases, you must provide at least 4 documents (or, where stated, 4 combinations of documents). You may not need to send 4 documents if you are a:

- public body recognised by the UK Government, such as a local authority
- company listed on the London Stock Exchange Main Market

Supporting evidence

The following tables list all of the information we will need to check and tell you whether you need to send any documents. The easiest way to work out which documents you need to send is to read through each of the following tables, starting with Table 1.

Note: you must provide extra information if you are applying for a [Skilled Worker and/or T2 Minister of Religion](#) licence.

[Table 1](#) sets out some limited circumstances when you may not have to send 4 documents. If you are an organisation of the type listed in this table, you need only send the documents described, and, in some cases, you may not need to send any documents at all, unless there are documents listed in Tables 2 to 4 that are specifically required for the route in which you are applying. **If you are not listed in Table 1, you should then look at Table 2.**

[Table 2](#) sets out all the documents which you must send if you are a start-up (trading for less than 18 months), franchise, charity, or are subject to regulation, inspection or monitoring. We describe these as 'mandatory' based on the kind of organisation you are. It also sets out some other documents we will accept from you in addition to those which are mandatory. **Once you have identified any documents in Table 2 that you must send us, you should then look at Table 3.**

[Table 3](#) sets out all of the documents which are mandatory based on the route in which you are applying. If you have **not** identified 4 documents to send to us after looking at Tables 1, 2 and 3, **you must then look at Table 4.**

[Table 4](#) sets out all other documents you can send if you still need to make your total number of documents up to **a minimum of 4.**

You must make sure you have read the full [Workers and Temporary Workers: guidance for sponsors](#) and/or [Student sponsor guidance](#) on GOV.UK before you apply for your sponsor licence. The guidance has examples which explain how to put together the right documents to send to us to validate your sponsor licence application.

Once you have applied online for your licence, you must send the following documents:

- the submission sheet, signed and dated by your authorising officer (all pages must be sent)
- all of the mandatory documents listed on the submission sheet

You should scan or take pictures of your supporting documents and send them to the email address given on the submission sheet.

Files can be in PDF (preferred), JPEG or PNG format. File titles should be descriptive and no more than 25 characters long. To minimise file sizes, we recommend scanning in black and white or greyscale, not colour. Pictures taken by phone can be saved as Small or Medium size files. You should carefully check the quality of all scans or pictures before sending.

If you are unable to provide the submission sheet and supporting evidence electronically, you can contact us using the contact details given on the submission sheet.

Any affidavits or statutory declarations you send must have been witnessed by a qualified, independent person – for example, a solicitor, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Oaths, or (in Scotland only) a Councillor.

Any documents or other evidence that we ask to see that are not in English or Welsh must be accompanied by a [certified translation](#). The translator or translation company must confirm in writing on the translation:

- that it's a 'true and accurate translation of the original document'
- the date of the translation
- the full name and contact details of the translator or a representative of the translation company

In all cases we reserve the right to request original documents or certified copies. Original documents will be returned by Royal Mail Signed For delivery to the address of the Authorising Officer stated in the online sponsor application. Certified copies sent by post must meet the requirements set out in the sponsor guidance.

For your sponsor licence application to be valid, you must send us all of the documents within 5 working days of the date on which you submitted your online sponsor licence application.

If any of the mandatory items are missing or incorrect, your application will be invalid. Invalid applications are rejected and the application fee is refunded.

If any documents specified in this appendix, other than mandatory documents, are missing from your application, or if we require any additional documents, we will contact you by email.

We will give you **5 working days** to send those documents to us. If you do not send them to us within **5 working days**, we will refuse your application and your fee will **not** be refunded.

Online checks

As you work through the tables, you may find that we could do an online check to obtain the information we need but will need some help from you to locate the relevant web page. If this is the case, you must tell us in your covering email, or in a covering letter, the address of the website where the information can be found. For example, if you are a care home in England, you must provide evidence of your registration with the [Care Quality Commission \(CQC\)](#). If that registration is in a different name to the one you have given on your licence application, you will need to tell us what name you are registered under in your covering email or in a covering letter, and provide any relevant supporting evidence to show that you are the same organisation. We will then be able to look you up on the [CQC](#) website.

Security and contact information

Security is important to us. You should give the names of all the people who have access to the email address supplied with your online sponsor licence application. You should also provide a landline telephone number, if you have one. If you do not have a landline, please indicate this in your response.

Skilled Worker and/or T2 Minister of Religion: additional information

If you are applying for a licence to sponsor workers on the [Skilled Worker](#) and/or [T2 Minister of Religion](#) routes, you must provide the information below (as well as the documents from the following tables) or your application will be rejected.

Tell us:

- why are you applying for a sponsor licence
- what sector you operate in
- what are your opening/operating hours

You must provide an up to date hierarchy chart detailing any owner, director and board members. If your business has 50 employees or fewer, you must list all employees and set out the names and titles of all staff.

Tell us about the jobs you wish to fill and for which you intend to assign a Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS). Include the following information for each job:

- job title and occupation code
- duties
- where the job sits on the hierarchy chart referred to above
- minimum salary you would guarantee if the job were vacant today
- skill, experience and qualifications required

You must indicate which jobs are currently vacant and for which you intend to assign a CoS. If you have already identified someone that you wish to employ via the sponsorship system, you should provide evidence of how you identified this person. If you identified this person as a result of a recruitment process, you should include copies of advertisements placed to recruit for the job, details of any applicants and why they were not suitable for the job. You should confirm whether the person is already working for you.

If you have not advertised the job and the person you wish to employ is not currently working for you, you should confirm how you identified that this person was the most suitable for the job.

If you have already identified a person, including if they are an overseas national already working for you, and intend to assign a CoS to them, you should provide the following details of the person:

- full name
- date of birth
- nationality
- current immigration status
- current job title and duties
- 3 months' payslips, if applicable

Table 1: specific bodies and organisations

Organisation type	Documents you need to send
If you are a public body that appears in the corporate report ' Public bodies 2013 summary data ' on GOV.UK	You do not need to send us any documents, unless there are mandatory documents listed in Tables 2 to 4 that are specifically required for the route in which you are applying.
If you are a public body that does not appear in the corporate report ' Public bodies 2013 summary data ' on GOV.UK	You must send us either documentary evidence from your sponsoring government department which clearly says you are a public body or, if your details are published on your sponsoring department's website, a covering email or letter giving the name of your sponsoring department so that we can do an online check. You should also check Tables 2 to 4 to see if there are any additional mandatory documents you need to send based on the route in which you are applying.
If you are a Government Department	You do not need to send us any documents, unless there are documents listed in Tables 2 to 4 that are specifically required for the route in which you are applying.
If you are a Local Authority and your website can be accessed via the search facility on GOV.UK	You do not need to send us any documents, unless there are mandatory documents listed in Tables 2 to 4 that are specifically required for the route in which you are applying.
If you are applying under International Agreement as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an overseas Government • a Diplomatic Mission an International Organisation whose employees enjoy certain privileges and immunities under UK or international law 	You only need to send a letter as described in section IAW2 of Sponsor an International Agreement Worker .
If you are listed on the London stock exchange (main market)	We will check your listing online and you do not need to send us any documents, unless there are mandatory documents listed in Tables 2 to 4 that are specifically required for the route in which you are applying.
If you are applying under Scale-up	You do not need to send us any documents, unless are required to be registered with, or inspected or monitored by, a regulatory body to operate lawfully in the UK, in which case you must send any evidence or information specified for such organisations in Table 2 .

Table 2: start-ups, franchises, charities and organisations subject to regulation or inspection

Organisation type	Documents you need to send
<p>Start-ups: if you have been operating or trading in the UK for less than 18 months on the date you make your application, the checks we will make are different to those we carry out on more established businesses.</p>	<p>Unless you are applying under Global Business Mobility – UK Expansion Worker, you must send us evidence that you have a current, corporate bank account with a bank registered by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority in the UK.</p> <p>You must also send any mandatory information set out in Table 3 of this appendix. We must be able to check 4 different pieces of information. First, you should check Tables 1 to 3 of this appendix to put together those 4 documents. We realise that some start-ups may not be able to provide certain documents that more established businesses can provide.</p> <p>If you are unable to put 4 documents together from Tables 1 to 3, you can also send us any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a certificate of VAT registration • a letter from your corporate banking provider, setting out the dealings it has had with you, including the nature and duration of those dealings • any document from Table 4 of this appendix
<p>If you are a Franchise</p>	<p>You must send us your Franchise Agreement signed by both parties.</p>
<p>If you are required to be registered with and/or inspected/monitored by a regulatory body to operate lawfully in the UK, we will need to check that you are registered and to see your last inspection report where appropriate, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nursing/care homes and other businesses, which must be inspected by Ofsted or the Care Quality Commission or the equivalent bodies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 	<p>If you are regulated by any of the bodies listed on the left, we will carry out an online check so you do not need to send us any registration or inspection evidence unless we later ask you to. We will check you and any branches you have asked to be included on your licence.</p> <p>Note: if you have applied for your licence under a different name to the one you have given to any of these bodies, you can either send</p>

Organisation type	Documents you need to send
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financial or insurance businesses carrying out regulated activities which must be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority or the Prudential Regulation Authority • healthcare and medical providers, who must be registered with the General Medical Council or General Dental Council <p>This is not an exhaustive list.</p>	<p>your last inspection report or send us a covering email or letter telling us the name you have given to the regulatory body so that we can do an online check.</p> <p>If you are regulated by a body not listed on the left, you can either send us documentary evidence of your registration and any branches or sites you have asked to be included on your licence where appropriate, or a web link to a page on the regulatory body's website where we can verify your status online, and the status of any branches you have asked to be included on your licence.</p> <p>If you are applying as a head office and all branches or a group of branches, we must see evidence of any registration for each individual branch within that group where that registration is a legal requirement.</p> <p>Note: if membership or registration with a professional body or with Companies House is not relevant to your application, we do not need any evidence of such a registration. This section only applies where you have to be registered with a body which has the authority to take action against you for any failings and where, if it removed your registration or authorisation, you would no longer be able to lawfully operate some or all of your business.</p>
<p>If you are a food business and you are required to be registered with or approved by a food authority.</p>	<p>You must send evidence of your registration or approval. This may be a 'Scores on the Doors' rating, or a letter from the relevant authority which has approved/registered you.</p> <p>For a 'Scores on the Doors' rating, you do not need to send us any evidence if your rating is published on scoresonthedoors.org.uk in the same name that you are applying for your licence under.</p> <p>Note: if you have applied for your licence under a different name to the one on your 'Scores on the Doors' rating, you can either send us documentary evidence of your rating or send us a covering letter</p>

Organisation type	Documents you need to send
	telling us the name you have been rated under so that we can do an online check.
If you are a charity .	<p>If you are registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, or the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), you do not need to send us any evidence of the registration if you are applying in the same name as your registered charity. This is because we can do an online check. If you are applying under a different name to the one under which you are registered as a charity, you must tell us the name you are registered under so we can conduct our online check.</p> <p>If you are based in Northern Ireland, and you are not registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, you must send us proof of having obtained charitable status for tax purposes from HMRC.</p> <p>If you are an ecclesiastical corporation (corporate sole, or body corporate), you must send us proof that you are established for charitable purposes.</p> <p>If you are not registered according to the relevant charity legislation, you must send us an explanation of why you are not registered.</p> <p>If you are a school with Academy status, you do not need to send us any evidence of registration.</p> <p>Remember, if you are registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, or the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), but you have applied for your licence under a different name to the one you are registered under, you can either send us documentary evidence of your registration or a covering email or letter to tell us what name you are registered under.</p>

Organisation type	Documents you need to send
	If you are applying under the Charity Worker route, you should ensure that you meet the qualifying requirements set out in Sponsor a Charity Worker .

Table 3: route-specific documents

Route	Documents you need to send
<p>If you are applying under International Sportsperson because you want to sponsor sportspeople and/or coaches</p>	<p>You must send us a copy of the endorsement from the governing body for your sport, which has been approved by us. This must include the governing body unique reference number.</p>
<p>If you are applying under Global Business Mobility (GBM) - Service Supplier because you want to sponsor contractual service suppliers or independent professionals</p>	<p>You must provide evidence to show that you have been awarded a services contract for a period of 12 months or less, through open tendering (or another procedure) which guarantees the genuine character of the contract under an eligible international trade agreement, as described in Annex GBM1 of Sponsor a Global Business Mobility Worker.</p>
<p>If you are applying under Government Authorised Exchange</p>	<p>All applications for the Government Authorised Exchange (GAE) route must be supported by an endorsing government department (or one of its executive agencies) and be approved by us before you send your application. By the time you apply for a GAE licence, we will have already made sure that your scheme has been endorsed and approved. This means you only need to send us a total of 3 documents which should be made up of any mandatory documents from Table 2 of this appendix and any other documents from Tables 3 and 4 of this appendix to make your total number of documents up to 3.</p>
<p>If you are applying under Seasonal Worker</p>	<p>You must send us a copy of your endorsement from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).</p> <p>Note: at the point you apply for a Seasonal Worker licence, you will have already been through a Request for Information exercise undertaken by Defra. If you are successful in this exercise you will then be eligible to apply for a licence under this route.</p>
<p>If you are applying under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T2 (Minister of Religion) • Religious Worker 	<p>You should first read Sponsor a Minister of Religion or Religious Worker to ensure that you qualify as a religious organisation. You must send us information about you which must include:</p>

Route	Documents you need to send
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which faith/religion you belong to • details of your parent organisation and how you are connected to them, where applicable • a hierarchy chart, where applicable, that shows where you are in the hierarchy • the size of your adult congregation • the number of clergy you currently employ, where applicable • addresses of your regular meeting places • your scheduled days and hours of worship <p>Where there is a set hierarchy within your faith, you must send us a letter of support from the head of your faith body organisation) or their nominated legal representative) which confirms that you are part of that organisation.</p> <p>Where applicable, you must send a copy of your ‘Form 76’ from the General Register Office giving authorisation for the use of a building as a place of worship.</p> <p>Where applicable, you must send a copy of ‘Form 78’ from the General Register Office giving authorisation for marriages to be performed at a place of worship.</p>
<p>If you are applying under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBM: Senior or Specialist Worker • GBM: Graduate Trainee 	<p>You must send us one of the following to prove you are linked by common ownership or control, or through a joint venture agreement, to a qualifying overseas business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Office’s audited accounts or audited annual report clearly showing the link between the 2 entities – if either document is available to view online, you can simply send us a covering letter telling us which website it is available on and we will download it instead of you having to send it to us

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an affidavit signed by a senior partner/executive within the UK entity, identifying all of the connected entities both in the UK and overseas • where an organisation is registered on the London Stock Exchange or one of the FCA approved international stock exchanges, a notarised statement by the company secretary of the organisation, setting out the global corporate structure with ownership percentages of each related corporate entity detailed • certified copy of the share register or equivalent of one or other of the entities showing ownership by the entity or a copy of the share registers of both entities showing the common parent company • certified copy of the agreement naming both entities as parties or one entity as a party and the other entity as the subject of the agreement which allows one entity to control the composition of the other entity's board • certified copy of the agreement naming both entities as parties or one entity as a party and the other entity as the subject of the agreement which allows one entity to cast or control the casting of more than half the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of the other entity • certified copy of the joint venture agreement naming both entities as parties or one entity as a party and the other entity as the entity formed by that agreement • certified copy of the agreement naming both entities as parties or one entity as a party and the other entity as the entity formed by that agreement that would constitute a joint venture agreement other than for the fact that joint venture agreements are not permitted in the country of operation; or one of the entities is not permitted to enter into joint ventures in the country of operation • certified copy of the agreement which allows both entities to use a trademark which is registered or established under the laws of the UK and the jurisdiction of the other entity's country of operation – this is only applicable to accountancy or law firms • certified copy of the agreement which allows both entities to operate under the same name in the UK and in the jurisdiction of

Route	Documents you need to send
	<p>the other entity's country of operation – this is only applicable to accountancy or law firms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles of Association
<p>If you are applying under GBM: Graduate Trainee</p>	<p>In addition to evidence that you are linked by common ownership or control to an overseas business (as set out above), you must also provide evidence of your graduate training programme, such as a brochure for the course, evidence of the recruitment for the programme, or a company website giving details of the programme.</p>
<p>If you are applying under GBM: UK Expansion Worker</p>	<p>Unless an exception set out below applies, you must send evidence specified under each of the 4 numbered headings below. This will count as 4 documents. Where a combination of documents is specified under a heading, this will count as one document.</p> <p>You must also send any mandatory documents listed Table 2 above if they are relevant to your business.</p> <p>Any documents not in English or Welsh must be accompanied by a certified translation.</p> <p>Exceptions</p> <p>You do not need to send any documents listed under (2), (3) or (4) below if either of the following is true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your overseas business is listed on the London Stock Exchange on either the Main Market or the AIM market your overseas business is listed on an international stock exchange that the Financial Conduct Authority considers to have an equivalent level of regulation to UK markets – see FCA List of Regulated Markets <p>You must tell us in your sponsor licence application which exception applies to you and provide us with any necessary information to confirm</p>

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	<p>this (such as a link to the relevant online listing). You must still send the evidence listed under (1).</p> <p>You do not have to send any documents listed under (2)(b) below if you are a Japanese business expanding to the UK. However, if you do not submit this evidence, you will only be permitted to sponsor one person at a time. You must still submit the evidence listed under (1), (2)(a), (3) and (4).</p> <p>In all cases where an exception applies, we reserve the right to request more information from you if necessary to decide your application.</p> <p>1) Proof of your UK ‘footprint’</p> <p>All businesses applying under UK Expansion Worker must show they have a UK footprint. This must be one of the following documents—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proof you have registered a UK branch or wholly-owned subsidiary of your overseas company with Companies House (you need only provide your Companies House reference number); or • evidence you have bought or leased business premises in the UK (such as a lease agreement or proof of purchase) <p>2) Evidence of your overseas trading presence</p> <p>Unless an exception applies, you must submit the documents listed under (a) and (b) below.</p> <p>(a) Evidence you have been trading overseas for at least 12 months before the date of your application</p> <p>You must submit one document under sub-paragraph (i) below and one document under sub-paragraph (ii).</p> <p>(i) One of the following—</p>

Route	Documents you need to send
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • corporate or business bank statements showing active transactions for services or goods received or provided covering a period of at least 12 months before the date of application; or • audited or unaudited accounts for the most recent financial year (as defined by laws applicable to the overseas business), together with an accountant’s certificate of confirmation – this certificate should include confirmation of the accountant’s registration with any appropriate regulatory body in the country in which those accounts have been produced <p>(ii) One of the following—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • copies of contracts for goods or services covering at least the 12-month period before the date of application; or • evidence of advertising for services or goods offered by your overseas business <p>(b) Evidence your business was trading overseas 3 years before the date of application – this should be at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • business accounts for the relevant period (these must be audited if required by the applicable laws in the jurisdiction in which your business is based) • corporate or business bank statements for the relevant period • contracts for goods and services for the relevant period • annual reports and investor information for the relevant period • any other credible evidence to show you were actively trading during this period <p>3) Evidence of your planned expansion to the UK</p> <p>Unless an exception applies, you must send one document listed under (a) and two listed under (b) below.</p>

Route	Documents you need to send
	<p>(a) Evidence of your capability to fund your planned expansion, which must show that you have funds available to cover the initial costs for the first 12 months, as projected in your expansion plan – at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • corporate or business bank statements showing transactions from the 12-month period before the date of application (if not already submitted under 2(a)(i) above) • a letter from your corporate banking provider, setting out the dealings it has had with you, including the nature and duration of those dealings <p>(b) Evidence of your expansion plans – at least 2 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a summary of your overseas business, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ information about which sector, or sectors, you operate in ○ a current hierarchy chart for the overseas business detailing any owner, director and board members and the total number of employees ○ information about any jobs you intend to fill in the UK, including the job title, occupation code, and salary • a business plan or other document summarising the last 12 months' activity of the overseas company, its financial position, reasons for expansion, the proposed overall investment in the UK and projected operating costs or expenditure for at least the first 12 months of operating in the UK • evidence of market research conducted and detailed reasoning for choosing the UK as a viable market to expand to (if not included in the business plan) • where the expansion is subject to a shareholder vote process, as detailed in the company's original articles of incorporation or equivalent, evidence that this process has been followed (this may form part of the company's filed accounts)

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	<p>Where the business plan or document summarising the expansion plans has been produced either wholly or in part by a third party (for example, where market research was outsourced to a specialist company) you must also include certified copies of the contract or agreement for that piece of work with the third party.</p> <p>4) Other documents</p> <p>Unless an exception applies, you must also send at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • annual reports and investor information • evidence of engagement with, or advice sought from, specialist advice companies, such as company formation businesses, relocation firms, UK corporate law services, tax services, or the British Chamber of Commerce • details of any recruitment campaigns you have run, or plan to run, in the UK for employees of the UK business once trading begins • Articles of Association for your overseas business or equivalent document • details of any tendering or other process where any activity relating to your business expansion plan, such as the commission of market research, has been conducted by an independent third party • any document listed in Table 4
<p>If you are applying under GBM: Secondment Worker</p>	<p>Evidence you have a contract with an overseas business for goods or investment worth at least £10 million per year, and no less than £50 million in total.</p>
<p>If you are applying under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student • Child student 	<p>You must demonstrate that you meet the requirements of the Student sponsor guidance.</p> <p>You must provide all the following documentation:</p>

Route	Documents you need to send
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proof that you are based in the UK • proof that you are operating and trading lawfully in the UK • proof that you have registered for VAT with HM Revenue and Customs where required to do so • a written record of a fire risk assessment conducted by a competent person • evidence to show that you have appropriate planning permission or local planning authority consent to operate the relevant type or class of organisation at your trading address • any documentation which is required to demonstrate that your sites, exceptional arrangements and/or partnerships, where applicable, meet all of the relevant requirements of the 'Sites and teaching partnerships' section of Document 1 of the Student sponsor guidance <p>Note: that we may ask for other documents at any time.</p> <p>If you are a new independent school, you must send evidence that you have been formally registered by the relevant Government Department in your country as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • England: your School Number, issued by the Department for Education • Scotland: your Scottish Executive Education Department code • Northern Ireland: your confirmation of registration letter from the Department of Education Northern Ireland, School Governance Team • Wales: your confirmation of registration letter from the Welsh Assembly Government, School Governance Team, which will include your unique school reference number <p>If you are an overseas HEI offering short-term 'study abroad' programmes in your own premises in the UK to students who are enrolled in their home country, you must provide all of the following:</p>

Route	Documents you need to send
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overseas accreditation, which can be confirmed by Ecctis (formerly UK NARIC), that your programmes are UK Higher Education equivalents; this overseas accreditation must be from a nationally recognised accrediting body clearly stating their name and be accompanied by a certified copy of the appropriate web page for the institution showing that accreditation • proof that you only teach part of your programmes in the UK - the information you provide should verify that students are studying in the UK for no more than 50% of the total length of the course and must include either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ original letter from the home campus confirming the above ○ original brochure/leaflet/catalogue confirming the above ○ certified copy of appropriate information from the institutional web site confirming the above • proof that you have full legal control of the premises you use – such as original or certified copy of licence, lease, or proof of ownership <p>Note: if you offer study abroad programmes on a franchise basis via a third party in the UK, you will need to ensure that the private provider you are linked with meets our educational oversight requirements and send evidence of the contractual agreement.</p>

Table 4: other documents

Other documents you could provide
Evidence that you have employer's liability insurance cover for at least £5m from an authorised insurer. The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) maintains a register of authorised insurers .
Proof of your listing on the London Stock Exchange AIM market.
Proof of your listing on one of the Financial Conduct Authority approved international stock exchanges.
Proof of registration with HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) as self-employed . Provide each partner's Unique Tax Reference Number (UTR) and/or the Partnerships/Businesses Unique Tax Reference Number (UTR). Proof of registration must be original or certified copies of documentation issued by HMRC only.
Current financial report or audited annual report with the name of the accountant clearly shown. The accountant should be a member of an accredited accounting body such as the Association of Consulting Actuaries (ACA) .
Evidence of Registration with HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) as an employer to pay PAYE & National Insurance . Provide proof of PAYE Reference Number & Accounts Office Reference Number. Evidence of registration must be original or certified copies of documentation issued by HMRC only.
Latest acknowledgement of a Company Tax Return CT620, or the completed CT600 tax return and the CT603 notice.
Evidence of submitting returns to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) – Foreign Entertainers Unit .
Evidence that you have the appropriate planning permission to operate your type/class of business at your trading address where this is a Local Authority requirement.
Proof of listing as an overseas company on the London Stock Exchange International Companies listing .

Other documents you could provide

Your latest audited annual accounts with the name of the accountant clearly shown. The accountant should be a member of an accredited accounting body, such as the:

- [Chartered Institute of Management Accountants \(CIMA\)](#)
- [Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy \(CIPFA\)](#)
- [Association of Chartered Certified Accountants \(ACCA\)](#)
- [Association of Consulting Actuaries \(ACA\)](#)

If you are legally obliged to submit audited accounts, one of the 4 documents must be your most recent set of audited accounts.

If this information is available to view online, you can simply send us a covering letter telling us which website it is available on and we will download it instead of you having to send it to us.

Latest annual self-assessment tax return to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) - Statement of Account (SA300 or SA302).

[HM Revenue & Customs \(HMRC\) VAT registration certificate](#) confirming VAT registration number and 'effective date of registration' if your [VAT taxable turnover](#) is more than the 'threshold'. Alternatively, you can provide your VAT registration number (either in the online sponsor licence application form or in a covering email or letter) and we can make this check online.

Latest corporate/business bank statement and/or a letter from your bank setting out the dealings it has had with you, including the nature and duration of its dealings.

Note: that if both documents are submitted, this will only count as one document towards the minimum document total of 4.

Proof of ownership or lease of your business premises. If you send a copy of your lease agreement, it must be signed by all parties concerned.

Licence for premises to serve alcohol issued by the local authority/court.