



You should read this information guide to help you decide which documents may be useful in supporting the statements that you have made on your visa application form.

Please note that ALL the specified documents must be original and in English or Welsh, otherwise you must include a certified English translation that can be independently verified by the UK Border Agency.

Guide to supporting documents

Points Based System Tier 1
- Post Study Work

You should also read our [Tier 1 \(Post-study work\) policy guidance](#)

Information about you

<p>Completed visa application form:</p> <p>In some countries, you must apply online. Please check our list of supported countries to see whether you should make an online application</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If your country does not support online applications, you must complete and submit application form VAF9 and Appendix 4. ➤ If you make an online application, you must also print it off and submit with your supporting documents.
A current and valid travel document or passport	You will not be issued a visa if you do not have one of these.
One passport-sized colour photograph	This must comply with the requirements in our photo guidance .
Evidence of your permission to be in the country where you are applying, if you are not a national of that country	This must show your current immigration status. It could be a residence permit, 'green card' or valid visa.
Previous passports	These are to show your previous travel history.
Translations – the original translation must contain confirmation of the following from the translator:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ That it is an accurate translation of the original document ➤ The date of the translation ➤ The translator's full name and signature ➤ The translator's contact details

Qualifications

Original academic certificate of the degree awarded	<p>You must have been awarded one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A UK recognised Bachelor or Postgraduate degree; ➤ A UK postgraduate certificate or diploma; or ➤ A higher national diploma (HND) from a Scottish institution <p>Please note that the following qualifications are not acceptable: Foundation degrees, Honorary degrees; qualifications awarded in the UK by overseas awarding bodies; including overseas campuses of the UK institutions; and professional and vocational qualifications.</p>
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Evidence of institution	<p>You must have studied at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a recognised or listed body (an institution granted degree-awarding powers by a Royal Charter, Act of Parliament or the Privy Council); ➤ a Scottish institution – The institution does not have to be a recognised or listed body. – however, you must have studied at a Scottish publicly funded institution of further or higher education, or at a Scottish bona fide private education institution which maintains satisfactory records of enrolment and attendance; or ➤ an institution that is listed on the Tier 4 sponsors licensing register.
Immigration status in the UK during the period of study and/or research in the UK	You can claim 20 points if you can establish that the whole of your period of study and/or research in the UK was completed whilst you had leave to enter or remain in the UK as a: student; student nurse; student re-sitting an examination; student writing up a thesis; dependant of someone with leave in any category that allows dependants to join them in the UK.
Date of qualification	The date of the qualification awarded must be within 12 months of the date of your application. This is the date that you are first notified of successfully gaining your qualification NOT the date of your graduation.

Further guidance on recognised degrees and awards can be found at <http://www.bis.gov.uk/policies/higher-education/recognised-uk-degrees/>

English language ability

English language ability	There is no specific English language assessment under this category and no need to send any additional documents. Your evidence of qualifications establishes that you have the required level of English language ability.
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Further guidance on [English language ability](#) can be found on our website.

Maintenance in the UK

Personal bank statements and /or a savings account pass book(s) and /or a letter from bank confirming level of funds on the bank's original letter headed paper	<p>These documents should cover a period of 90 days immediately preceding, and dated no more than one month prior to, the date you submit the application. The balance should not fall below the required minimum of £2,800 at any time during the 90 day period.</p> <p>Note that property, shares, bonds, pension funds, life insurance or similar savings accounts are not acceptable.</p>
Letter from financial institution regulated by either the Financial Services Authority or the home regulator confirming funds	<p>The letter should state your name; the account number; the date of the letter; the financial institution's name and logo; the funds held in your account; and that the funds have been in the bank for at least three months. We will not accept letters which simply show the balance in the account on a particular day as these documents do not show that you hold enough funds for the full period required.</p> <p>The home regulator is the official regulatory body for the country in which the institution operates and the funds are located.</p>

Further guidance on [maintenance requirements](#) can be found on our website.

Additional evidence required for students with financial sponsorship

Evidence required if you have been sponsored by a government or international scholarship agency	<p>If you are currently sponsored by a government or international scholarship agency, or that sponsorship ended within the past 12 months of this application being made, you must provide us with your sponsor's unconditional consent in writing giving you permission to re-enter the UK. Without this we will refuse your application.</p> <p>The evidence must be original, on the official letter-headed paper or stationery of the organisation and bear its official stamp. It must have been issued by an authorised official of that organisation.</p>
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Further guidance on [sponsored students](#) can be found on our website.

Dependants

Visa application form	Dependants must complete application form VAF10 or an online form (if applicable).
Information about you	Dependants must also provide a current and valid travel document or passport, one passport sized colour photograph, evidence of their permission to be in the country where the application is made (if not a national of that country), previous passports and translations of any documents submitted that are not in English or Welsh.
Evidence of relationship to the main applicant	For example, a marriage certificate, civil partnership registration or birth certificate.
Evidence of the main applicant's permission to enter or stay in the UK	<p>Copy of the pages of the main applicant's passport, showing their visa if issued or permission to stay if already in the UK.</p> <p>If you are a child, you should provide evidence of both your parents' status in the UK to show that they are lawfully present in the UK or are being granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as you. See paragraph 319H (f) of the Immigration Rules for details of this requirement.</p>
Evidence of maintenance	<p>Financial evidence showing that the main applicant can support the dependent.</p> <p>If the main applicant under Tier 1 (Post-study worker) is outside the UK or has been in the UK for less than 12 months, the dependant must show that they or the main applicant has at least £1,600 to support each dependant as well as the funds needed to support the main applicant.</p> <p>If the main applicant has been present in the UK for 12 months or more, the main applicant or the dependant must have £533 to support the dependant.</p>

Further guidance on [dependants](#) can be found on our website.