

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.

It is not a list of documents that you must submit. We do not expect you to provide all of the documents listed below; it is for you to decide which documents are most relevant to your application.

The submission of all or any of these documents does not guarantee that your application will be successful.

# **Guide to supporting documents**

**EEA Family Permit** 

### Information about you

These documents are important because they provide information about your personal circumstances in the country in which you are applying.

Completed visa application form:  In some countries, you must apply online. You should check our list of supported countries to see whether you should make an online application	<ul> <li>If your country does not support online applications you must complete and submit application form <u>VAF5</u></li> <li>If you make an <u>online application</u>, you must also print off the application form and submit it with any supporting documents you have chosen to submit.</li> </ul>
A current and valid travel document or passport	We will not issue a visa if you do not have a valid passport or travel document to put the visa in.
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 could be a residence permit, 'green card' or valid visa showing your current immigration status.
Previous passports	These are to show your previous travel history
Evidence of your marital status	This could include a marriage certificate, a civil partnership certificate, a divorce certificate or a death certificate
Evidence of your current employment or studies	This could include:  > a letter from your employer on company headed paper – detailing your salary and the length of your employment, confirming that you have been given time off work, and stating whether this time off is paid or unpaid > a letter from your education provider on headed paper – confirming your enrolment and leave of absence > business registration documents confirming the business owner's name and the date when the business started trading

#### Information about your finances and employment

You may submit any of the following financial documents to provide us with evidence of how your trip is to be funded. You should consider including evidence of your total monthly income from all sources (for example, employment, friends, family, savings or property).

- If you are providing documents from a joint account, please explain who the other account holders are, and why
  you have permission to spend money from the account
- If your spouse or partner is employed, our entry clearance officer will also want to see evidence of their employment and financial details
- If you are not funding your visit yourself, the person who will fund it should consider supplying the evidence.

Bank statements or bank books	Showing what has been paid in and out of an account for up to the previous six months, and naming the account holder.
Bank letter or balance certificate	Showing the account balance, the account holder's name and the date when the account was opened.
Payslips	Covering up to the previous 6 months. If your salary is paid directly into your bank account, you should consider providing the statements showing these payments
Tax returns (business or personal)	You could include recent documents from your government tax office, confirming your income and the amount of tax that you have paid
Business bank account statements	If you include these, you may wish to explain why you are allowed to spend the money from a business account if you are on a private visit
Evidence of income from property or land	This could include property deeds, mortgage statements, tenancy agreements, accountant's letters, land registration documents or crop receipts. If the property or land is registered in several names, you may wish to explain how much you own. If the money earned from the land is shared, you may wish to say how it is divided

#### **Accommodation details**

You might want to submit any of the following documents to provide us with evidence of your accommodation. This information might also be useful in showing us that your sponsor lives in the UK. We advise that you do not make any payments for accommodation, travel and so on until you have received your visa.

Details of accommodation and permission for you to stay there along with evidence of any other occupants	This could include:  > Land Registry documents > mortgage statements > rent book or tenancy agreement > council tax statements > accommodation details with a supporting letter from the occupant confirming that you are able to stay there
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## Information about your sponsor in the UK

You might want to provide some of the following documents to help to show us that your sponsor currently lives in the UK or intends to live in the UK

Evidence of your sponsors employment or other economic activity	This could include a variety of any of the financial documents outlined above in the finances section. Details of any studies in the UK could also be provided.
Evidence of any income from other sources such as friends, family, savings and property	This could include a variety of any of the financial documents outlined above in the finances section.
Evidence of your sponsor's nationality	This could be copies of:  > bio-data pages from their passport > their national identity document > their residence permit
Evidence of your relationship to your sponsor and any contact between you	This could be copies of:  > your birth certificate or adoption certificate > your marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate > phone records > emails or letters > photographs  You should not submit DVDs or video cassettes