



You should read this information guide to help you decide which documents will 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 5 - Youth Mobility Scheme

You should also read the [Tier 5 policy guidance](#).

#### Important notes on eligibility

Can I apply?	<p>To apply you <b>must</b> be 18 years old or over when your visa lets you come to the United Kingdom (becomes valid) and under 31 years old when you apply. You <b>cannot apply</b> if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ You have children under 18 years old who are either living with you, or you are financially responsible for; or</li><li>➤ You have been in the United Kingdom at any other time as a working holidaymaker or under the youth mobility scheme.</li></ul>
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#### Information about you

<p>Completed visa application form:</p> <p>In some locations you can only apply by making an online application. You should check on our <a href="#">supported countries page</a> to see if you should make an online application</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ If your country does not support online applications you must complete and submit a VAF9</li><li>➤ If you make an <a href="#">online application</a> you must also print it off and submit with your supporting documents</li></ul>
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 <a href="#">photo guidance</a>

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"> <li>➤ That it is an accurate translation of the original document</li> <li>➤ The date of the translation</li> <li>➤ The translators full name and signature</li> <li>➤ The translators contact details</li> </ul>

## Sponsor

If you are a national of one of the countries in the scheme, you may be able to come to the UK under the Youth Mobility Scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Australia</li> <li>➤ Canada</li> <li>➤ Japan</li> <li>➤ New Zealand</li> <li>➤ Monaco</li> <li>➤ Taiwan</li> </ul> <p>Your <b>national government will be your sponsor</b>. You <b>do not</b> need to send any evidence of sponsorship, just your passport, issued by a country participating in the scheme.</p>
British overseas citizens, British overseas territories citizens and British nationals (overseas).	British overseas citizens, British overseas territories citizens and British nationals (overseas) can also apply under the scheme, and <b>do not</b> need a sponsor.
Certificate of sponsorship (Taiwan only)	If you want to apply as the holder of a Taiwanese passport, you must provide a certificate of sponsorship from Taiwan's National Youth Commission.

## 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 must be dated no more than one month before you apply. The amount is assessed on the exchange rate of the date you pay your fee. We use the <a href="#">OANDA website</a> to assess the exchange rate.</p> <p>The closing balance must show that you have at least £1,800 in your account. Evidence must be in the form of cash funds. Other accounts or financial instruments for example, <b>shares, bonds and pension funds</b>, regardless of notice <b>are not acceptable</b>.</p> <p>If you wish to rely on a joint account as evidence of available</p>
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	funds, you must be named on the account along with one or more other named individual.
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; confirmation that there are sufficient funds present in the account (the balance must be at least £1,800).</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 this website.