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TIER 5

(Youth Mobility
Scheme)

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Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) of the Points - Based System Policy Guidance

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Introduction

1. The Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) is for sponsored young people from participating countries and territories who wish to experience life in the United Kingdom. For details of the requirements that have to be met to be issued the visa please see paragraph [245ZK\(b\) of the Immigration Rules](#). It is only available to [certain nationalities or passport holders](#). The guidance reflects policy at the current date and may be subject to change.
2. If your application is successful you will be granted entry clearance for 2 years. There are no conditions on what work you can do, except for self employment (subject to certain exceptions), working as a professional sportsperson (including as a sports coach) or working as a doctor or dentist in training.
3. To [apply](#) for this visa you must be not in the United Kingdom.
4. You may apply for entry clearance at a post in the country or territory of which you are a national. You may also apply to a post in a country or territory where you are staying at the time of application, even if this is not your normal place of residence, provided that all of the following conditions are met:
 - the entry clearance post is authorised to accept entry clearance applications for Youth Mobility Scheme
 - you are a citizen of a country or hold a passport issued by a territory that has Deemed Sponsorship Status (see definition below)
 - you are able to show to the entry clearance officer that at the date of the application you have permission to stay in that country or territory for a period of more than 6 months

If you are from a country or territory that does not have Deemed Sponsorship Status, you can only apply at a post in your own country or territory. Deemed Sponsorship Status means that the country or territory is not required to issue its nationals or passport holders with a Certificate of Sponsorship in order to enable a successful application under the Tier 5 Youth Mobility Scheme. For details of these countries see [Appendix G of the Immigration Rules](#).

Documents required

5. You must ensure you provide all of the necessary supporting documents at the time you make your application to the Home Office. We will only accept the documents specified in the Immigration Rules and covered in this guidance.
6. We may contact you and/or your representative in writing, and request the correct documents under our [evidential flexibility policy](#). If we request information under this policy you must provide the requested documents at the address specified in the request within 10 working days of the date of the request. Working day means any day other than Saturday or Sunday, and all UK public holidays.
7. The documents you use for your application must be issued by an authorised official of the issuing organisation and be:
 - original (unless we say otherwise); and
 - on the official letter-headed paper or stationery of the organisation
8. Where any documents provided are not in English or Welsh, you must provide the

original and a full translation that can be independently verified. The translation must satisfy all of the below requirements. It must:

- confirm that it is an accurate translation of the original document;
- be dated
- include the full name and original signature of the translator or an authorised official of the translation company
- include the translator or translation company's contact details

9. We reserve the right to verify all documents submitted to us as part of an application. Where we are unable to verify a document or a document is found to be false, that document may be discounted or the application refused.

Date of application

10. The date of application will, in all cases, be taken to be the date that the fee associated with the application is paid. This is the date shown on your payment receipt

Attributes

11. To be granted the youth mobility visa you must be awarded 50 points and meet all of the additional requirements. For details of how you will be awarded the points and what the additional requirements are please see below.

Nationality

12. You will be awarded 30 points if you meet either of the below requirements:

- you are a citizen of a country or passport holder of a territory listed in [Appendix G of the Immigration Rules](#)
- you are a British Overseas Citizen, British Overseas Territories Citizen or British National (Overseas) as defined by the British Nationality Act 1981

13. You must produce a valid passport to confirm you are a national of a country or the rightful holder of a passport issued by a territory participating in the Youth Mobility Scheme or a British Overseas Citizen, British Overseas Territories Citizen or British National (Overseas).

14. If you are from a country or territory without Deemed Sponsorship Status you must also submit a valid Certificate of Sponsorship issued by your country or territory when you make your application. Currently South Korea and Hong Kong do not have deemed sponsorship status.

Age

15. You will be awarded 10 points if you:

- will be 18 or over at the time your entry clearance becomes valid for use; and
- are under the age of 31 on the date your application is made.

16. In all cases we will use the passport issued by your country or territory to confirm that your age is within the prescribed range.

Maintenance

17. To be awarded 10 points under the maintenance requirement you must demonstrate that you have the required funds, currently £1,890, in the form of cash funds in the bank (this includes savings accounts and current accounts even when notice must be given), or as a loan available to you. We will not take into account other assets (for example shares, bonds, overdrafts, credit cards or pension funds) or money you have earned while you were in breach of the United Kingdom's immigration laws as evidence of maintenance funds. You can find details of the maintenance requirement in [Appendix C of the Immigration Rules](#).
18. If you want to rely on a joint account as evidence of available funds, you must be named on the account along with at least one other named individual.
19. When assessing maintenance the value of funds held in a currency other than sterling will be calculated using the exchange rate at the date of application, so you will need to have sufficient funds in your account to ensure that the maintenance requirement will be met despite changes in the exchange rate.
20. This evidence must be original, on the official letter-headed paper or stationery of the organisation and bearing the official stamp of that organisation. It must have been issued by an authorised official of that organisation. It must be dated no more than one month before the application is submitted.
21. You must be able to support yourself for the entire duration of your stay without recourse to public funds (benefits provided by the state).

Additional Requirements

22. When applying you must also meet the following additional requirements:
 - you must have no children under the age of 18 who are either living with you or for whom you are financially responsible (i.e. paying maintenance)
 - you must not previously have spent time in the United Kingdom as a Working Holidaymaker or as a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) Temporary Migrant
23. The entry clearance application form will require you to confirm that the requirements above have been met. No documentary evidence will be required in support of the confirmations, but applications will be refused if evidence comes to light that these requirements are not met.
24. You must not fall for refusal under the general grounds for refusal set out in [Part 9 of the Immigration Rules](#). For more information about the general grounds for refusal see [General grounds for refusal](#).

Annual Allocations

25. As set out at see [Appendix G of the Immigration Rules](#), here is an annual allocation of places on the Youth Mobility Scheme for each participating country or territory. Applications will be accepted for consideration only up to the point that a country's or territory's annual allocation for that year has been filled. There is no annual allocation for applications from British Overseas Citizens, British Overseas Territories Citizens and British Nationals (Overseas). If the annual allocation is reached a notice will be released to notify customers of this. The notice will be published on the relevant UK Embassy, High Commission or Diplomatic Post website.

Administrative Review

26. If you think that we have made a mistake in the decision on your application, you can request an administrative review of that decision. For more information please see the [administrative review guidance](#).