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About this guidance

This guidance tells you how to consider applications from people who wish to come to the UK under the Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) category of the points-based system.

This route is for sponsored young people from participating countries or territories who wish to experience life in the UK.

Contacts

If you have any questions about the guidance and your line manager or senior caseworker cannot help you, or you think that the guidance has factual errors, then you can email the Economic Migration Policy team.

If you notice any formatting errors in this guidance (broken links, spelling mistakes and so on) or have any comments about the layout or navigability of the guidance then you can email the Guidance Rules and Forms team.

Publication

Below is information on when this version of the guidance was published:

- version **13.0**
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Changes from last version of this guidance

- updated with minor housekeeping amends

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Entry requirements

This section tells you how to check an applicant meets the entry requirements under the Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) category of the points-based system.

Before considering an application, you must check that the applicant's passport or travel document is genuine. You must do verification checks if you think any of the supporting documents an applicant has submitted are not genuine.

Requirements for a grant of entry clearance

To be granted entry clearance the applicant must score 50 points in total, across 3 categories as below:

- 30 points by meeting the [nationality requirement](#)
- 10 points by meeting the [age requirement](#)
- 10 points by meeting the [maintenance requirement](#)

The applicant must not meet any of the below criteria:

- have previously spent time in the UK under either the Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) or working holiday maker scheme
- have children under 18 years old who are either living with them or financially dependent upon them
- fall for refusal under the general grounds for refusal

Any applications which exceed the applicant's country or territory's annual allocation of places on the scheme for the year, will not qualify.

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Nationality

This page tells you about the nationality requirement a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) migrant must meet.

An applicant must score 30 points for nationality. They can claim 30 points if they satisfy either of the below requirements:

- are a citizen of a country, or hold a passport issued by a territory, listed in [appendix G of the Immigration Rules](#)
- are a British overseas citizen, British overseas territories citizen or British national (overseas) as defined by the [British Nationality Act 1981](#)

The countries listed in Appendix G of the Immigration Rules are:

- Australia
- Canada
- Hong Kong special administrative region
- Japan
- Monaco
- New Zealand
- South Korea
- Taiwan

Annual allocations

Each country or territory listed in appendix G to the Immigration Rules has an annual allocation of places on the Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme).

You must not award 30 points if the applicant is from a country or territory which has filled its annual allocation, even if they meet all of the other requirements of [paragraph 245ZK of the Immigration Rules](#). You will be informed by your manager when a country or territory has reached its annual allocation.

There is no annual allocation for British overseas citizens, British overseas territories citizens and British nationals (overseas).

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Age

This page tells you about the age requirement a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) migrant must meet.

An applicant must score 10 points for age. They can claim 10 points if they satisfy both of the below requirements:

- they are 18 or over at the time their entry clearance becomes valid for use
- under the age of 31 on the date they make their application

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Maintenance

This page tells you about the Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) maintenance requirement.

The applicant must score 10 points for maintenance. They can claim 10 points if they can show they have personal savings of at least £1,890.

You must calculate whether the applicant meets the maintenance requirement based on the exchange rate at the date the application was submitted.

Evidence of funds

Evidence must be in the form of documents relating to cash funds, not including any overdraft facilities, held in current or savings accounts. Other accounts financial instruments or investments, for example, shares, bonds, credit card and pension funds, regardless of notice, are not acceptable.

The applicant must provide one of the following as evidence of maintenance:

- personal bank or building society statements – this includes bank statements printed on the bank's stationery
- building society or savings account pass book
- letter from the bank confirming funds
- letter confirming funds from a financial institution regulated by the official regulatory body for the country in which the institution operates

Mini-statements from cash points are not acceptable as evidence of maintenance.

The evidence must clearly show all of the following:

- the migrant's name
- the account number and type of account, for example current or savings
- the date of the letter or statement
- the financial institution's name and logo
- that funds of at least £1,890, not including any overdraft facilities, are held in the migrant account

Electronic bank statements

If the applicant provides electronic bank statements they must contain all of the details listed in the section on evidence of funds. In addition, the migrant must also provide one of:

- a supporting letter from their bank, on company headed paper, confirming the authenticity of the statements provided

- an electronic bank statement bearing the official stamp of the bank in question
- this stamp must appear on every page of the statement

The document provided must satisfy all of the below requirements:

- be on the official letter-headed paper or stationery of the organisation
- have the official stamp of that organisation
- have been issued by an authorised official of that organisation

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Grant or refuse entry clearance

This page tells you how to grant or refuse an application for entry clearance as a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) migrant.

Grant entry clearance

You must grant entry clearance if:

- the applicant meets all the requirements of paragraph 245ZK of the Immigration Rules
- none of the general grounds for refusal in [paragraphs 320 to 324 of the Immigration Rules](#) apply

Length of grant

Two years – no extensions allowed.

Refuse entry clearance

When the applicant has not provided the required evidence that they meet all the requirements of paragraph 245ZK, or if any of the general grounds for refusal in paragraphs 320 to 324 apply, you must refuse the application.

An applicant will be able to seek an administrative review if they feel there is an error in the decision.

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Conditions of leave

This page tells you about the conditions of leave that apply to an applicant granted entry clearance to the UK as a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) migrant.

Applicants granted entry clearance in this category are subject to the following conditions:

- they can do any work that complies with UK and European Union laws, directives and regulations with the exception of working as:
 - a professional sportsperson, including as a sports coach
 - a doctor or dentist in training
- they cannot use public funds
- they must register with the police, if required to do so by [paragraph 326 of the Immigration Rules](#)

A Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) migrant may only work as a doctor or dentist in training when they have a degree in medicine or dentistry from a UK institution that satisfies both of the below:

- is a UK recognised or listed body
- holds a sponsor licence under Tier 4 of the points-based system

Self-employment

Self-employment is only permitted if they satisfy all of the below:

- the applicant does not own premises where they do business, other than their home, although they may rent premises for the purpose of self-employment
- the total value of the equipment they use in their business is no more than £5000
- they have no employees

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