



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 - Dependant of Tier 1 (General) Migrant

You should also read our [policy guidance for Tier 1 \(General\) dependants](#)

<p>Completed visa application form:</p> <p>In some countries, you must apply <b>online</b>. You should check our <a href="#">list of supported countries</a> to see whether 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 application form <a href="#">VAF10</a></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>
<p>A current and valid travel document or passport</p>	<p>You will not be issued a visa if you do not have one of these</p>
<p>One passport sized colour photograph</p>	<p>This must comply with the requirements in our <a href="#">photo guidance</a></p>
<p>Evidence of your permission to be in the country where you are applying, if you are not a national of that country</p>	<p>This must show your current immigration status. It could be a residence permit, 'green card' or valid visa.</p>
<p>Previous passports</p>	<p>These are to show your previous travel history.</p>
<p>Translations of supporting documents</p>	<p>The original translation must contain confirmation of the following from the translator:</p> <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 translator's full name and signature</li> <li>➤ The translator's contact details</li> </ul>
<p>Evidence of relationship to the Tier 1 (General) migrant</p>	<p>For example, a marriage certificate, civil partnership registration or birth certificate.</p>
<p>Evidence of the Tier 1 (General) migrant's permission to enter or stay in the UK</p>	<p>Copy of the pages of the Tier 1 (General) migrant's passport, showing their visa 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 <a href="#">paragraph 319H (f) of the Immigration Rules</a> for details of this requirement.</p>

Evidence of maintenance	<p>Financial evidence showing that the Tier 1 (General) migrant can support you.</p> <p>If the Tier 1 (General) migrant has been in the UK for less than 12 months, you must show that you, or the migrant, have at least £1,600 to support you, in addition to the funds needed to support the migrant.</p> <p>If the Tier 1 (General) migrant has been present in the UK for 12 months or more, you must show that you, or the migrant, have at least £533 to support you, in addition to the funds needed to support the migrant.</p>
Acceptable forms of evidence of maintenance	<p>Personal bank statements and/or a savings account pass book(s) and/or a letter from a bank confirming level of funds on the bank's company headed paper.</p> <p>A letter from a financial institution regulated by either the Financial Services Authority or the home regulator confirming funds. The letter should state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ your name/the Tier 1 (General) migrant's name;</li> <li>➤ the account number;</li> <li>➤ the date of the letter;</li> <li>➤ the financial institution's name and logo; and</li> <li>➤ the funds held in your account.</li> </ul> <p>Note that third-party funds, property, shares, bonds, pension funds, life insurance or similar savings accounts are not acceptable.</p>
Online accounts	<p>For the purpose of the points-based system, an online bank account is one that operates over the internet only and sends your bank statements to you electronically (for example, over the internet or through email).</p> <p>If you want to use electronic bank statements from an online bank account as evidence, these statements must always be accompanied by a supporting letter from that bank, on their company headed paper, confirming the authenticity of the statements</p>
Other accounts	<p>If you have a bank account that does not operate exclusively online but you receive your bank statements electronically and you want to use these statements as evidence of funds for maintenance, you should provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ electronic bank statements printed at the bank on their official stationary; or</li> <li>➤ electronic statements printed by the applicant and bearing the official stamp of the bank in question – this stamp should appear on every page of the statements; or</li> <li>➤ a supporting letter from the bank, on the bank's company headed paper, confirming the authenticity of the statements.</li> </ul> <p>Mini-statements from cash points are not acceptable as evidence.</p>