Immigration Guidance

Checklist: Documents for your Tier 4 dependant visa application

When you apply for your Tier 4 dependant visa you’ll need these documents ready. You can provide either original documents or copies.

> Your passport
You must send your original, valid passport with your application. You cannot submit a copy.

> Your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)
If you are applying from the UK and you have been issued with a Biometric Residence Permit for your most recent leave, you must submit this with your application.

> Photographs
If you are applying overseas, you must usually submit one UK passport sized photo with your application. Find the full specifications here: https://edin.ac/2FOOpR5
If you are applying from the UK, you do not need to submit a photo.

> Financial Requirements
Each dependant must show that they have £680 for each month that your visa will be valid, up to 9 months (maximum amount £6,120).
You can use your own funds or the main applicant’s funds. The money must have been in the account for at least 28 consecutive days.
If the main applicant is receiving official financial sponsorship that also covers costs for dependants, you can use it for your visa application as long as the scholarship letter explicitly states that funds are also intended for dependants and include the names of those covered by it. The letter should be on official letter-headed stationery and bear the stamp of the organisation.

> Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)
You will need the CAS details that the person you are dependant on used in their Tier 4 application. Please note you do not need to print the CAS itself.

> Additional evidence for children
If this is the child’s first application as your dependant, you must provide their birth certificate.
For dependant children over the age of 16, you will need to provide evidence to confirm that they are still living with the Tier 4 student.
Documents must be from two separate sources and dated no more than one month before the application. Acceptable documents include bank statements, NHS registration document, letter from the child’s current school/college/university confirming their address.
If both parents are not in the UK (or applying to come to the UK at the same time as the child), you will need additional evidence to demonstrate one of the following:
- you are the sole surviving parent
- you have sole responsibility for the child
- there are other serious and compelling reasons why the child's dependant application should not be refused, and suitable arrangements have been made in the UK for the child’s care.

The Student Immigration Service can offer further advice depending on your individual circumstances: studentimmigration@ed.ac.uk

> Tuberculosis (TB) testing
If you have lived in certain countries for more than six months you may require a medical examination to prove that you do not have tuberculosis.
You can find out more about the TB test on our website: http://edin.ac/2FOCJ2T

> Police registration certificate
If you are already in the UK and you were required to register with the police when you arrived, you must submit your police registration certificate with your application. After registration, it is important that you inform the police if you change your address, obtain a new visa or are issued with a new passport. You should make sure your certificate is up to date when you make your visa application.

> Translations
All documents that are not in English should be officially translated and contain the following:
- Details of the translator/translation company’s credentials
- Confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the original document; and
- The translator/translation company’s contact details.
- The date of translation
- The original signature of the translator or an authorised official of the translation company.

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