

Document Checklist for Dependants of Student visa holders

When you apply for your dependant visa, you will need these documents ready. You can provide either originals 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.

If you are applying for your dependant visa in the UK and have been living here with valid immigration permission for 12 months or longer on the date of application, you will automatically meet the financial requirement and do not need to show funds.

> Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

You will need the CAS details that the person you are dependant on used in their Student visa application. Please note you do not need to print the CAS itself.

> Additional evidence for spouses/partners

You will need to provide evidence of your relationship:

- Marriage or civil partnership certificate (unless you have already provided this in a previous dependant application).
- Unmarried partners should provide proof of having lived together for at least 2 years. Documents should cover the full 2 year period and be from an official source, for example utility bills, medical registration documents, bank statements, or council tax bills.

All dependant partners (married and unmarried) should provide evidence that the relationship is genuine and subsisting (ongoing), such as:

- Evidence of living together
- Shared responsibility for children
- Shared responsibility for finances

We recommend at least two documents, ideally from official sources such as the ones listed above. If you are unsure how to provide evidence that your relationship is genuine and subsisting please contact studentimmigration@ed.ac.uk

> 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/2FOOJ2f>

> 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.

> Sponsor Consent

If you have been financially sponsored by your home government or an international organisation in the last 12 months, you will need to submit a letter of consent from them. Your sponsor will need to give you their unconditional consent to make a visa application and to remain in the UK for an unlimited period of time.

> Translations

All documents that are not in English should be officially translated and contain the following:

- confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the document;
- the date of translation;
- the full name and signature of the translator or an official from the translation company;
- the translator or translation company's contact details.