

Financial Evidence – how do I provide this for my maintenance?

You must prove you meet the specific maintenance requirements for your Tier 4 visa application. If you do not, your immigration application may be refused. You must evidence that you have enough money to support yourself whilst studying in the UK. **If you do not meet these requirements then your visa application will be refused. Do not apply for your visa if you cannot meet these requirements.**

If you are a national of a country listed in the [UKVI Immigration Rules: Appendix H](#), you should obtain the evidence of your money in the format explained below, but you do not need to include it with your initial application. All other applicants must include the evidence with their application.

All documents must be originals.

If you require your documents to be translated into English then see the requirements [here](#).

You will need to provide evidence that one of the following applies:

1. You have the necessary funds in your own bank account, or a bank account of your parents / legal guardians.
2. You have a loan covering the necessary amount.
3. You are fully sponsored for the necessary amount by a government or other international organisation.

Details for each of these options are given below.

1. The necessary funds are in your bank account

You must provide either bank statements (a) or a letter (b) from a financial institution to prove you have the funds available.

a) Bank statements

The statements must:

- show that the correct amount of funds have been held in the account for 28 consecutive days, ending no more than 31 days before the date of your application; **and**
- be original (not a photocopy); **and**
- state the name or the name of your parents / legal guardians*; **and**
- show the account number; **and**
- include the financial institution's official name and logo; **and**
- show the amount of money available; **and**
- be dated.

Electronic bank statements are acceptable but they **must** contain all of the above points **plus** a supporting letter from the financial institution on their official headed paper confirming the authenticity of the statement; **or** the electronic bank statement must have the financial institution's official stamp on every page.

Joint accounts are only acceptable if you are one of the named account holders.

b) Letter from financial institution

The letter must:

- State that the required amount of funds (or more) has been held in the account for 28 consecutive days, ending no more than 31 days before the date of your application; **and**
- State your name or the name of your parents / legal guardians*; **and**
- Show the account number; **and**
- Include the financial institution's official name and logo; **and**
- Show the amount of money available; **and**
- Be dated.

*** If you are using your parent(s) / legal guardian(s) account for financial evidence then you must provide one of the following additional documents:**

- Your original birth certificate showing the names of your parent(s) / legal guardian(s)
- Your certificate of adoption showing the names of your parent(s) / legal guardian(s) (if applicable)
- A court document naming your legal guardian (if applicable)

And

An original permission letter from your parent(s) / legal guardian(s) which must confirm the relationship between you and your parent(s) / legal guardian(s) **and** that they have given their consent to you using their funds to study in the UK.

2. You have a loan covering the necessary amount

You must provide a letter that:

- is from your national, state or regional government, **or** from a government sponsored loan company **or** show that you are part of an academic or education loans scheme; **and**
- is dated within six months of you applying for your visa; **and**
- is in your **name only**; **and**
- is dated; **and**
- includes the financial institution's official name and logo; **and**
- shows the amount of money available as a loan.

For more information on loan letters please see the UKVI website [here](#).



3. You are fully sponsored for the necessary amount

You can receive official financial sponsorship from:

- The UK Government.
- Your home government.
- The British Council.
- An international organisation or company.
- A University.
- An independent school in the UK.

You must provide a letter from the official sponsor confirming sponsorship that:

- is printed on official letter-headed paper of the organisation sponsoring you including the organisations official stamp; **and**
- states your name; **and**
- includes the name and contact details of your official sponsor; **and**
- is dated; **and**
- states the length of your sponsorship; **and**
- states the amount of money the sponsor is giving to you or confirms that your official sponsor will cover all your fees and living costs.

Please note the following types of financial evidence are NOT acceptable:

- Other accounts or financial instruments such as shares, bonds, overdrafts, credit cards and pension funds.
- Bank statements from any relatives that are not your parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- Bank statements in a company's name.
- Sponsorship letters written by a local (**not international**) organisation or company.
- Sponsorship letters written by a family member.
- Any financial evidence from an overseas bank listed on the UKVI website as a financial institution that does not satisfactorily verify financial statements. Further information on what are acceptable and unacceptable financial institutions by the Home Office can be found [here](#).