

ACCEPTABLE ID DOCUMENTS FOR VERIFYING IDENTITY FOR A DBS CHECK

The DBS require different ID documentation to be provided depending on the applicant's nationality.

For a list of acceptable ID documents please refer to the following documents:

LIST 1: For UK and European Economic Area (EEA) applicants

LIST 2: For Non-UK and Non-European Economic Area (EEA) applicants (PAID WORK ONLY)

LIST 1

ACCEPTABLE ID DOCUMENTS FOR VERIFYING IDENTITY FOR A DBS CHECK – UK AND EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA (EEA) APPLICANTS ONLY (Route 1)

- Applicants are required to present original documents only.
- Applicants must provide one document from Group 1 and a further two documents from Group 1, 2a or 2b. Please note one document must verify the applicant's current address and one must verify their date of birth.

Group 1: Primary Identity Documents

Document	Notes
Passport	Any current and valid passport
Biometric residence permit	UK
Current driving licence – photo card (full or provisional)	UK/Isle of Man/Channel Islands and EEA. Please note date of entry into the UK will need to be provided for non UK photo cards
Birth certificate - issued within 12 months of birth	UK and Channel Islands – including those issued by UK authorities overseas, eg Embassies, High Commissions and HM Forces
Adoption Certificate	UK and Channel Islands

Group 2a: Trusted Government Documents

Document	Notes
Current driving licence – photo card (full or provisional)	All countries outside the EEA (excluding Isle of Man and Channel Islands). Please note date of entry into the UK will need to be provided for non UK photo cards
Current driving licence – paper version (i.e. issued before 1998) (full or provisional)	UK/Isle of Man/Channel Islands and EEA. Please note date of entry into the UK will need to be provided for non UK driving licences
Birth certificate – issued more than 12 months after birth	UK, Isle of Man and Channel Islands
Marriage/civil partnership certificate	UK and Channel Islands
Immigration document, visa or work permit	Issued by a country outside the EEA. Valid only for roles whereby the applicant is living and working outside of the UK. Visa/permit must relate to the non EEA country in which the role is based
HM Forces ID card	UK
Firearms licence	UK and Channel Islands and Isle of Man

All driving licences must be valid (<https://www.gov.uk/driving-nongb-licence>)

Group 2b: Financial and social history documents

Document	Notes	Issue date and validity
Mortgage statement	UK or EEA	Issued in last 12 months
Bank or building society statement	UK and Channel Islands or EEA	Issued in last 3 months
Bank or building society statement	Countries outside the EEA. Branch must be in the country where the applicant lives and works	Issued in last 3 months
Bank or building society account opening confirmation letter	UK	Issued in last 3 months
Credit card statement	UK or EEA	Issued in last 3 months
Financial statement, eg pension or endowment	UK	Issued in last 12 months
P45 or P60 statement	UK and Channel Islands	Issued in last 12 months

Council Tax statement	UK and Channel Islands	Issued in last 12 months
Work permit or visa	UK	Valid up to expiry date
Letter of sponsorship from future employment provider	Non-UK or non-EEA only - valid only for applicants residing outside of the UK at time of application	Must still be valid
Utility bill/statement (e.g. electricity, gas, water or telephone)	UK – not mobile telephone bill	Issued in last 3 months
Benefit statement, eg Child Benefit, Pension	UK	Issued in last 3 months
Central or local government, government agency, or local council document giving entitlement, eg from the Department for Work and Pensions, the Employment Service, HMRC *	UK and Channel Islands	Issued in last 3 months
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EEA National ID card	-	Must still be valid
Irish Passport card	Cannot be used with an Irish passport	Must still be valid
Cards carrying the PASS accreditation logo	UK and Channel Islands	Must still be valid
Letter from Head Teacher or College Principal from a UK Institution	UK - for 16 to 19 year olds in full time education - only used in exceptional circumstances if other documents cannot be provided	Must still be valid

LIST 2

ACCEPTABLE ID DOCUMENTS FOR VERIFYING IDENTITY FOR A DBS CHECK – NON-UK AND NON- EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA (EEA) NATIONALS ONLY (PAID WORK ONLY)

- Applicants are required to present original documents only.
- Applicants must provide one document from the Primary Documents section and two documents from the Supporting Documents section below. Please note one document must verify the applicant's current address.

Primary Documents (provide one document from this section)

Document	Notes
A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland	UK
A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK	UK
A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK	Any current and valid passport
A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, together with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer	UK
A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to do the type of work in question	Any current and valid passport
A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to do the work in question	UK
A current Residence Card (including an Accession Residence Card or a Derivative Residence Card) issued by the Home Office to a non-European Economic Area national who is a family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland or who has a derivative right of residence	UK
A current Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with a valid endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to do the type of work in question, together with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer	UK
A Certificate of Application issued by the Home Office under regulation 17(3) or 18A (2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006, to a family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland stating that the holder is permitted to take employment which is less than 6 months old together with a Positive Verification Notice from the Home Office Employer Checking Service	UK
An Application Registration Card issued by the Home Office stating that the holder is permitted to take the employment in question, together with a Positive Verification Notice from the Home Office Employer Checking Service	UK
A Positive Verification Notice issued by the Home Office Employer Checking Service to the employer or prospective employer, which indicates that the named person may stay in the UK and is permitted to do the work in question	UK

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (provide two documents from any group below)

Group 1

Document	Notes
Passport	Any current and valid passport
Biometric residence permit	UK
Current driving licence – photo card (full or provisional)	UK/Isle of Man/Channel Islands and EEA. Please note date of entry into the UK will need to be provided for non UK photo cards
Birth certificate - issued within 12 months of birth	UK and Channel Islands – including those issued by UK authorities overseas, eg Embassies, High Commissions and HM Forces
Adoption Certificate	UK and Channel Islands

A passport or biometric residence permit can only be used as a supporting document if it has not already been used as a Primary Document.

Group 2a

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Group 2b

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Bank or building society account opening confirmation letter	UK	Issued in last 3 months
Credit card statement	UK or EEA	Issued in last 3 months
Financial statement, eg pension or endowment	UK	Issued in last 12 months
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Council Tax statement	UK and Channel Islands	Issued in last 12 months
Work permit or visa	UK	Valid up to expiry date
Letter of sponsorship from future employment provider	Non-UK or non-EEA only - valid only for applicants residing outside of the UK at time of application	Must still be valid
Utility bill/statement (e.g. electricity, gas, water or telephone)	UK – not mobile telephone bill	Issued in last 3 months

Benefit statement, eg Child Benefit, Pension	UK	Issued in last 3 months
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