



International Student Support

Financial evidence for Tier 4 student visa applications

This guidance note includes information about the type of financial evidence you can use to prove that you meet the maintenance requirement for your Tier 4 student visa application. You must make sure that the documents you submit include all the required details. If you have insufficient funds, or your documents do not include all of the required details, your application is likely to be refused. To check how much money you will need, please refer to our separate guidance notes on our website: www.ntu.ac.uk/internationalsupport.

All documents must be ORIGINALS. Any document which is not written in English must be accompanied by a fully certified translation by a professional translator. Further information about professional translation services in Nottingham is available from the International Student Support Service.

1. Students who use their own money or their parents' money to pay for their tuition fees and living costs can use bank statements or a bank letter:

Original bank statements:

- You must save enough money to meet the maintenance requirement for at least 28 consecutive days, ending no more than 31 days before the date you make your application.
- The statement should include all of the following information:
 - your name or your parents' name*
 - the account number
 - the bank's name and logo
 - the date
 - the amount of money available
 - a list of transactions covering at least 28 days and no more than 31 days before you apply for your visa.

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Electronic / online bank statements:

- These should include the same details as above PLUS the bank's official stamp on every page.

Letter from the bank:

- This must confirm that you have saved enough money to meet the maintenance requirement and the money must have been held in the account for at least 28 consecutive days.
- The letter must be dated no more than 31 days before the date you apply for your visa.
- The letter should include the following details:
 - your name or your parents' name*
 - the account number
 - the bank's name and logo
 - the date of the letter

*** Important note if you are using your parents' financial evidence:**

If you are using your parent's bank statements or bank letter, you must provide additional documents:

- Your birth certificate, showing the name of the parent who is providing the funds; or
- Certificate of adoption, showing your name and the name of your parent who is providing the funds; or
- Court document stating the name of your legal guardian and your name.

And:

- An original signed and dated letter from your parent(s) confirming: that they are your parents; and that they have given their consent to the funds being available for you to study in the UK.

The immigration rules contains a list of financial institutions in certain countries that verify documents to their satisfaction, and which can therefore be used. There are also unacceptable institutions in other countries. If you are using an overseas bank statement, you should check the following link carefully: www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-p-lists-of-financial-institutions If you use financial evidence from a bank which does not meet the UK Visas and Immigration requirements, your visa application is likely to be refused.

Loan letter:

- The loan must be provided by your national government, the state or regional government or a government sponsored student loan company or is part of an academic or educational loans scheme and the letter should confirm this.
- The letter should be dated less than 6 months before you apply for your visa
- The loan must be in your name (you cannot use a loan in your parents' name)
- The letter needs to confirm:
 - Your name
 - The date
 - The financial institution's name and logo
 - The amount of money available as a loan
- There must be no conditions placed on the release of the loan funds to you other than, your Tier 4 visa application being successful.

Students who have an official financial sponsor should provide the following:

NB only the following organisations may be defined as an official financial sponsor: the UK Government, your home government, the British Council or any international organisation, international company, university or UK independent school.

Original letter from the official financial sponsor:

- The letter must be printed on official letter-headed paper and have the official stamp of the organisation on it. It should include the following details:

- Your name
- The name and contact details of your official financial sponsor
- The date
- The length of the sponsorship
- The amount of money the sponsor is giving you or confirmation that they will cover all of your tuition fees and living costs.

If your official financial sponsor does not cover all your tuition fees and/or living costs, you must also provide a bank statement showing you have the remaining funds to cover the maintenance requirement.

1. The following types of financial evidence will NOT be accepted:

- Bank statements from relatives other than your parents
- Bank statements in a company's name
- Sponsorship letters written by a local (not international) company or organisation, or 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 (see www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-p-lists-of-financial-institutions).