Immigration Guidance

Checklist: Documents for your Start-Up visa application



> An endorsement letter from the University of Edinburgh

Once Edinburgh Innovations have confirmed your endorsement, the Student Immigration Service will provide with a letter which you must use in your application. You must apply within 3 months of the date of endorsement. If applying in the UK, you must also ensure you submit your application before your current visa expires.

> A current valid passport

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

> Your visa

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

> Financial Requirement

You must submit evidence, dated within 31 days of your application, that you have held at least £945 in your name for a minimum of 90 consecutive days prior to application. The funds must be in cash (in a current or savings account).

> 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's 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.

> 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;
- 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.

> English language requirement

As part of the application, you will also need to show that you meet the B2 English language requirement. If you don't already have a UK Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or PhD and are not from a majority English-speaking country as defined by the Home Office, please get in touch with us for further information.

<u>UK Immigration Rules – Appendix B (English language)</u>

Contact us

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