

You should read this information guide to help you decide which documents may be useful in supporting the statements that you have made on your visa application form (VAF).

It is not a list of documents that you must submit. We do not expect you to provide all of the documents listed below, it is for you to decide which documents are most relevant to your application. There are documents which must accompany an application for a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode; these are referred to below.

The submission of all or any of these documents does not guarantee that your application will be successful.

## **Guide to supporting documents**

Right of Abode

## Information about you

These documents are important because they provide information about your personal circumstances in the country in which you are applying.

| In some countries, you must apply online. You should check our list of supported countries to see whether you should make an online application | <ul> <li>If your country does not support online applications you must complete and submit application form <u>VAF7</u></li> <li>If you make an <u>online application</u> you must also print off the application form and submit it with any supporting documents that you have chosen to submit.</li> </ul> |
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| A current and valid travel document or passport   | We will not issue a visa if you do not have a valid passport or travel document to put the visa in.   |
| One passport sized colour photograph  | This must comply with the requirements in our photo guidance  |
| Evidence of your permission to be in the country where you are applying, if you are not a national of that country                              | This could be a residence permit, 'green card' or valid visa showing your current immigration status.   |
| Previous passports  | These are to show your previous travel history  |
| Evidence of your marital status   | This could include a marriage certificate, a civil partnership certificate, a divorce certificate or a death certificate  |

## Information about your claim to the right of abode in the UK

These documents will help you to show how you qualify for right of abode in the UK. We recommend that you do not make any payments for accommodation, travel and so on until you have received your certificate of entitlement.

There are certain original documents which you should consider providing with an application for a certificate of entitlement. Please see the guidance below:

| Evidence of how | you | qualify | for | the |
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| right of abode  |     |         |     |     |

Examples of the documents which you should consider submitting are:

- > your registration or naturalisation certificate
- > your full birth certificate, showing parents' details
- > full marriage certificate for you or your parents
- > parent's full birth certificate, registration or naturalisation certificate
- > parent's full UK birth certificate
- > your adoption certificate

The type of documentation that you should consider submitting will depend upon the basis of your claim to the right of abode. Full details are available in the <a href="Immigration">Immigration</a> (Certificate of Entitlement to Right of Abode in the United Kingdom) Regulations 2006.