

UK Standard Visitor Visa — Document Checklist

Apply online on GOV.UK, then give biometrics at a VFS Global centre. Since 25 February 2026, UK visitor visas are issued as eVisas instead of passport stickers, so you'll need a UKVI account to view and share your visa. Interviews are rare — the decision is made on your documents, so a clear, consistent file matters more than for the US. Only your passport is strictly mandatory; everything else is supporting evidence, but missing it is the most common reason for refusal.

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Tick each box as you put the document in your file. **Required** = asked for in the official instructions. **Supporting** = carry it if it applies to you; the officer may ask for it.

Required

☐	Current passport With a blank page; bring old passports too.	REQUIRED
☐	Online application & payment confirmation Printed checklist / cover sheet from your GOV.UK application.	REQUIRED
☐	Biometrics appointment confirmation (VFS)	REQUIRED
☐	UKVI account Your visa is issued as an eVisa — create/confirm the account when asked.	REQUIRED

Supporting: finances (strongly recommended)

☐	Bank statements — last 6 months Show regular income and enough funds for the trip.	SUPPORTING
☐	Income Tax Returns — last 2–3 years	SUPPORTING
☐	Salary slips — last 3–6 months	SUPPORTING
☐	Savings, FDs, property documents	SUPPORTING
☐	Sponsor letter + sponsor's financial documents If someone else funds the trip.	SUPPORTING

Supporting: work & trip

☐	Employment letter / leave approval Job title, salary, length of employment, approved leave.	SUPPORTING
☐	Business owners: registration, GST, business bank statements	SUPPORTING
☐	Students: letter from college	SUPPORTING
☐	Travel itinerary & accommodation details Hotel bookings or your host's address.	SUPPORTING
☐	Invitation letter from UK host With a copy of their passport / eVisa share code and proof of address.	SUPPORTING
☐	Certified English translations For any document not in English or Welsh.	SUPPORTING

Tips before you submit

- Upload/submit clear, complete bank statements — unexplained gaps or deposits are the top refusal reason.
- Keep your story consistent across the application form, cover letter and documents.
- Priority and super-priority services may be available for faster decisions.

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