

Documents that prove eligibility to work in the UK

List A – Documents that provide the defence if produced alone

1. A passport showing that the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the older, is a British citizen or a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies having the right of abode in the United Kingdom.
2. A passport or national identity card showing that the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of the European Economic Area or Switzerland.
3. A residence permit, registration certificate or document certifying or indicating permanent residence issued by the Home Office, the Border and Immigration Agency or the UK Border Agency to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
4. A permanent residence card issued by the Home Office, the Border and Immigration Agency or the UK Border Agency to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
5. A passport or other travel document endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the United Kingdom, has the right of abode in the United Kingdom, or has no time limit on their stay in the United Kingdom.
6. An Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office, the Border and Immigration Agency or the UK Border Agency to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the person named in it is allowed to stay indefinitely in the United Kingdom or has no time limit on their stay in the United Kingdom, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's National Insurance Number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
7. A full birth certificate issued in the United Kingdom which includes the name(s) of at least one of the holder's parents, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's National Insurance Number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
8. A full adoption certificate issued in the United Kingdom which includes the name(s) of at least one of the holder's adoptive parents **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's National Insurance Number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
9. A birth certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's National Insurance Number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employ
10. An adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's National Insurance Number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
11. A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's National Insurance Number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

12. A letter issued by the Home Office, the Border and Immigration Agency or the UK Border Agency to the holder which indicates that the person named in it is allowed to stay indefinitely in the United Kingdom **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's National Insurance Number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

Notes:

If one of these documents is produced there is no need for any further documents contained in List 2 below.

Defence can also be established by checking and copying a combination of two original documents included in the following list:

List B – Documents that provide the defence if produced in combination

1. A passport or travel document endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the United Kingdom and is allowed to do the type of work in question, provided that it does not require the issue of a work permit.
2. A Biometric Immigration Document issued by the UK Border Agency to the holder which indicates that the person named in it can stay in the United Kingdom and is allowed to do the work in question.
3. A work permit or other approval to take employment issued by the Home Office, the Border and Immigration Agency or the UK Border Agency **when produced in combination with** either a passport or another travel document endorsed to show the holder is allowed to stay in the United Kingdom and is allowed to do the work in question, **or** a letter issued by the Home Office, Border and Immigration Agency or UK Border Agency to the holder or the employer or prospective employer confirming the same.
4. A certificate of application issued by the Home Office, the Border and Immigration Agency or the UK Border Agency to or for 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 **when produced in combination with** evidence of verification by the UK Border Agency Employer Checking Service.
5. A residence card or document issued by the Home Office, the Border and Immigration Agency or the UK Border Agency to a family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
6. An Application Registration Card issued by the Home Office, the Border and Immigration Agency or the UK Border Agency stating that the holder is permitted to take employment, **when produced in combination with** evidence of verification by the UK Border Agency Employer Checking Service.
7. An Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office, the Border and Immigration Agency or the UK Border Agency to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the person named in it can stay in the United Kingdom, and is allowed to do the type of work in question, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's National Insurance Number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
8. A letter issued by the Home Office, Border and Immigration Agency or UK Border Agency to the holder or the employer or prospective employer, which indicates that the person named in it can stay in the United Kingdom and is allowed to do the work in question **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's National Insurance Number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

NB Defence will not be gained if one document from the first combination and one from the second combination is checked and copied.

The following documents are not acceptable

1. A Home Office Standard Acknowledgement Letter or Immigration Service Letter (IS96W) which states that an asylum seeker can work in the UK.
2. A National Insurance number when presented in isolation
3. A driving licence issued by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency
4. A bill issued by a financial institution or a utility company
5. A passport describing the holder as a British Dependent Territories Citizen which states that the holder has a connection with Gibraltar
6. A short (abbreviated) birth certificate issued in the UK which does not have details of at least one of the holder's parents
7. A licence provided by the Security Industry Authority
8. A document check by the Criminal Records Bureau
9. A card or certificate issued by the Inland Revenue under the Construction Industry Scheme