

VISA DOCUMENT GUIDE / 2026 EDITION

United Kingdom

A clear, beautifully organised checklist for your application.

The UK application is fully online and is followed by a biometrics appointment at a visa application centre. Caseworkers decide on the paperwork alone, so the document file has to answer every question on its own.

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Multiple entry

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YOUR APPLICATION, AT A GLANCE

Application essentials

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STAY

Up to 6 months per visit

BIOMETRICS

Mandatory at the VFS centre

Photograph specification

- 1 35 x 45 mm, taken within the last 6 months
- 2 Plain white or light background, no shadows
- 3 Neutral expression, eyes open, mouth closed
- 4 No spectacles, headwear only for religious reasons

Eligibility checklist

- ☐ Genuine intention to leave the UK at the end of the visit
- ☐ Ability to fund the trip without working in the UK
- ☐ Accommodation arranged for the whole stay
- ☐ No breach of previous UK immigration conditions

DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE

Complete checklist

REQUIRED FOR EVERY APPLICANT

- ☐ **Passport**
Valid on the date of travel with at least one blank page. Old passports showing travel history strengthen the file.
- ☐ **Online application form**
Completed and submitted on the UK visas portal, printed for the appointment.
- ☐ **Appointment confirmation**
Biometrics appointment letter from the visa application centre.
- ☐ **Cover letter**
A short letter explaining the purpose, dates and who is funding the trip.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Bank statements**
Last 6 months, bank-stamped or e-statements with the bank logo and IFSC visible.
- ☐ **Income tax returns**
ITR acknowledgement for the last 2 to 3 assessment years.
- ☐ **Salary slips**
Last 3 months for salaried applicants.
- ☐ **Proof of funds**
Fixed deposits, investments or a sponsor letter with the sponsor's own statements.

OCCUPATION PROOF

- ☐ **Employed**
Leave sanction letter on company letterhead, employment certificate and ID card copy.
- ☐ **Self-employed**
Business registration / GST certificate, company bank statements and partnership deed if applicable.
- ☐ **Student**
Bonafide certificate from the school or college plus latest mark sheet.
- ☐ **Retired**
Pension order or retirement proof, plus proof of savings.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Confirmed flight itinerary**
Round-trip booking showing entry and exit dates.
- ☐ **Accommodation proof**
Hotel bookings for the full stay, or a host invitation with their address proof.
- ☐ **Day-wise itinerary**
Cities, dates and planned activities for the full trip.

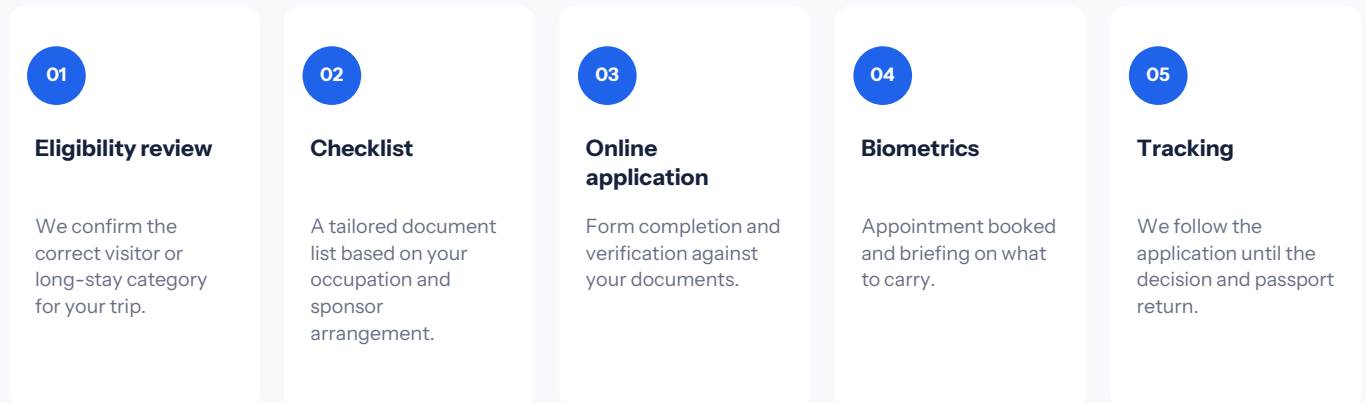
PURPOSE-SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Standard Visitor**
Itinerary, accommodation bookings and proof of ties to home. Add a sponsor letter and their documents if someone else is paying.
- ☐ **Family / friend visit**
Invitation letter from the host, their passport or BRP copy, proof of status and address proof.
- ☐ **Business visitor**
Invitation from the UK company, letter from your employer and details of meetings or events.
- ☐ **Student**
CAS reference from your university, academic documents, English test results and financial evidence held for the required period.
- ☐ **Skilled Worker**
Certificate of Sponsorship, employment contract, qualification certificates and TB test where required.

FINAL REVIEW & NEXT STEPS

Before you submit

Application journey



Important to know

- TB testing is required for applicants from certain countries for stays over six months.
- Funds should sit in the account naturally; unexplained large deposits raise questions.
- Documents not in English need certified translations.

READY WHEN YOU ARE

Let's make your file submission-ready.

Start your application at imigro.com. Our team will tailor this checklist to your profile, travel purpose and circumstances.