

## DOCUMENT CHECKLIST FOR A PBS DEPENDANT PARTNER VISA OUTSIDE THE UK

### Valid Passport(s)

Your current passport  
A copy of the main applicant's passport

### Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

You may need an ATAS certificate if you are on a dependant partner of a Student visa holder and you decide to study a course in particular subjects.

If you are unsure whether this applies to the course of study you wish to take please go to:

[www.gov.uk/find-out-if-you-require-an-atas-certificate](https://www.gov.uk/find-out-if-you-require-an-atas-certificate)

To apply, and for a list of relevant courses, please see the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) website at <https://www.academic-technology-approval.service.gov.uk/>

For guidance on how to apply see in the links below

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-on-how-to-apply-for-an-atas-certificate>

The certificate can take at least 20 working days to be processed.

Dependants who are going to study will need to apply to the FCO well in advance so that it can be submitted with the visa application form.

### Evidence of Finances for Living Costs and Fees

You will need to show you have **£845** per month (for the total duration of the main applicants visa up to a maximum of 9 months) - **£7,605**. If funds are in overseas currency then you will need to do a currency conversion from <https://www1.oanda.com/currency/converter/>

The bank account must be in **your name or the main applicant's name**. The bank statements should be **not more than 31 days old**. You must show that the money has been held in the account(s) for a minimum of **28 consecutive days**. The account balance must not drop below the relevant amount during the whole of the 28-day period.

The bank statement needs to show the following information.

The name of the main applicant and/or your name, or (for children only) the name of your other parent who is also legally present in the United Kingdom; the account number; the date of the statement; the financial institution's name and logo; transactions covering the 28 day period and the amount of money available.

### Official Financial Sponsor Letter

If the main applicant has official financial sponsorship (i.e. being given money to cover their course fees and living costs), this sponsorship may also be intended to cover costs of you as a dependant and any other family members. If you are sponsored by your Government, a UCL Scholarship or another Official Sponsor you will need a letter from the scholarship body confirming continued support. The letter must be on official letter-headed paper or stationery of the organisation of the official financial sponsor and have the official stamp of that organisation on it. It must show: both the main applicant's name and your name; the name and contact details of the official financial sponsor; the date of the letter; the length of the sponsorship and the amount of money they are providing or a statement that they will cover your full maintenance.

❑ **Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate**

If you are applying as a family member of a PBS migrant and your last grant of leave was not as their dependant, you will need to demonstrate your relationship. A dependant is either a husband, wife or civil partner of Student visa main applicant or you are an unmarried or same-sex partner and have been living together ‘under the same roof’ for at least 2 years.

❑ **Genuine and Subsisting relationship evidence**

The Home office does not specifically ask for any particular documents when you are submitting the Student dependant application. We advise to put in a written statement with your application with details about your relationship including; how you met, your future plans, intentions, how you feel about each other, how you communicate with each other i.e. through phone calls, text, what’s app, etc.

You should also submit at least 6 documents addressed to each of you showing you have lived together whilst outside the UK and for unmarried partners your documents need to span the last 2 years.

❑ **TB Screening**

In some countries you must show that you have been screened for Tuberculosis (TB). For more information see <https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa>  
<https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa/countries-where-you-need-a-tb-test-to-enter-the-uk>

❑ **Payment**

Student and Student dependants

Standard - £348

Priority visa service - £560

Super priority visa service – £1,304

You will also have to pay the **Immigration Health Surcharge** at the end of your application. The cost is **£470 per year** for students and any dependants unless an exemption applies. If your period of leave includes part of a year, that is 6 months or less, the amount payable for that part of a year is half the specified amount, i.e. £235 for students and dependants. If the period of leave includes part of a year that is more than 6 months, the full annual amount is payable.

You can download detailed the dependant policy guidance from:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/923750/student-route-casework-guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/923750/student-route-casework-guidance.pdf)

You can find more information on dependant’s applications by visiting the UKCISA website:

<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Dependants>

Where a **document is not in English** then it must be accompanied by a fully certified translation by a professional translator. This translation must include details of the translator’s credentials and confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the original document. It must also be dated and include the original signature of the translator.