

**Student Services Centre  
International Advice Team**

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**Financial guarantees from parent(s) or legal guardian(s)**

If you are making a Tier 4 student application you may need to use bank statements from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) as evidence that you have the required funds for maintenance – your course fees and living expenses. The UKBA specify that you must provide the following 3 documents:

1. An original letter, written in English from your parents. The letter should be signed and dated and the letter should confirm:
  - the relationship between you and your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) **and**
  - that your parents(s) or legal guardian(s) have given their consent to the funds being available for you to study in the UK.

There is a sample letter on the next page.

2. A legal document (or a notarized copy) which confirms the relationship between you and your parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The legal documents you can use are:
  - your original birth certificate showing the name(s) of the parents(s) who has provided the bank statements **or**,
  - an original certificate of adoption showing your name and the name(s) of the parent(s) who has provided the bank statements **or**,
  - a court document stating the name of the legal guardian(s) who are holding the funds and your name.

You cannot use any other type of legal document to confirm the relationship.

3. An original bank statement or bank letter from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s). This document must comply with the specifications listed in paragraphs 137 to 145 on pages 35 and 36 of the Tier 4 Policy Guidance issued on 19 August 2009.  
[www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/Tier4migrantguidance.pdf](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/Tier4migrantguidance.pdf)

The UK Border Agency will only accept original documents. They do not accept faxes. If you are extending your visa in the UK you need to allow enough time for a letter from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to arrive in Manchester.

You **cannot** rely on bank statements or financial documents from friends or any other relatives.



**Sample letter from parent(s) or legal guardian(s):**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, (*name*), have provided original banks statements to show that (*your name*) meets the tuition fees and maintenance requirements of their Tier 4 student application.

I am the (*parent / adopted parent / legal guardian*) of (*your name*) and I give my consent to these funds being available to (*your name*) for (*his / her*) studies in the UK.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Yours faithfully

(*Signature*)

(*Date*)

(*name*)

(*address*)

(*telephone*)

(*email*)

(*fax*)



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