



student finance services

Evidence Fact Sheet for Fee Support Only Students and Sponsors

You'll need to send supporting evidence with your application for student finance. This fact sheet gives examples of what you'll need to send. You can find further information in the notes for the form you are completing.

About your documents

If you send a copy of any document it must be certified.

A certified copy is a photocopy of an original document which must have been stamped, signed and dated as being a true copy of the original by a person of good standing in the community.

Examples of a person of good standing include:

- Minister of religion
- Doctor
- Lawyer
- Civil servant
- Teacher/lecturer (**not** college or university administration staff)
- Police officer

The person certifying the copy must not be related to you and will need to give their name, job title, address and contact telephone number. You can find a certifier checklist to help you give the information we need at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

If you decide to send original documents, these will be returned to you.

Evidence you need to send

Personal details

All applicants must send us evidence of identity and nationality. If you are applying as the family member of an EU national, additional evidence will be needed from your family member to check their nationality and your relationship to each other.

Evidence of identity and nationality

If you have been granted a status under the EU Settlement Scheme you need to provide us with a share code to prove your immigration and identity status, you do not need to send us a passport.

If you have not been granted a status under the EU Settlement Scheme then you should send us one of the following:

- your passport
- your National Identity card

Evidence of family member's nationality and relationship to you

- Family member's passport
- Family member's national identity card
- Birth certificate
- Marriage certificate

Evidence of marital status

- Marriage certificate
- Family registration form (students from Sweden only)
- Divorce certificate/papers
- Official document confirming divorce/dissolved civil partnership
- Official document confirming separation
- Husband/wife's death certificate

Income

If you need to send confirmation of your income, you should send evidence for every income type you have told us about.

Your evidence needs to be for the tax year ending 31 Dec 2020 (or 5 April 2021 if your income is earned/received in the UK).

Evidence of income you can send

- Income tax forms/statements
- Month 12/week 53 wage slips
- Written confirmation of earnings from your employer
- Written confirmation of income from your accountant
- Official document confirming benefits received
- Official document confirming taxable benefits in kind
- Official document confirming income from savings and investments
- Official document confirming bursaries/scholarships received
- Written confirmation from your pension provider

Evidence of deductions you can send:

- document confirming private pension payments made

Dependents

Evidence of dependent children

- Birth certificate