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# Family members of points-based system migrants

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This guidance tells you how to consider applications from people who wish to enter or remain in the UK as the dependent family member of a points-based system (PBS) migrant.

This guidance is based on paragraphs 319A-319K and appendix E of the Immigration Rules.

An applicant can apply as the dependent family member of a PBS migrant if they are:

- the family member of a person with, or applying for, leave under Tiers 1, 2, 4 or 5 of PBS
- the spouse or partner of a person with indefinite leave to remain or British citizenship who last held leave in Tier 1, 2, or 5 of PBS and they do not yet qualify for indefinite leave to remain
- the child of a person with indefinite leave to remain or British citizenship who last held leave in Tier 1, 2, or 5 of PBS, and:
  - their other parent does not yet qualify for indefinite leave to remain
  - they last held leave as the family member of a PBS migrant granted under the rules in place on or after 9 July 2012

#### Eligible family members

To apply in this category family members must be related to the PBS migrant as either their:

- husband
- wife
- civil partner
- unmarried partner
- same sex partner
- child (under the age of 18 when they first applied)

For more information on the requirements for entry or extension in this category, see related link.

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**Adult children and other relatives**

Children over the age of 18 who have not previously been granted leave as the family member of a PBS migrant cannot be granted leave in this category. Similarly, other relatives, for example parents or grandparents, cannot apply in this category. For information on how to consider such applications, see related link: Applications submitted on a PBS (Dependant) form for relatives who are neither the partner nor the child of the main applicant.

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Date of the change	Details of the change
5 January 2017	Updated allow sponsors to underwrite maintenance for Dependants of Tier 5 migrants
24 November 2016	Change request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintenance requirements changed for Tier 4 (General) family members</li><li>• Overstayer Rules changes</li><li>• Clarifying the exceptions in place for Tier 2 dependants having to demonstrate satisfying maintenance requirements</li></ul>
17 November 2015	Change request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintenance requirements changed on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tier 4 (General) family members</li><li>○ Tier 2 family members</li></ul></li></ul>
	For previous changes you will need to access the archived guidance. See <a href="#">Family members of PBS migrants – Archive</a> .

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### Family members of PBS migrants: key facts

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### Key facts: partners of points-based system migrants

This page shows you the key facts for partners of points-based system (PBS) migrants.

Category: Partners of points-based system migrants	
Eligibility requirements	<p><b>Requirements of paragraph 319C of the Immigration Rules</b></p> <p>The requirements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• both the applicant and the PBS migrant must be aged 18 years or older on the date they arrive in the UK or the date that leave is granted</li><li>• if they are applying for leave as the husband, wife or civil partner of a PBS migrant the PBS migrant must not be in polygamous marriages or civil partnerships, as set out in paragraphs 278 and 279 of the Immigration Rules</li><li>• there must not be any reasons why the application might be refused because of general grounds and the applicant must not be an illegal entrant</li><li>• the applicant must be the spouse, civil partner, unmarried partner or same sex partner of a person who is one of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ has leave as a PBS migrant</li><li>○ is being granted leave at the same time as a PBS migrant</li><li>○ if the applicant is applying for an extension of stay, their partner must have indefinite leave to remain (ILR) as a PBS migrant or have obtained British citizenship after having ILR as PBS migrant</li></ul></li><li>• if the applicant is the unmarried or same-sex partner, then:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ any previous marriage or civil partnership that the applicant or PBS migrant had with another person must have permanently broken down</li><li>○ the applicant and PBS migrant must not be so closely related that they would not be allowed to marry in the UK</li></ul></li><li>• the applicant and PBS migrant must have been living in a relationship similar to marriage or civil partnership for a period of at least 2 years</li><li>• the relationship between the applicant and the PBS migrant must be subsisting when the application is made</li><li>• the applicant and the PBS migrant must intend to live together as spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same sex partner throughout the applicant's stay in the UK</li><li>• the applicant must not intend to stay in the UK beyond any period of leave granted to the PBS migrant</li><li>• the applicant must meet the maintenance requirements, unless the PBS migrant is one of the following:</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tier 1 (Investor) migrant</li> <li>○ Tier 1 (Exceptional talent) migrant</li> <li>● if they are applying for leave to remain the applicant must not have last been granted entry clearance or leave as any of the following, unless the relevant points based system migrant has, or is being granted, leave to remain as a Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) migrant in the creative and sporting subcategory on the basis of having met the requirement at paragraph 245ZQ(b)(ii):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a visitor, including someone who entered the UK as a visitor under the UK British Irish visa scheme (BIVS) from the Republic of Ireland holding a valid visit visa endorsed with 'BIVS'</li> <li>○ (from 24 April 2015) a short-term student or short-term student (child)</li> <li>○ (From 24 April 2015) a parent of a Tier 4 (child) student</li> </ul> </li> <li>● be on temporary admission or release</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional requirements for dependants of Tier 4 (General) migrants</b></p> <p>The applicant can be the family member of a Tier 4 (General) student who is applying for, or has been granted, entry clearance, leave to enter, or leave to remain in the UK if the Tier 4 migrant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● is a government sponsored student taking a course of study that will be longer than 6 months</li> <li>● the Tier 4 migrant is a postgraduate student on a course of 12 months or longer and they have a sponsor who is either a recognised body or one in receipt of funding as a higher education institution from the:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Department for Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland</li> <li>○ Higher Education Funding Council for England</li> <li>○ Higher Education Funding Council for Wales</li> <li>○ Scottish Funding Council</li> </ul> </li> <li>● is on the doctorate extension scheme</li> <li>● is applying for entry clearance or leave to remain to take a course of study of more than 6 months duration and must have or have last had entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain as a Tier 4 (General) student or student for a course of more than 6 months duration in the 3 months immediately preceding the date of the application and:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the partner must have or have last had leave the same as the student</li> <li>○ the relevant PBS migrant and partner must be applying at the same time</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Application forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Application made outside UK – VAF10</li> <li>● Extension (within UK):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tier 1, 2 or 5 dependant</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tier 4 dependant</li> <li>● Indefinite leave to remain – SET(O)</li> </ul>
Cost of application:	<a href="#">Fees for Home Office services</a>
Entry clearance mandatory?	<p>Yes, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● they are not a visa national</li> <li>● they are accompanying a Tier 5 (Temporary worker) migrant, who is being granted leave to enter at the same time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ they meet all of the requirements of 319C of the Immigration Rules</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Is biometric information required for applications made in the UK?	Yes, if the applicant's PBS migrant partner has a biometric residence permit (BRP) or is applying for one as part of their PBS application.
Code of leave to remain granted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Code 4B for partners of Tier 1, 2 and 5 migrants</li> <li>● Code 1 for partners who have shown they have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a UK degree in medicine or dentistry</li> <li>○ lawfully worked as a doctor or dentist in training during their previous leave</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Partners of Tier 4 migrants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● code 1 conditions for family members of Tier 4 migrants whose course is degree level or above and lasts 12 months or longer</li> <li>● partners who have worked as a doctor or dentist in training may also be granted code 1 conditions provided they have shown they have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a UK degree in medicine or dentistry</li> <li>○ lawfully worked as a doctor or dentist in training during their previous leave</li> </ul> </li> <li>● code 3 for family members of Tier 4 (General) migrants who have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ been granted less than 12 months leave</li> <li>○ are studying below degree level</li> </ul> </li> <li>● code 4B for family members of Tier 4 (General) migrants who have worked as a doctor or dentist in training during their last period of leave but have not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ shown they have a UK degree in medicine or dentistry</li> <li>○ shown they have lawfully worked as a doctor or dentist in training during their previous leave</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Entry clearance endorsements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TIER 1 (GENERAL) PARTNER</li> <li>● TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR) PARTNER</li> <li>● TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR-G) PARTNER</li> <li>● TIER 1 (INVESTOR) PARTNER</li> <li>● TIER 1 (POST STUDY) PARTNER</li> <li>● TIER 2 PARTNER</li> <li>● TIER 4 (GENERAL) DEP. PARTNER</li> <li>● TIER 5 TW (PARTNER)</li> </ul>



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Conditions of leave to remain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no access to public funds</li> <li>• must register with the police, if required</li> <li>• can work in the UK unless they are applying for leave as a partner of a Tier 4 migrant, and:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the Tier 4 migrant has been granted less than 12 months leave</li> <li>○ the Tier 4 migrant is following a course below degree level</li> </ul> </li> <li>• no employment as a professional sportsperson (including as a sports coach)</li> <li>• must not work as a doctor or dentist in training, unless they:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ have obtained a degree in medicine or dentistry at bachelors level or above from a UK institution that is a UK recognised or listed body, or which holds a sponsor licence under Tier 4 of the points-based system</li> <li>○ are applying for leave to remain and have or were last granted entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain that did not restrict their employment as a doctor or dentist in training and have been employed as a doctor or dentist in training during that period</li> </ul> </li> <li>• no study, unless they have obtained a valid Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate, which is:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ undergraduate or postgraduate study leading to a Doctorate or Masters degree by research in one of the disciplines listed in paragraph 1 of <a href="#">appendix 6</a> of the Immigration Rules, or</li> <li>○ undergraduate or postgraduate study leading to a taught Masters degree or other postgraduate qualification in one of the disciplines listed in paragraph 2 of <a href="#">appendix 6</a> of the Immigration Rules</li> <li>○ a period of study or research in excess of 6 months in one of the disciplines listed in paragraphs 1 or 2 of <a href="#">appendix 6</a> of the Immigration Rules at an institution of higher education where this forms part of an overseas postgraduate qualification</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
How long is leave to remain normally granted for?	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for the same period as the PBS migrant</li> <li>• for a period of 3 years if the PBS migrant:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ has indefinite leave to remain</li> <li>○ has become a British citizen</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Are dependants allowed?	No.
Work and study allowed?	<p>Study - Yes, subject to a restriction on studying certain subjects covered in <a href="#">appendix 6</a> of the Immigration Rules (ATAS).          Work – see ‘conditions of leave above’.</p>
Switching into this category allowed?	Yes, as long as they:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are not on temporary admission or release</li> <li>• were not last granted entry clearance or leave as a visitor, including where they entered the UK from the Republic of Ireland as a visitor under the British Irish Visa Scheme. where the applicant holds a valid visit visa issued by the Republic of Ireland authorities endorsed with the letters 'BIVS'             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ (from 24 April 2015) short-term student or short-term student (child):</li> <li>○ (from 24 April 2015) parent of a Tier 4 (child) student unless the Relevant Points Based System Migrant has, or is being granted, leave to remain as a Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) migrant in the creative and sporting subcategory because they meet the requirement at paragraph 245ZQ(b)(ii)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Partners of Tier 4 (General) migrants</b> The Tier 4 (General) migrant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be a government sponsored student who has or is applying for leave for a course of study that is longer than 6 months</li> <li>• be studying a course of study that is 12 months or more at a recognised body or a UK higher education institution and which is at post-graduate level</li> <li>• have, or have last had, leave as a Tier 4 (General) migrant or as a pre-PBS student for a course of study more than 6 months long, and:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ have had this leave within the 3 months before the date of the application</li> <li>○ be applying for a course of study of more than 6 months</li> <li>○ be applying for leave at the same time as the family member</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Does this category lead to settlement (indefinite leave to remain)?	Yes, if the main applicant is granted indefinite leave as a PBS migrant.
Is knowledge of language and life required?	Yes
CID case type	T1HSDPILR T1 HS Dep Partner Joining Relatives – ILR T2DPILR T2 SW – Dep Partner Joining Relatives - ILR
Immigration Rules paragraphs	319AA-319E

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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Key facts: children of points-based system migrants

This page shows you the key facts for children of points-based system (PBS) migrants.

Category: Children of points-based system migrants	
Eligibility requirements	<p><b>Requirements of paragraph 319H of the Immigration Rules</b></p> <p>To be granted entry clearance or leave to remain as the child of a PBS migrant, an applicant must meet the requirements of paragraph 319H of the Immigration Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the applicant must not fall for refusal on general grounds and must not be an illegal entrant</li><li>• the applicant must be the child of a person who:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ has leave as a PBS migrant</li><li>○ is being granted leave (including indefinite leave to remain (ILR)) at the same time as a PBS migrant</li><li>○ has indefinite leave to remain or British citizenship and who was last granted ILR under the rules relating to Tier 1, 2 or 5 of PBS</li></ul></li><li>• the applicant must be under the age of 18 on the date of application unless they are applying for leave to remain and were last granted leave as:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the child of a PBS migrant</li><li>○ the child of a migrant granted leave under a different category of the rules who has since been granted leave as a PBS migrant or who is applying for leave as a PBS migrant at the same time.</li></ul></li><li>• the applicant must not:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ be married or in a civil partnership</li><li>○ have formed an independent family unit</li><li>○ be leading an independent life</li></ul></li><li>• the applicant must not intend to stay in the UK beyond any period of leave granted to the PBS migrant</li><li>• both of the applicant's parents must be lawfully present in the UK or being granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as the applicant, unless:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the PBS migrant is the applicant's sole surviving parent</li><li>○ the PBS migrant has and has had sole responsibility for the applicant's upbringing</li><li>○ there are serious or compelling family or other considerations which would make it desirable not to refuse the application and suitable arrangements have been made in the UK for the applicant's care</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the applicant must meet the maintenance requirements, unless the PBS migrant is a:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tier 1 (Investor) migrant</li><li>○ Tier 1 (Exceptional talent) migrant</li></ul></li><li>• an applicant applying for leave to remain must:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ have leave, or have last been granted leave, as the child of a parent who had leave under any category of the Immigration Rules</li><li>○ have been born in the UK to a parent who had leave under any category of the Immigration Rules</li></ul></li><li>• if the applicant is a child born in the UK to a PBS migrant and their partner, they must provide a full UK birth certificate showing the names of both parents</li><li>• all arrangements for the applicant's care and accommodation in the UK must comply with relevant UK legislation and regulations</li></ul> <p><b>Additional requirements for dependants of Tier 4 (General) migrants: paragraph 319H(i)</b></p> <p>The applicant can be the family member of a Tier 4 (General) student who is applying for, or has been granted, entry clearance, leave to enter, or leave to remain in the UK if the Tier 4 migrant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is a government sponsored student taking a course of study that will be longer than 6 months</li><li>• the Tier 4 migrant is a postgraduate student on a course of 12 months or longer and they have a sponsor who is either a recognised body or one in receipt of funding as a higher education institution from the:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Department for Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland</li><li>○ Higher Education Funding Council for England</li><li>○ Higher Education Funding Council for Wales</li><li>○ Scottish Funding Council</li></ul></li><li>• is on the doctorate extension scheme</li><li>• is applying for entry clearance or leave to remain to take a course of study of more than 6 months duration and must have or have last had entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain as a Tier 4 (General) student or student for a course of more than 6 months duration in the 3 months immediately preceding the date of the application</li></ul> <p>To apply in the UK the child must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be a child born in the UK to a PBS migrant and their dependent partner - the child must have been born in the UK to a PBS migrant and their dependent partner and either:</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ have been born during the PBS migrant's most recent period of leave as a Tier 4 (General) student or student and their course must have been for more than 6 months duration</li> <li>○ if the PBS migrant's most recent period of leave was to re-sit examinations or repeat a module of a course, the child must have been born during a period of leave granted for the purposes of re-sitting examinations, or repeating a module of a course, or during the relevant PBS migrant's grant of leave for a course of more than 6 months, where that course is the same as the one for which the most recent grant of leave was to re-sit examinations or repeat a module</li> <li>○ have been born no more than 3 months after the expiry of that most recent grant of leave and must be applying for entry clearance</li> </ul> <p><b>Children of Tier 4 (General) migrants born since the PBS migrant was last granted leave</b></p> <p>A child whose parent is a Tier 4 (General) student who does not meet the requirements of paragraph 319H(i) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have been born since the Tier 4 (General) student or pre-PBS student's most recent grant of entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ for a course lasting more than 6 months</li> <li>○ to re-sit an examination or to repeat a module</li> <li>○ for a course lasting more than 6 months where that course is the same as the one for which the most recent grant of leave was to re-sit examinations or repeat a module</li> </ul> </li> <li>• have been born no more than 3 months after the expiry of that most recent grant of leave</li> </ul>
Application forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• application made outside UK – online form</li> <li>• extension (within UK): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tier 1, 2 or 5 dependant</li> <li>○ Tier 4 dependant</li> </ul> </li> <li>• indefinite leave to remain – SET(O)</li> </ul>
Cost of application:	<a href="#">Fees for Home Office services</a>
Entry clearance mandatory?	<p>Yes, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the child is not a visa national</li> <li>• they are accompanying a Tier 5 (Temporary worker) migrant, who is being granted leave to enter at the same time</li> <li>• they meet all of the requirements of 319H of the Immigration Rules</li> </ul>
Is biometric information required for applications	Yes, if the applicant's PBS migrant partner has a biometric residence permit (BRP) or is applying for one as part of

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made in the UK?	their PBS application.
Code of leave to remain granted	Code 1 conditions unless the applicant is the child of a Tier 4 migrant who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has been granted less than 12 months leave</li> <li>• is following a course of study that is below degree level, with the exception of foundation degree courses</li> </ul> <p>If this is the case you must grant the child of the PBS migrant leave on code 3 conditions.</p>
Entry clearance endorsements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TIER 1 (GENERAL) CHILD</li> <li>• TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR) CHILD</li> <li>• TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR-G) CHILD</li> <li>• TIER 1 (INVESTOR) CHILD</li> <li>• TIER 1 (POST STUDY) CHILD</li> <li>• TIER 2 CHILD</li> <li>• TIER 4 (GENERAL) DEP. CHILD</li> <li>• TIER 5 TW CHILD</li> </ul>
Conditions of leave to remain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no access to public funds</li> <li>• must register with the police, if required</li> <li>• can work in the UK unless they are applying for leave as the child of a Tier 4 migrant and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the Tier 4 migrant has been granted less than 12 months leave</li> <li>○ the Tier 4 migrant is following a course below degree level (with the exception of a foundation degree)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
How long is leave to remain normally granted for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for the same period as the PBS migrant</li> <li>• if the PBS migrant has been granted ILR or has become a British citizen, the same period as the PBS migrant's partner</li> <li>• if both parents have been granted ILR or have become British citizens, for a period of 3 years</li> </ul>
Are dependants allowed?	No
Work and study allowed?	Study – subject to restriction on study set out in part 15 of the Immigration Rules. Work – see 'conditions of leave' above.
Switching into this category allowed?	Children of Tier 1, 2, and 5 applicants can switch unless: <p>their last grant of entry clearance or leave was as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• visitor, including where they entered the UK from the Republic of Ireland as a visitor under the British-Irish Visa Scheme where the applicant holds a valid visit visa issued by the Republic of Ireland authorities endorsed with the letters 'BIVS'</li> <li>• short-term student (child) unless the Relevant Points Based System Migrant has, or is being</li> </ul>

	<p>granted, leave to remain as a Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Migrant in the creative and sporting subcategory because they met the requirement at paragraph 245ZQ(b)(ii)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• they are on temporary admission or temporary release</li></ul> <p><b>Children of Tier 4 (General) migrants</b> Children of a Tier 4 (General) migrant can switch unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• their last grant of entry clearance or leave as a visitor, including where they entered the UK from the Republic of Ireland as a visitor under the British-Irish Visa Scheme where the applicant holds a valid visit visa issued by the Republic of Ireland authorities endorsed with the letters 'BIVS'</li><li>• they are on temporary admission or temporary release</li></ul> <p>Children born in the UK to a Tier 4 (General) migrant and their dependent partner may switch provided they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• were born since the migrant's most recent grant of entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ for a course lasting more than 6 months</li><li>○ to re-sit an examination or to repeat a module</li><li>○ for a course lasting more than 6 months where that course is the same as the one for which the most recent grant of leave was to re-sit examinations or repeat a module</li></ul></li><li>• they were born no more than 3 months after the expiry of that most recent grant of leave</li><li>• they are applying for entry clearance</li></ul> <p>The Tier 4 (General) student must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be a government sponsored student who has or is applying for leave for a course of study that is longer than 6 months</li><li>• be studying a course of study that is 12 months or more at a recognised body or a UK higher education institution and which is at post-graduate level</li><li>• have, or have last had, leave as a Tier 4 (General) migrant or as a pre-PBS student for a course of study more than 6 months long, and<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ have had this leave within the 3 months before the date of the application</li><li>○ be applying for a course of study of more than 6 months, and</li><li>○ be applying for leave at the same time as the family member</li></ul></li></ul>
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Does this category lead to settlement (indefinite leave to remain)?	Yes, if the main applicant is granted indefinite leave as a PBS migrant.
Is knowledge of language and life required?	Yes, unless the applicant is under the age of 18.
CID case type	T1HSDCILR T1 HS Dep Child Joining Relatives – ILR T2DCILR T2 SW – Dep Child Joining Relatives – ILR.
Immigration Rules paragraphs	319F-319J



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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Family members of PBS migrants: verifying documents

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This page tells you about how to verify supporting documents submitted by family members of points-based system migrants.

If you have reasonable doubts about the authenticity of supporting document(s) you must attempt to verify them. The process for doing this will vary but may involve checking the authenticity of documents with:

- employers
- banks
- universities
- professional bodies
- the relevant embassy or high commission
- other government departments (in the UK and overseas)

The purpose of these checks is to make sure the document provided is genuine and accurately reflects statements made in the application. For guidance on how to refer documents to the North East, Yorkshire and Humber regional verification team and/or the regional intelligence unit, see related links.

If...	Then...
Document(s) have been confirmed as genuine.	You must continue to consider the application as normal.
Document(s) have been confirmed as false.	You must refuse the application (regardless of whether or not the document(s) are essential to the application) under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general grounds</li> <li>• the relevant parts of paragraph 319H</li> </ul> <p>For information on refusing on general</p>

#### Related links

Referring documents to the NEYH regional verification team  
 Making a referral to a regional intelligence unit  
 General grounds for refusal

#### External links

[Immigration Rules paragraphs 319AA-319K](#)  
[Immigration Rules paragraph 39B](#)

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		grounds, see related link.	
	The verification check is inconclusive.	<p>You must disregard the document(s) under paragraph 39B of the Immigration Rules.</p> <p>If the family member has provided other specified documents to meet the requirements of the rules you can consider these as normal.</p>	

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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Family members of PBS migrants: entry, extension and indefinite leave requirements

<p><a href="#">About this guidance</a> <a href="#">Key facts</a> <a href="#">Verifying documents</a> <a href="#">Entry, extension and indefinite leave requirements</a> <a href="#">Maintenance requirements</a> <a href="#">Age and dependence requirement for children aged 16 or over</a> <a href="#">Granting or refusing</a> <a href="#">Conditions of leave</a></p>	<p>This section tells you about the requirements for a person applying for entry, an extension, or indefinite leave to remain as the family member of a points-based system (PBS) migrant.</p> <p>Before considering an application you must check that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the application is valid</li><li>• the applicant has submitted their biometrics, if the PBS migrant partner has or is applying for a biometric residence permit (BRP) as part of their PBS application</li><li>• the applicant's passport or travel document is genuine</li><li>• there are no general grounds for refusal</li></ul> <p>For more information, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applications submitted with the main PBS migrant's application</li><li>• Specified application forms and procedures</li><li>• Biometric information</li><li>• General grounds for refusal</li></ul> <p><b>Referring cases</b> Before progressing an application, you must check whether the applicant meets the requirements for referral to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• criminal casework directorate</li><li>• special cases directorate</li><li>• counter-terrorism unit</li><li>• human trafficking unit</li><li>• regional intelligence unit</li></ul> <p>by checking:</p>	<p><b>In this section</b> <a href="#">Entry or extension requirements: partners</a> <a href="#">Entry or extension requirements: children</a> <a href="#">Indefinite leave requirements</a> <a href="#">Family members of PBS migrants granted ILR or British citizenship</a> <a href="#">Switching</a></p> <p><b>Related links</b> Specified application forms and procedures Biometric information Applications submitted on a PBS (Dependant) form for relatives who are neither the partner nor the child of the main applicant General grounds for refusal Transfer or refer a case <a href="#">Verifying documents</a> Updated CID Special Conditions Flags Placed by MMIU Tier 4 (General) – differentiation</p>
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- GCID
- warehouse
- case reference system (CRS)
- biometric residence permits (BRP)
- the police national computer (PNC)
- internal Home Office security systems

For information on transferring or referring a case and GCID special conditions flags, see related links.

### **Representatives**

If an applicant has a representative, you must check that the representative is approved to provide immigration advice with one of the accrediting bodies:

- Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner
- the Law Society
- the Law Society of Northern Ireland
- the Law Society of Scotland
- the Bar Council (for those regulated by the General Council of the Bar)
- the Solicitors Regulatory Authority (for those regulated by the Solicitors Regulatory Authority for England and Wales)
- CILEx (for those regulated by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives, formerly Institute of Legal Executives)
- the Bar Library (for those regulated by the General Council of the Bar of Northern Ireland)
- Faculty of Advocates

For more information, see related links.

### **Supporting documents**

Family members must make sure they provide all of the required supporting documents with their application. Dependants of Tier 4 (General) students who make an application may qualify for the differentiation arrangements which allow them to apply with fewer supporting

arrangements for dependants  
Points-based system - evidential flexibility

### **External links**

[Immigration Rules paragraphs 319AA-319K](#)  
[Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner](#)  
[CILEx](#)  
[Faculty of Advocates](#)  
[The Bar Council](#)  
[The Bar Library](#)  
[The Law Society](#)  
[The Law Society of Northern Ireland](#)  
[The Law Society of Scotland](#)  
[The Solicitors Regulatory Authority](#)

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documents. For more information, see related link: Tier 4 (General) – differentiation arrangements for dependants.

If you have doubts about the supporting document or documents an applicant has provided you must attempt to verify they are genuine. For more information, see link related link: Verifying documents.

**Requesting more information**

If, having considered the application, you could grant it providing you obtained or clarified certain details, you may consider making an enquiry to request the information. For more information, see related link: Points-based system - evidential flexibility.

**Translating documents**

If the documents provided are not in English or Welsh, the applicant must provide a certified translation.

For information on the specific entry, extension and indefinite leave requirements for partners and children of PBS migrants, see related links.

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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Family members of PBS migrants: entry or extension requirements: partners

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- has leave as a PBS migrant
- is being granted leave at the same time as a PBS migrant
- if the applicant is the unmarried or same-sex partner, then:
  - any previous marriage or civil partnership that the applicant or PBS migrant had with another person must have permanently broken down
  - the applicant and PBS migrant must not be so closely related that they would not be allowed to marry in the UK
  - the applicant and PBS migrant must have been living in a relationship similar to marriage or civil partnership for a period of at least 2 years
- the relationship between the applicant and the PBS migrant must be subsisting when the application is made
- the applicant and the PBS migrant must intend to live together as spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same sex partner throughout the applicant's stay in the UK
- the applicant must not intend to stay in the UK beyond any period of leave granted to the PBS migrant
- the applicant must meet the maintenance requirements, unless the PBS migrant is a:
  - Tier 1 (Investor) migrant
  - Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) migrantfor more information, see related link: Maintenance requirements
- if they are applying for an extension of stay the applicant must not have last been granted entry clearance or leave, unless the Relevant Points Based System Migrant has, or is being granted, leave to remain as a Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Migrant in the creative and sporting subcategory on the basis of having met the requirement at paragraph 245ZQ(b)(ii) as a :
  - visitor, including where they entered the UK from the Republic of Ireland to stay as a visitor under the British-Irish Visa Scheme (BIVS) - where an applicant entered under BIVS they will hold a visit visa issued by the Republic of Ireland authorities endorsed with the letters 'BIVS for the purpose of travelling and staying in the Republic for a period of 90 days or fewer
  - (from 24 April 2015) a short-term student or short-term student (child)
  - (from 24 April 2015) a parent of a Tier 4 (child) student
- be on temporary admission or temporary release

**Additional requirements for dependants of Tier 4 (General) migrants**

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The applicant can be the family member of a Tier 4 (General) student who is applying for, or has been granted, entry clearance, leave to enter, or leave to remain in the UK if the Tier 4 migrant:

- is a government sponsored student taking a course of study that will be longer than 6 months
- the Tier 4 migrant is a postgraduate student on a course of 12 months or longer and they have a sponsor who is either a recognised body or one in receipt of funding as a higher education institution from the:
  - Department for Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland
  - Higher Education Funding Council for England
  - Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
  - Scottish Funding Council
- is on the doctorate extension scheme
- is applying for entry clearance or leave to remain to take a course of study of more than 6 months duration and must have or have last had entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain as a Tier 4 (General) student or student for a course of more than 6 months duration in the 3 months immediately preceding the date of the application and:
  - the partner must have or have last had leave the same as the student
  - the relevant points-based system migrant and partner must be applying at the same time



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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Family members of PBS migrants: entry or extension requirements: children

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migrant at the same time.

- the applicant must not:
  - be married or in a civil partnership
  - have formed an independent family unit
  - be leading an independent life. For more information on what is considered to be an independent life, see related link: 5A.1 – Children – guidance – (general)
- the applicant must not intend to stay in the UK beyond any period of leave granted to the PBS migrant
- both of the applicant's parents must be lawfully present in the UK or being granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as the applicant, unless:
  - the PBS migrant is the applicant's sole surviving parent
  - the PBS migrant has and has had sole responsibility for the applicant's upbringing
  - there are serious or compelling family or other considerations which would make it desirable not to refuse the application and suitable arrangements have been made in the UK for the applicant's care).
- the applicant must meet the maintenance requirements, unless the PBS migrant is a:
  - Tier 1 (Investor) migrant
  - Tier 1 (Exceptional talent) migrantfor more information on the maintenance requirements, see related link.
- an applicant applying for leave to remain, unless the relevant points-based system migrant has, or is being granted, leave to remain as a Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) migrant in the creative and sportingsubcategory on the basis of having met the requirement at paragraph245ZQ(b)(ii) must not:
  - have last been granted entry clearance or leave as a visitor, including where they entered the UK from the Republic of Ireland as a visitor under the British-Irish Visa Scheme (BIVS) - where an applicant entered under BIVS they will hold a valid visit visa issued by the Republic of Ireland authorities endorsed with the letters 'BIVS' for the purpose of travelling and staying in the Republic for a period of 90 days or fewer
  - (from 24 April 2015 )a short-term student or short-term student (child)
- an applicant applying for leave to remain must not be on temporary admission or temporary release
- if the applicant is a child born in the UK to a PBS migrant and their partner, they must provide a full UK birth certificate showing the names of both parents
- all arrangements for the applicant's care and accommodation in the UK must comply

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with relevant UK legislation and regulations

**Additional requirements for dependants of Tier 4 (General) migrants: paragraph 319H(i)**

The applicant can be the family member of a Tier 4 (General) student who is applying for, or has been granted, entry clearance, leave to enter, or leave to remain in the UK if the Tier 4 migrant:

- is a government sponsored student taking a course of study that will be longer than 6 months
- the Tier 4 migrant is a postgraduate student on a course of 12 months or longer and they have a sponsor who is either a recognised body or one in receipt of funding as a higher education institution from the:
  - Department for Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland
  - Higher Education Funding Council for England
  - Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
  - Scottish Funding Council
- is on the doctorate extension scheme
- is applying for entry clearance or leave to remain to take a course of study of more than 6 months duration and must have or have last had entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain as a Tier 4 (General) student or student for a course of more than 6 months duration in the 3 months immediately preceding the date of the application

**Children of Tier 4 (General) migrants born since the PBS migrant was last granted leave**

A child whose parent is a Tier 4 (General) student who does not meet the requirements of paragraph 319H(i) must:

- have been born since the Tier 4 (General) student or pre-PBS student's most recent grant of entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain:
  - for a course lasting more than 6 months
  - to re-sit an examination or to repeat a module
  - for a course lasting more than 6 months where that course is the same as the one

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	<p>for which the most recent grant of leave was to re-sit examinations or repeat a module</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• have been born no more than 3 months after the expiry of that most recent grant of leave</li></ul>	
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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Family members of PBS migrants: indefinite leave requirements

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Applicants must not be in breach of immigration laws, unless:

- the application is made within 14 days of the applicant's leave expiring and the Secretary of State considers there is a good reason beyond the control of the applicant or their representative, provided in or with the application, why the application could not be made in time, the overstaying will be disregarded
- the application is made following the refusal of a previous application for leave which was made in-time or to which the exception outlined here applied; and within 14 days of:
  - the refusal of the previous application for leave
  - the expiry of any leave which has been extended by section 3C of the Immigration Act 1971
  - the expiry of the time limit for making an in-time application for administrative review or appeal (where applicable)
  - any administrative review or appeal being concluded, withdrawn or abandoned or lapsing

The threshold for what constitutes 'good reason' is high and will depend on the individual circumstances of the case, but, for example, may include delays resulting from unexpected or unforeseeable circumstances such as the following:

- serious illness which meant that the applicant or their representative were unable to submit the application in time (where supported by appropriate medical documentation)
- travel or postal delays which meant that the applicant or their representative were unable to submit the application in time
- inability to provide necessary documents: this would only apply to exceptional or unavoidable circumstances beyond your control, such as the Home Office being at fault in the loss of, or delay in returning, travel documents, or delay in obtaining replacement documents following loss as a result of theft, fire or flood (where supported by evidence of the date of loss and the date replacement documents were sought)- for more information, see related link: Applications from overstayers (non family routes)

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974](#)

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**Children: paragraph 319J of the Immigration Rules**

To be granted indefinite leave to remain as the child of a PBS migrant, the applicant must be the child of either a parent who:

- is, at the same time, being granted indefinite leave to remain as a PBS migrant (for children granted leave as the child of a PBS migrant under the rules in place before 9 July 2012)
- has been granted, or is at the same time being granted, indefinite leave to remain as a PBS migrant when:
  - that parent is the applicant's sole surviving parent
  - that parent has and has had sole responsibility for the applicant's upbringing
  - there are serious and compelling family or other considerations which would make it desirable not to refuse the application and suitable arrangements have been made for the applicant's care
- has been granted, or is at the same time being granted, indefinite leave to remain as the partner of a person who has indefinite leave to remain as a PBS migrant
- has been granted, or is at the same time being granted, indefinite leave to remain as the partner of a person who has become a British citizen (when immediately before that they had indefinite leave to remain as a PBS migrant)

The applicant must also:

- have, or have last been granted, leave as the child of a PBS migrant or their partner, who is being granted indefinite leave or have been born to a PBS migrant who is being granted indefinite leave
- meet the knowledge of language and life in the UK requirements, unless the applicant is aged under the age of 18 on the date that they make their application - for more information on this requirement, see related link: Knowledge of language and life in the UK
- if the child was born in the UK - provide a full UK birth certificate showing the names of both parents
- have arrangements in place for their care and accommodation which complies with relevant UK legislation and regulations

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- must provide the specified documents and information in paragraph 319H-SD, (see related link to the rules) if the child is over the age of 16 on date of application

The applicant must not:

- fall for refusal under general grounds
- be an illegal entrant
- be married or in a civil partnership or have formed an independent family unit and leading an independent life
- be in breach of immigration laws, unless
  - the application is made within 14 days of the applicant's leave expiring and the Secretary of State considers there is a good reason beyond the control of the applicant or their representative, provided in or with the application, why the application could not be made in time, the overstaying will be disregarded
  - the application is made following the refusal of a previous application for leave which was made in-time or to which the exception outlined here applied; and within 14 days of either:
    - the refusal of the previous application for leave
    - the expiry of any leave which has been extended by section 3C of the Immigration Act 1971
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- travel or postal delays which meant that the applicant or their representative were unable to submit the application in time



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• inability to provide necessary documents: this would only apply to exceptional or unavoidable circumstances beyond your control, such as the Home Office being at fault in the loss of, or delay in returning, travel documents, or delay in obtaining replacement documents following loss as a result of theft, fire or flood (where supported by evidence of the date of loss and the date replacement documents were sought) - for more information, see related link: <a href="#">Applications from overstayers (non family routes)</a></li></ul> |  |
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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Family members of PBS migrants granted ILR or British citizenship

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Applications from PBS dependants submitted on or after 9 July 2012, where the PBS migrant was granted ILR in that category, must be considered under paragraphs 319AA-319J in part 8 of the Immigration Rules.

Such applications are not subject to the additional requirements listed in appendix FM and must be submitted on the PBS Dependant application form.

**PBS dependent partner applications received on or after 9 July 2012**

You must search for the applicant's PBS migrant partner on GCID or warehouse to confirm whether they have already been granted ILR:

- if there is no record of an ILR application by the PBS migrant you must:
  - contact the applicant or their representative for further details of the application (for example, the payment reference number) - for guidance on requesting more information, see related link: Points – based system - Evidential flexibility
  - if there is no ILR application for the PBS migrant you must consider the PBS dependant application in line with the requirements of paragraph 319AA-319E of the Immigration Rules - where the requirements are met, you must grant leave to remain in line with the PBS migrant
- if there is a record of an ILR application for the PBS migrant which is yet to be decided, you must:
  - bring forward (BF) the application until a decision has been made, then
  - consider the PBS dependant application in line with the requirements of paragraph 319AA – 319E of the Immigration Rules
- if the PBS migrant has been granted ILR you must:
  - consider the PBS dependant application in line with the requirements of paragraph 319AA – 319E of the Immigration Rules - where the requirements are met, you must grant leave to remain for 3 years

**PBS dependent child applications received on or after 9 July 2012 where only one of the parents has ILR**

Paragraphs 319F-319J of the Immigration Rules have been changed so that a child cannot be granted ILR as the family member of a PBS migrant until both parents have been or are being granted ILR. However, the rules have also been changed to provide a route of entry

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for the child of a PBS migrant who has ILR and a PBS dependent partner who is still serving their probationary period for ILR.

Transitional arrangements are in place to allow children who were granted leave before 9 July 2012 as the child of a PBS migrant to get ILR in line with that migrant, provided the other parent is lawfully in the UK or being granted leave at the same time as the child.

**Considering the application**

If the application meets the requirements of the rules, you must grant leave in line with the parent who has limited leave as the dependent partner of a person who has either:

- limited leave to enter or remain as a PBS migrant
- indefinite leave to remain as a PBS migrant
- become a British citizen

**Applications for leave as the dependent child of a PBS migrant with sole responsibility for that child**

There are no provisions within the Immigration Rules to grant leave to remain to a PBS dependent child where the PBS migrant (the parent) has both ILR and sole responsibility for that child.

Such children will be refused but before you do so you must first:

- contact the applicant or their representative to ask if they would like to vary the purpose of their application to that of a SET(O) to be considered for ILR
- BF the case until you receive a response

If the applicant or their representative fails to respond, or states that they wish to continue with the PBS dependant application, you must consider the application under paragraphs 319F-319J of the Immigration Rules and refuse under paragraph 319H(b)(i).

If the applicant (or their representative) responds confirming in writing that they wish to vary their application to be considered as an ILR application, you must forward the application and supporting documents to settlement colleagues.

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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Family members of PBS migrants: switching

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be studying a course of study that is 12 months or more at a recognised body or a UK higher education institution and which is at post-graduate level</li><li>• have, or have last had, leave as a Tier 4 (General) migrant or as a pre-PBS student for a course of study more than 6 months long<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ have had this leave within the 3 months before the date of the application</li><li>○ be applying for a course of study of more than 6 months</li><li>○ be applying for leave at the same time as the family member</li></ul></li></ul> |  |
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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Family members of PBS migrants: maintenance requirements

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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Maintenance: Tier 1, 2 and 5 family members

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become necessary, it will maintain and accommodate the family member for a month - they can limit the undertaking provided the limit is at least £630 per family member - family members of people with indefinite leave to remain or British citizenship cannot have maintenance certified for them and must always show cash funds.

**Tier 2: exceptions to the maintenance requirement**

Tier 2 applicants who apply because they have changed Tier 2 employer do not need to meet the maintenance requirements, nor do any family members, regardless of whether they are applying at the same time or separately from the main applicant.

If a dependant applies at the same time as the main Tier 2 migrant, they are only required to provide evidence that they meet the maintenance requirement when the Tier 2 Migrant is also required to meet the maintenance requirement.

If a dependant applies separately from the main applicant they will need to have the necessary funds to meet the maintenance requirement or have a written undertaking from an A-rated Sponsor, unless the main applicant already has leave in a Tier 2 category and when applying for their most recent period of Tier 2 leave was not required to show evidence of satisfying maintenance requirements.

**Tier 5 family members**

Each family member of the Tier 5 (Temporary worker) migrant must show they have £630 to support themselves.

To meet this requirement the family member must either:

- have savings of £630 which have been held for at least 3 months before the date of application
- have a written undertaking from the Tier 5 A-rated sponsor stating that, should it become necessary, it will maintain and accommodate the family member for a month - they can limit the undertaking provided the limit is at least £630 per family member - family members of people with indefinite leave to remain or British citizenship cannot have maintenance certified for them and must always show cash funds

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	<b>Family member of a Tier 5 (Youth mobility scheme) migrant</b> The dependant route is not available for family members of Tier 5 (Youth mobility scheme) migrants.	
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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Maintenance: Tier 4 (General) family members

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Study site	Does the Tier 4 (General) migrant have	Monthly living cost requirement			

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		<b>an established presence?</b>	
	Inner London	Yes	£615 for each month of the migrant's course, up to a maximum of 2 months
		No	£615 for each month of the migrant's course, up to a maximum of 9 months
	Outer London and the rest of the UK	Yes	£460 for each month of the migrant's course, up to a maximum of 2 months
		No	£460 for each month of the migrant's course, up to a maximum of 9 months
<b>Applications submitted on or after 12 November 2015</b>			
	<b>Study site</b>	<b>Is the main applicant on or applying for the doctorate extension scheme?</b>	<b>Monthly living cost requirement</b>
	London	Yes	£845 for each month remaining of the migrant's course, up to a maximum of 2 months
		No	£845 for each month remaining of the migrant's course, up to a maximum of 9 months
	Outside of London	Yes	£680 for each month remaining of the migrant's course, up to a maximum of 2 months
		No	£680 for each month

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		remaining of the migrant's course, up to a maximum of 9 months
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**Applications submitted on or after 24 November 2016**

<b>Study site</b>	<b>Is the main applicant on or applying for the doctorate extension scheme?</b>	<b>Monthly living cost requirement</b>
London	Yes	2 months of funds, for example £1,690
	No	£845 for each month of the migrant's leave, up to a maximum of 9 months
Outside of London	Yes	2 months of funds, for example £1,360
	No	£680 for each month of the migrant's leave, up to a maximum of 9 months

For applications submitted before 12 November 2015, a Tier 4 student is considered to be studying in inner London if half or more of the time they spend studying is in one of the following London boroughs:

- Camden
- City of London
- Hackney
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Haringey
- Islington
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- Lambeth
- Lewisham
- Newham
- Southwark
- Tower Hamlets
- Wandsworth
- Westminster

You can check if the educational establishment is in inner London by entering the postcode into the [‘About my vote’ website](#).

For applications submitted on or after 12 November 2015 the areas in which a student must show the London maintenance requirement have changed, a Tier 4 student is considered to be studying in London if half or more of the time they spend studying is at a site or sites situated within the area comprising the City of London and the former Metropolitan Police District.

‘Former Metropolitan Police District’ means:

- London, excluding the City of London, the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple
- in the county of Essex, in the district of Epping Forest - the area of the former urban district of Chigwell, the parish of Waltham Abbey
- in the county of Hertfordshire - in the borough of Broxbourne, the area of the former urban district of Cheshunt, the district of Hertsmere, in the district of Welwyn Hatfield, the parish of Northaw
- in the county of Surrey - in the borough of Elmbridge, the area of the former urban district of Esher, the boroughs of Epsom and Ewell and Spelthorne, in the district of Reigate and Banstead, the area of the former urban district of Banstead

**Family member of a Tier 4 (Child) student migrant**

The dependant route is not available for family members of Tier 4 (Child) student migrants.

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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Family members of PBS migrants: evidence of funds

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	<p>stamp must appear on every page of the statement (and on both sides if the statement is printed double-sided).</p> <p><b>Joint accounts</b> If the applicant relies on a joint account as evidence of available funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• (for partners) they, or the PBS migrant, must be named on the account along with one or more other named individual(s)</li><li>• (for children) the parent legally present in the UK must be named on the account</li></ul>	
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**Joint accounts**

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- (for partners) they, or the PBS migrant, must be named on the account along with one or more other named individual(s)
- (for children) the parent legally present in the UK must be named on the account



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### Evidence for applications made under Tiers 1, 2 and 5

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- has been in the UK for a period of less than 12 months), or
- o £1260 for each dependant, where the application is connected to a Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) migrant

**Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) migrants**

The maintenance requirement for family members of a Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) migrant can be considered met if the application is supported by an endorsement letter from UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) confirming it has awarded funding which is sufficient to cover the required maintenance funds for the main applicant and any dependants.

**Tiers 2 and 5: when the A-rated sponsor certifies maintenance**

An A-rated sponsor can certify the maintenance of the family member(s) on either:

- the Tier 2 or 5 migrant's certificate of sponsorship (CoS), or
- a letter - the letter can have been posted or faxed to the family member but must be on official letter-headed paper or stationery of the organisation, be signed by a senior official and show:
  - o the family member's name
  - o the sponsor's name and logo
  - o confirmation that the sponsor has certified the maintenance
  - o details of limits to the undertaking (if appropriate)

If the sponsor certifies maintenance on the CoS, the family member does not need to provide any other evidence for maintenance. Family members of people with indefinite leave to remain or British citizenship cannot have maintenance certified for them and must always show cash funds.

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## Family members of points-based system migrants

### Evidence for applications made under Tier 4 (General)

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- the financial institution's name and logo
- the funds held in the account and/or amount of money available (letters from banks and financial institutions must show both)

You must not award points for maintenance when the evidence has come from a financial institution that does not satisfactorily verify financial statements. For a list of such financial institutions, see related link: [List of financial institutions which do not satisfactorily verify financial statements](#).

If a family member applies separately from the Tier 4 (General) student and is applying from overseas, they must show that they have held the money for 28 days.

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### Evidence of official financial sponsorship under Tier 4 (General)

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	<p>If the official financial sponsorship only covers part of the family member's living costs, the family member must provide evidence to show they meet the remaining maintenance requirement.</p>	
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### Age and dependence requirement for children of points-based system migrants

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when the applicant:

- is living away from the family home (except where due to academic endeavours, for example, attending a school or University)
- they are in full time employment
- they appear to be financially independent (their income exceeds their expenditure)

For more information on what is considered to be an independent life, see related link: 5A.1 – Children – guidance (general).

#### **Documents required**

An applicant over the age of 16 must submit 2 items from the list below confirming their residential address:

- bank statements
- credit card bills
- driving licence
- NHS registration document
- a letter from the applicant's current school, college or university confirming the applicant's address. The letter must:
  - be on official headed paper
  - bear the official stamp of the organisation
  - have been issued by an authorised official of that organisation

The documents submitted must be from 2 separate sources and dated no more than a month before the date of application.

If the applicant pays rent or board towards their keep, they must also provide details of how much this amounts to each calendar month.

#### **Applicants living away from the family home**

Applicant's living separately from family members they claim to be dependent upon must provide the following information or documents:



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the reasons for living away from the family home - where this is related to study the applicant must provide a letter from their university or college confirming their enrolment and attendance of the specific course - this must be:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ on official headed paper</li><li>○ bear the official stamp of that organisation</li><li>○ have been issued by an authorised official of that organisation</li></ul></li><li>• evidence that they have been supported financially by their parents whilst living away from the family home - the following documents must be included with the application:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ bank statements for the dependent child covering the 3 months before the application clearly showing the origin of the deposits</li><li>○ bank statements for their parent(s) covering the 3 months before the application showing matching payments out of their account</li></ul></li></ul> |  |
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## Family members of points-based system migrants

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### Family members of PBS migrants: grant or refuse entry clearance: partners

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This page tells you how to grant or refuse entry clearance for a person applying for entry as the partner of a points-based system (PBS) migrant.

#### Grant entry clearance

You must grant entry clearance if:

- the applicant meets all the requirements of paragraph 319C of the Immigration Rules
- none of the general reasons for refusal in paragraphs 320 to 324 apply

#### Duration of entry clearance

Depending on the country where the application is made, from 18 March 2015 you will not have to give successful entry clearance applicants a vignette in their passport for the full duration of their leave. This is because they will now be given a biometric residence permit (BRP).

If successful you must give them a 30 day entry visa to allow them to collect their BRP from a nominated Post Office, after they have arrived in the UK. There will be a phased introduction of this. For more information on this please see related links.

For more information, see related links:

- [Entry or extension requirements: partners](#)
- [General grounds for refusal](#)

The table below tells you what endorsement you must use:

Category of PBS migrant	Endorsement
Tier 1 (General)	D TIER 1 (GENERAL) PARTNER
Tier 1 (Entrepreneur)	D TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR) PARTNER
Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur)	D Tier 1 (ENTREPRENEUR-G) PARTNER

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**Restriction on Study**

All grants of leave as a PBS partner are subject to a condition limiting study. The condition prohibits study on a discipline covered by appendix 6 of the Immigration Rules, unless the individual obtains an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate for their course or research before they start it.

For information on the conditions of leave, see related link.

**Refuse entry clearance**

When the applicant has not provided the required evidence to confirm they meet all the requirements of paragraph 319C, or if any of the general grounds for refusal in paragraphs 320 to 324 apply, you must refuse the application.

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### Family members of PBS migrants: grant or refuse leave at UK port: partners

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The table below tells you which landing card code you must use if you are granting leave to enter.

<b>Category of PBS migrant</b>	<b>Landing card code</b>
Tier 1	T1R
Tier 2	T2R
Tier 4	T4R
Tier 5	T5R

For more information on conditions of leave, see related link.

**Refusing leave to enter**

If you are not satisfied the applicant meets the requirements of the rules, or if any of the general grounds for refusal apply, you must refuse leave to enter. For more information on refusing leave to enter and cancelling entry clearance, see related link: [Refusal of leave to enter](#).



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- they have worked as a doctor or dentist in training during their previous leave

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The condition code to grant dependants of Tier 4 migrants depends on:

- the duration of the Tier 4 migrant's course
- the academic level of that course
- if the dependant has worked as a doctor or dentist in training during their last grant of leave

To determine the correct condition code, see related links: Flowchart – determining the condition code for Tier 4 dependants.

For more information on the conditions of leave for partners of PBS migrants, see related link: Conditions of leave.

#### **Employment as a doctor or dentist in training**

A person with leave as the partner of a PBS migrant cannot take employment as a doctor or dentist in training unless they:

- have a degree in medicine or dentistry at bachelors level or above from a UK institution, that is a UK recognised or listed body, or which holds a sponsor licence under Tier 4
- are applying for leave to remain and have or were last granted entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain that did not restrict their employment and have been employed as a doctor or dentist in training during that period

For more information on recognised and listed bodies and institutions that have Tier 4 sponsor licences , see related links:

- Recognised UK degrees
- Tier 4 register of sponsors

#### **Evidence for employment as a doctor or dentist in training**

If an applicant wishes to take employment as a doctor or dentist in training they must either:

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- prove that they are on a foundation programme by providing a letter from their postgraduate dean which confirms the:
  - applicant has a place on a foundation programme
  - foundation programme is recognised by the medical community
  - place on the foundation programme is full time
- prove they have been working as a doctor or dentist in training by providing a letter from the National Health Service (NHS) trust employing them which confirms the applicant has been working in a post or programme that has been approved by the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board as a training programme or post
- provide evidence of a primary degree in medicine or dentistry from a UK institution that is a UK recognised or listed body or which holds a sponsor licence under Tier 4

If an applicant does not include all of the requested information and you decide to grant leave, you must do so on Code 4B conditions.

**Restriction on Study**

All grants of leave as a PBS partner are subject to a condition limiting study. The condition prohibits study on a discipline covered by appendix 6 of the Immigration Rules, unless the individual obtains an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate for their course or research before they start it.

**Refuse an extension**

If the applicant does not meet the requirements of the rules or there are any general grounds for refusal you must refuse the application. You must send a separate refusal notice to each family member (ICD 3966).

For information on refusal paragraphs and appeal rights, see related link: Refusal paragraphs and rights of appeal.

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This page tells you how to grant or refuse entry clearance for a person applying for entry as the child of a points-based system (PBS) migrant.

#### Grant entry clearance

You must grant entry clearance if both of the following apply:

- the applicant meets all the requirements of paragraph 319H of the Immigration Rules
- none of the general reasons for refusal in paragraphs 320 to 324 apply

#### Duration of entry clearance

Depending on the country where the application is made, from 18 March 2015 you will not have to give successful entry clearance applicants a vignette in their passport for the full duration of their leave. This is because they will now be given a biometric residence permit (BRP).

If successful you must give them a 30 day entry visa to allow them to collect their BRP from a nominated Post Office, after they have arrived in the UK. There will be a phased introduction of this. For more information on this please see related links.

For more information, see related links:

- [Entry or extension requirements: children](#)
- [General grounds for refusal](#)

The table below tells you what endorsement you must use:

Category of PBS migrant	Endorsement
Tier 1 (General)	D TIER 1 (GENERAL) CHILD
Tier 1 (Entrepreneur)	D TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR) CHILD
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Tier 1 (Investor)	D TIER 1 (INVESTOR) CHILD
Tier 1 (Post-study work)	D TIER 1 (POST STUDY) CHILD
Tier 2	D TIER 2 CHILD
Tier 4 (General)	D TIER 4 (GENERAL) DEP. CHILD
Tier 5	D TIER 5 TW CHILD

You must add the initial and surname of the PBS migrant in the endorsement.

You must normally grant entry clearance on Code 1 conditions. But you must grant Code 3 conditions when the:

- applicant is the partner of a Tier 4 (General) migrant who has been granted less than 12 months leave
- Tier 4 (General) migrant is studying below degree level

Entry clearance must be valid from the date the applicant intends to travel to the UK.

#### **Restriction on Study**

If the child of a PBS migrant is either 18 or will turn 18 during the period of leave that is being granted, the leave granted will be subject to a condition limiting study. The condition prohibits study on a discipline covered by appendix 6 of the Immigration Rules, unless the individual obtains an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate for their course or research before they start it.

For more information on conditions of leave, see related link: [Conditions of leave](#).

#### **Refuse entry clearance**

When the applicant has not provided the required evidence that they meet all the requirements of paragraph 319H, or if any of the general reasons for refusal in paragraphs 320 to 324 apply you must refuse the application.

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The table below tells you which landing card code you must use if you are granting leave to enter.

<b>Category of PBS migrant</b>	<b>Landing card code</b>
Tier 1	T1R
Tier 2	T2R
Tier 4	T4R
Tier 5	T5R

For more information on the conditions of leave, see related link.

**Refusing leave to enter**

If you are not satisfied the applicant meets the requirements of the rules, or if any of the general grounds for refusal apply, you must refuse leave to enter. For more information on refusing leave to enter and cancelling entry clearance, see related link: Refusal of leave to enter.

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For information on considering an application where the PBS migrant has both indefinite leave to remain and sole responsibility for the PBS dependent child, see related link: [Family members of PBS migrants granted ILR or British citizenship.](#)

**Restriction on Study**

If the child of a PBS migrant is either 18 or will turn 18 during the period of leave that is granted, they will be subject to a condition limiting study. The condition prohibits study on a discipline covered by appendix 6 of the Immigration Rules, unless the individual obtains an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate for their course or research before they start it.

**Refuse an extension**

If the applicant does not meet the requirements of the rules or there are any general grounds for refusal you must refuse the application. You must send a separate refusal notice (ICD 3966) to each family member.

For more information on refusal paragraphs and appeal rights, see related link: [Refusal paragraphs: children.](#)

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This page tells you the conditions of leave for people granted entry or an extension as the partner or child of a points-based system (PBS) migrant.

Partners or children of a PBS migrant:

- are not allowed to access public funds
- must register with the police (if they are required to do so by paragraph 326 of the Immigration Rules)
- can take employment in the UK, apart from the restrictions explained below
- Study, subject to a restriction explained below

For more information, see related links:

- Public funds
- Police registration
- Paragraph 326 of the Immigration Rules

### Employment for family members of Tier 4 (General) migrants

Family members of Tier 4 migrants can only take employment in the UK if:

- the Tier 4 (General) migrant has been granted leave for 12 months or more (except government sponsored students who may take employment even if granted less than 12 months)
- the Tier 4 (General) migrant is following a course of study at or above degree level

### Employment as a doctor or dentist in training

A person with leave as the partner of a PBS migrant cannot take employment as a doctor or dentist in training unless they:

- have obtained a degree in medicine or dentistry at bachelors level or above from a UK institution, that is a UK recognised or listed body, or which holds a sponsor licence under Tier 4

### Related links

[Grant or refuse extension: partners](#)

### See also

Public funds  
Police registration

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[Paragraph 326 of the Immigration Rules Register of Tier 4 sponsors](#)  
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- are applying for leave to remain and have or were last granted entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain that did not restrict their employment and have been employed as a doctor or dentist in training during that period

**Professional sportsperson**

A person with leave as the partner of a PBS migrant cannot take employment as a professional sportsperson (including as a sports coach).

**Study on a discipline covered by appendix 6 of the Immigration Rules**

Where an applicant is either 18 or over at the time of application or will turn 18 during the period of leave that is granted, they will be subject to a condition limiting study. The condition prohibits study on a discipline covered by appendix 6 of the Immigration Rules, unless the individual obtains an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate for their course or research before they start it.

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