

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AT A BIRTH REGISTRATION

The following documents can be accepted as proof of identity at a birth registration.

PHOTOCOPIED DOCUMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED

The requirement to provide evidence of identity when registering or re-registering a birth applies to all informants. Where the birth is registered jointly, both parents must provide evidence of their identity. The requirement also applies to informants who qualify as being present at the birth, in charge of the child or occupier.

List 1 (1 document from this list)

Document Type	Format	Description
Passport (current or expired) Expired passports may be accepted up to 18 months after the date of expiry. Applies to UK and overseas passports	Physical document	Booklet style identity and travel document.
UK Biometric Immigration Document	Physical or digital document	Durable plastic card or online immigration status record available through the eVisa service.
UK Valid Travel Document	Physical document	Black-cover travel document similar in format to a UK passport.
UK Refugee Travel Document (issued under Article 28 of the 1951 Geneva Convention)	Physical document	Blue-cover travel document similar in format to a UK passport.
UK Stateless Person Travel Document (issued under Article 28 of the 1954 Geneva Convention)	Physical document	Red-cover travel document similar in format to a UK passport.
UK Driving Licence (full or provisional)	Physical or digital document	Photocard driving licence. Paper counterpart licences are not acceptable . Information may also be viewed through DVLA online services.
UK Birth Certificate	Physical document	Full or short birth certificate issued by the relevant authority.
UK Adoption Certificate	Physical document	Adoption certificate issued by the relevant authority.
EU Driving Licence	Physical document	Photocard driving licence in a durable plastic format, similar in size to a credit card.
EU Member State Identity Card	Physical document	Photo identity document in a durable plastic format, similar in size to a credit card.
PASS Card (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)	Physical or digital document	Photo proof-of-age identity document in a durable plastic format. Digital PASS cards may also be available through accredited providers.

OR (2 documents from this list)

List 2

Document Type	Format	Description
Utility Bill (not mobile phone bill)	Physical or digital document	Electricity, gas, water, landline telephone, or broadband bill.
Council Tax Statement	Physical or digital document	Council Tax bill, statement, or related Council Tax correspondence issued by a local authority.
Bank or Building Society Statement	Physical or digital document	Statement issued by a bank or building society.
Mortgage Statement	Physical or digital document	Statement issued by a mortgage provider.
Credit Card Statement	Physical or digital document	Statement issued by a credit card provider.
State Benefit, Pension, or Tax Credit Entitlement (DWP/HMRC)	Physical or digital document	Evidence confirming entitlement to a state or child benefit, pension, or tax credit. Includes Universal Credit, PIP, ESA, JSA, Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, HMRC tax code notices, Self Assessment notices, and National Insurance correspondence.
P45 or P60	Physical or digital document	Employment tax document. Often issued electronically, although a paper copy may also be provided.
UK Marriage or Civil Partnership Certificate	Physical document only (UK certificates)	Paper certificate for UK marriage or civil partnership entries. Overseas evidence may be accepted in paper or digital format where applicable.
Letter from a Government Agency	Physical or digital document	Correspondence from a UK government department, agency, or public body, including housing benefit, vehicle tax, citizenship, electoral registration, jury service, Carer's Allowance, or higher education correspondence.
Letter from the National Health Service (NHS)	Physical or digital document	Appointment, referral, or discharge letters, child health record ("red book"), or fit note.
HMRC Notification	Physical or digital document	HMRC correspondence relating to tax or related matters, including National Insurance contributions, Tax Credits, or tax overpayments.
Police or Armed Forces ID	Physical document	Usually a photo identity card in a durable plastic format similar to a credit card. Overseas police or armed forces IDs may vary.
Signed Firearms Certificate	Physical document	A4 certificate with security features and a photograph. Firearms certificates should be printed on blue paper and shotgun certificates on buff/beige paper.
Proof of Royal Mail Redirection	Physical document	Proof or confirmation of a Royal Mail Redirection, normally issued on Royal Mail letterhead.

List 2 continued...

Document Issued by the Person's Local Authority	Physical or digital document	Includes tenancy agreements, housing benefit correspondence, Blue Badge correspondence, social care notifications, or electoral registration letters.
Proof of Receipt of State Pension	Physical or digital document	State Pension award letter from DWP or correspondence confirming a State Pension claim or change to entitlement.
School or College Letter (16 to 19 year olds)	Physical or digital document	Letter or document issued by a school or college for a young person aged 16 to 19.