Inviting your family or friends

Please note: The information on this sheet is to be used as guidance only. Please check the UKVI for full information and details on how to apply for a visitor visa: https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/overview

The immigration rules state that a Visitor MUST:

• stay for no longer than six months
• have adequate funds to pay for accommodation, living expenses and return journey
• not take up employment in the UK

Applying for a visitor visa

What you should send to your family member/friend for them to include in their application:

☐ a personal letter of invitation from you stating that you will be accommodating him/her (with landlord’s written permission) or they will be staying in another form of accommodation e.g. hotel.

☐ a student status letter from your University faculty office, which includes:
  • your name, date of birth, nationality
  • title/dates of your degree programme
  • confirmation that you are a full time student
  • confirmation of your UK address

☐ photocopies of the main page of your passport, visa (showing your leave to enter the UK), and entry stamp from immigration control when you entered the UK.

What your family member/friend should provide:

☐ your family member/friend’s financial evidence (recent bank statements covering the most recent three months.)

☐ a letter from their employer granting leave of absence from their job for a specified period. The letter should include how long they have been employed by that employer, in which job(s) and when they are expected back at work

☐ if self-employed, evidence of business activities and financial standing.

☐ evidence of any property they own in their home country.

☐ if a student, a letter from their school/college with which course they are on, start/finish dates and the dates of the holiday period during which they intend to visit the UK (it will also help if they can show that they have family/social ties and responsibilities to return to).

☐ evidence of firm travel plans e.g. return flight