



If you are aged 16 or 17 years old and are applying for a Student visa then you must include the following additional documents with your visa application:

- 1 **A letter of consent** from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) confirming that you have their consent to study in the UK.
- 2 **Evidence of the relationship** between you and your parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

You must provide both documents and they must meet the requirements set out below.

1 Letter of consent (see template letter below)

Everyone who has legal responsibility for you must sign the letter to confirm that they agree to the contents of the letter of consent. This means that both your parents or legal guardians have to sign the letter.

If one parent has sole responsibility for you then the letter should be from this person only. Please modify the template letter below to show that one parent has sole responsibility for you.

This letter of consent is in addition to any other letter of support regarding the funds required for maintenance – your course fees and living expenses. For example, if you are using a parent's bank statements in your application you still need to include an original letter of consent from them allowing you to use their funds during your studies and your birth certificate, in addition to this consent letter.

You must include a letter of consent from both of your parents that confirms that they support your application. The letter should also state:

- their relationship to you
- that they consent to your application and to your living and care arrangements in the UK
- that they are happy for you to travel to the UK independently

You must also include a legal document which confirms the relationship between you and your parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

The legal documents you can use are:

- your birth certificate showing the name(s) of the parents(s) who has provided the bank statements (if you were born in China, UKVI will accept, instead of a birth certificate, a document called a Household Register) **or**,
- a 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 is/are holding the funds and your name.

There are no other exceptions and you cannot use any other type of legal document to confirm the relationship.

Template

Sample consent letter from parent(s) or legal guardian(s)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, (name), and I, (name), confirm that:

- *we are the (parents / adopted parents / legal guardians) of (your name) ;*
- *we give our consent to (your name) to apply for (his / her) student visa for the UK;*
- *we agree with the living and care arrangements that have been made for (your name) in Manchester;*
- *we consent to (your name) living independently in the UK and to travel to the UK independently*

We confirm that we share legal custody for (your name).

Please contact us if any additional information is required.

Yours faithfully

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Date)

(name)

(name)

(address)

(address)

(telephone)

(telephone)

(email)

(email)