Valid Identity Documents

Three documents must be produced; one from Group 1 and two from Group 2. If this is not possible, then five documents from Group 2 must be produced—these must be in the name of the applicant. It is preferred that at least one of these documents contains photographic identification.

For Standard and Enhanced applications a Registered Body (RB) has full responsibility for ensuring the applicant is who they claim to be.

Group 1
- Valid passport (any nationality)
- UK Driving Licence Full or Provisional – England/Wales/Scotland/Northern Ireland/Isle of Man; either photocard or paper (a photocard is only valid if accompanied with the paper counterpart)
- Original UK birth certificate (issued within 12 months of date of birth, full or short form acceptable)
- Valid photo identity card (EU countries only)
- UK Firearms licence
- HM Forces ID card (UK)
- Adoption Certificate (UK)

Group 2
- Marriage certificate/Civil Partnership Certificate
- Non-original UK birth certificate (issued after 12 months of date of birth, full or short form acceptable)
- P45/P60 statement
- Utility bill (electricity, gas, water, telephone – including mobile phone contract/bill)
- Valid TV licence
- Credit card statement
- Store card statement
- Mortgage statement
- Valid insurance certificate
- Certificate of British nationality
- British work permit/visa**
- Asylum Registration Card
- AccessNI Disclosure Certificate
- Personal correspondence or a document from a Government Department*
- Bank or Building Society Document**
- Financial statement e.g. pension, endowment, ISA **
- Valid vehicle registration document
- Mail order catalogue statement*
- Court summons
- Valid NHS card
- Court Claim Form
- Addressed payslip*
- National insurance number card
- Examination certificate (e.g. GCSE, NVQ)
- Letter from a Head Teacher*
- Child benefit book Smart pass

*documentation must be less than 3 months old
** must be issued within the last 12 months